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Fourth Biannual Adoption Conference

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Adoption Across Culture and Race

Friday, October 13, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

and

Saturday, October 14, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Conference Description

We are pleased to be able to host our fourth biannual adoption conference at St. John's University. In 2000, our first conference entitled, "The Adoption Journey: Psychological, Socio-Political, and Legal Challenges," addressed the psychological, sociological, socioeconomic, sociopolitical, and legal implications of adoption for the adoption triad (i.e. adopted persons, birth families, and adoptive families). Through that conference, mental health and human service providers began to dialogue about the specific needs of adoption triad members and the implications of those needs for these providers. We continued the dialogue four years ago in 2002 with our second conference entitled, "The Lifelong Adoption Journey: Through the Eyes of the Adopted," where the lifespan adoption issues and concerns of adopted persons were examined based on the experiences of four panels of adopted persons who were also psychologists, social workers, business people, adoption advocates, journalists, and filmmakers. Our third conference in 2004 entitled, "The Dynamics of Adoption: A Three-Way Mirror," facilitated a dialogue that allowed conference attendees to hear directly from adoptive parents, birthparents, and adoptees as well as from therapists with expertise in adoption who will assist in better understanding the dynamics that occur within adoption triads.

As with our three previous conferences, we seek to create educational and experiential opportunities for professionals, scholars, students, and those touched by adoption to learn more about yet another aspect of the adoption experience both domestic and international. Presentations will compare and contrast the complexity of adoption through real and authentic examinations of similarities and differences among same race adoptions, transracial adoption, and transcultural adoption.

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Conference Committee

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Friday, October 13, 2006

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

9:15 - 9:30 a.m. WELCOME-OPENING REMARKS

Julia A. Upton, RSM, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Fagen, Ph.D.
Rafael A. Javier Ph.D. ABPP

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ruth G. McRoy, Ph.D.
"Transracial and Intercountry Adoptions: Bridging Policy, Practice and Reality"

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 - 12:15 a.m. BREAK OUT SESSIONS

WORKSHOPS

Jane A. Brown, MSW: Room 225

"What the Children Have Taught Me: Working with Adopted Children and Their Non-adopted Siblings"

Boris Gindis, Ph.D.: Room 226

"Psycho-Educational Assessment of Internationally Adopted Post-Institutionalized Children"

Carol Weitzman, M.D. & Ravit Avni-Singer, MSW, LCSW: Room 232

"Building the Bonds of Adoption"

Kathleen Hushion, LCSW: Room 233

"International Adoption: Clinical Work with Parents and the Children They Adopt from Africa, China, and Russia"

Susan O'Connor Harris, MSW: Room 231

"An Ecological Approach to Racial Identity Development in Transracial Adoptees"

Beth Hall, MSW, Julie Randolph, MSW, JD, & Susan Ito, MFA: Room 215

"Teen Club for Adopted and Foster Kids of Color"

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Room 227

Hollee McGinnis, MSSW

"Policy: The Hague Convention & The Convention on the Rights of the Child"

Jae Ran Kim, MSW

"Considering Culture in Placement Decisions: Conflicting Best Practices for the Indian Child Welfare Act and Multiethnic Placement Act"

12:15 - 1:30 p.m. LUNCH BREAK

Boxed lunch available for purchase

12:45 - 1:30 p.m. LUNCH SPEAKER

Betty Jean Lifton, Ph.D.
"What All Adoptees Share"

1:45 - 3:00 p.m. KEYNOTE PANEL

Hollee McGinnis, MSSW

"Who Are You Also Known As?"

Susan O'Connor Harris, MSW

"Come Celebrate My First Birthday"

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. **Break**

3:15 - 4:45 p.m. BREAK OUT SESSIONS

WORKSHOPS

Francine Fishman, LMSW, Amanda L. Baden, Ph.D., & Nancy Kim Parsons, MFA: Room 225

"Psychotherapy with Transracial Adoptees: The Impact of the Therapist's Race in the Relationship"

Ruth G. McRoy, Ph.D.: Room 226

"Dynamics of Transracial Placements of Older Youth"

John Raible, Ph.D.: Room 231

"Sharing the Spotlight: Non-Adopted White Siblings in Transracial Families"

Joyce Maguire, Pavao, Ed.D., LCSW, LMFT: Room 233

"The Transcultural Nature of all Adoptions (and all Marriages/Partnerships)"

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Room 227

Pauline Park, Ph.D.

"Discourses of Authenticity: The Construction of Korean Adoptee Identity"

John D. Palmer, Ph.D.

"I want to be like 'White': Concerns Regarding the Americanization of International and Transracial Adoptees"

Dani Meier, Ph.D.

"Does Place Matter? The Impact of Where Korean Adoptees Live on Cultural Identity"

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Room 232

Elizabeth Vonk, Ph.D. & Josephine Crolley-Simic, Ph.D.

"White Parents' Perceptions of Their Roles in the Racial Socialization of Their Transracially Adopted Children"

Kathleen Ja Sook Berquist, Ph.D.

"Adoption in Asian/Asian American Families"

POSTER SESSION: Room 118

Kevin Wickes, Ph.D. & Olivia Chante Frazier, M.S.

"Struggle of Becoming Integrated"

Sonya Corbin Dwyer, Ph.D. & Lynn Gidluck, M.A.

"Issues of Race, Racism, & Racial Identity in Families of Asian Children Adopted by White Parents"

Lisa E. Brown, Psy.D. & David Brodzinsky, Ph.D.

"The Role of Perceived Similarity to Parents in Adopted Children's Adjustment"

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. DINNER ON YOUR OWN

6:45 p.m. DESSERT & COFFEE

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. FILM & DISCUSSION
The Struggle for Identity
The Color of Fear

Saturday, October 14, 2006

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

9:15 a.m. WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS
Frank A. Biafora, Ph.D.
Raymond DiGuiseppe, Ph.D.

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. KEYNOTE PANEL
Amanda L. Baden, Ph.D.
"Navigating Identity: Contextualizing Race and Culture for Transracial and International Adoptees"
John Raible, Ph.D.
"The Lifelong Impact of Transracial Adoption: Learning from Adoptees and Their Non-adopted Siblings"

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 - 12:15 p.m. BREAK OUT SESSIONS

WORKSHOP

Deborah Haynor, MSW & Lorie A. Miller, MBA: Room 225

"Transracial Families: The Racial Identity Development of White Parents"

Barbara A. Rall, LCSW & Jaclyn Aronson: Room 232

"East Meets West: An Adoptive Mother and Daughter Tell Their Story of Search and Reunion"

Deborah Jill Chitester, MS., C.C.C/SLP: Room 226
"Second Language Acquisition and the Internationally Adopted Child"
Kim Park Nelson, Ph.D. & Jae Ran Kim, MSW: Room 231
"Adoption Research from the Inside Out: Making Space for Adoptee Researchers and Professionals"

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Room 227

Boris Gindis, Ph.D.
"Facing A New Frontier? School Personnel Working with Internationally Adopted Post Institutionalized Children"
Nancy Eng, Ph.D.
"First Language Attrition in Chinese Adoptees"
Patrick P. McGuire, Ed.D.
"The Role of Religion in the Adoption Process of a Child/Children"

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Room 233

Katherine Jae Naftzger, LICSW
"Speaking to the Unspoken: Adoptive Parent in Relation to Birth Parent Inside the Therapy Room"
Lisa Langer, Ph.D.
"Issues in Adoption Disclosure: Anxiety Related to Telling"
Wei Cao, Ed.D. & Mary Anne Pitman, Ph.D.
"Navigation in the Land of Unknown: How Children Adopted from China Construct Their Identities"

12:15 - 1:30 p.m. LUNCH BREAK
Boxed lunch available for purchase

12:45 - 1:30 p.m. LUNCH SPEAKER
Joyce Maguire Pavao, Ed.D., LCSW, LMFT
"Borders and Margins in Adoption and the Peacekeeping Role of the Adopted One"

1:45 - 3:00 p.m. TRANSRACIAL ADOPTIVE TRIAD PANEL
Rafael A. Javier, Ph.D., ABPP (Moderator)
Martha Satz, Ph.D., John D. Palmer, Ph.D., Krista McCoy, MSW, LSW, Jeremy Robbi, MA

3:00 - 3:15 p.m. *Break*

3:15 - 4:45 p.m. BREAK OUT SESSIONS

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Jane A. Brown, MSW: Room 225
"The Impact of Adoption on Siblings"
Susan Ito, MFA, Beth Hall, MSW, & Julie Randolph, MSW, JD: Room 226
"Families Like Us: Camp for Adoptive Families of Color"
Elliotte Harrington: Room 231
"Preparing Prospective Parents for International Adoption"
Jane Platt, Ph.D.: Room 233
Parent Panel- "Identity: Parenting Across Race and Culture"
Rita Taddonio, LCSW: Room 230
"Institutionalization: What Are Its Effects and How Do We Address Them?"

PANEL

Hollee McGinnis, MSSW (Moderator): Room 232

International Transracial Adoptees

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Room 227

Amanda L. Baden, Ph.D.
"Psychotherapy with the Adoption Triad: Adoption Sensitive and Competent Counseling"
Julie Randolph MSW, JD & Beth Hall, MSW
"Building Connections"

4:45 - 5:00 p.m. *Break*

5:00 p.m. FINAL REMARKS
Frank Biafora, Ph.D.

5:30 p.m. BOOK SIGNING AND COCKTAIL PARTY

REGISTRATION FORM

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Single Day (Friday or Saturday)

Before September 10, 2006

General	\$85
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Nassau County Psych Assoc. & St. John's Alumni	\$85

Both Days (Friday and Saturday)

Before September 10, 2006

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Nassau County Psych. Assoc. & St. John's Alumni	\$120

After September 10, 2006

General	\$170
Students (with ID)	\$100
Nassau County Psych. Assoc. & St. John's Alumni	\$140

Subtotal Registration Fee: \$ _____

CHOOSE WORKSHOPS/ PAPER SESSIONS TO ATTEND:

#1(Friday, Oct. 13 at 10:45a.m.) _____

#2 (Friday, Oct. 13 at 3:15p.m.) _____

#3(Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10:45a.m.) _____

#4(Saturday, Oct. 14 at 3:15p.m.) _____

BOXED LUNCH:

Friday: \$10

Circle one type of sandwich:

Roasted Turkey, Chicken Salad, Grilled Vegetables, or Roast Beef

Saturday: \$10

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Roast Beef, Chicken Breast, or Roasted Eggplant & Vegetables

Subtotal for Lunches: \$ _____

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In addition to the registration fee I would like to make a tax-deductible donation of \$ _____ to support St. John's University and the Adoption Symposium. The donation will be: in my name in the name of _____. St. John's is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Upon receipt of the donation, you will be provided with a receipt with St. John's tax ID number.

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