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SYSTEMIC RESPONSES IN RECOVERY FROM  
DISASTER AND WIDESPREAD TRAUMA

CLINICAL RESEARCH DAY:  
FROM RESEARCH TO ACTION

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# American Family Therapy Academy

2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Dear Colleagues,

On June 24-27, AFTA's Annual Meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA. This year we are focusing on **Systemic Responses and Recovery to Disaster and Widespread Trauma**. The meeting will explore innovative methods developed and utilized to help individuals, families, and communities respond to widespread trauma and disasters. Presenters informed by multi-disciplinary research and ideas as well as the field of family therapy will stimulate us to stretch our thinking about the complexity of disaster. We are excited to present an outstanding group of Plenary Speakers, Brief Presentations, and Interest Groups that will inspire us to explore the many complex issues in this area. And as usual, a cornucopia of events on a wide range of topics and interests will occur throughout the Annual Meeting. We hope that you will be moved to engage your colleagues in dialogue about theory, research, practice, and training around systemic practices.

This Annual meeting will offer *two innovations*:

First, the bi-annual **Clinical-Research Conference** will occur at the Annual Meeting as a **Clinical-Research Day** on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> before the beginning of the regular conference in the evening. Dovetailing with the Annual Meeting theme, the **Clinical-Research Day** will examine research and empirically supported interventions that focus on issues of trauma. It promises to be an exciting day of cutting edge information and dialogue that we hope will spark conversations throughout the Annual Meeting.

Second, we have created a **Community Day** in which we are "opening up" the conference to local mental health professionals and administrators interested in systemic practice. New Orleans is a city with rich cultural heritage that is still re-building and re-connecting communities and families. This day will provide AFTA members and New Orleans mental health workers, administrators, and policy makers an opportunity to interact around issues of recovery and resilience.

While the conference offerings are exciting across a range of topics, we also hope you will take time to connect with your friends while creating new ones. This year, with the continuation of the Next Generation Initiative, we particularly want to greet new early career, student members, and guests. To facilitate our connecting with each other, we have created time within the meeting to bring folks together. You can enjoy early morning centering practices. New Orleans, The Big Easy, is a historic city known for diverse attractions. You can enjoy the diverse cuisine, grand architecture, stroll through historic sites and neighborhoods, peruse the Audubon Zoo and museums, or enjoy planned evening events.

We look forward to welcoming you to New Orleans!

John J. Lawless  
Program Chair

John Rolland  
President

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WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE



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## *A Guide to the Meeting Events*

**Book Signing** is a time to meet AFTA authors. Plan to come to the book signing event on Friday evening. It will occur at the same time and place as the poster session. Come to peruse the posters and publications and to celebrate the work of members.

**Centering Practices** are an early morning gathering for meditation, yoga, and/or stretching that will help us to begin the day with energy, equanimity, and connectedness. Come breathe, stretch and flow with your AFTA colleagues!

**Brief Presentations** (formerly Roundtables) gather several speakers (generally two or three) to give mini-presentations on their clinical work or research activity. Presentations are broadly grouped by a common theme and are facilitated by a moderator.

**Clinical Research Day** is on Wednesday and will examine research and empirically supported interventions that focus on issues of trauma. It will be an exciting day of cutting edge information and dialogue.

**Community Day** is on Friday and will be a day in which we will invite community mental health workers from the Gulf States to participate in our Annual Meeting.

**Forums** provide an opportunity to discuss significant issues related to social policy, cultural and economic diversity, social justice, and larger systems. The specific forums may vary from year to year. Each forum has a particular topic area on which a brief presentation is given, followed by ample time devoted to discussion by forum participants.

**Institutes** were initiated in the early 1990s to provide a setting where men and women meet separately to discuss issues particular to their gender within AFTA and in their profession. Institutes also provide an informal opportunity to get to know each other more fully.

**Interest Groups** provide an ongoing opportunity for members to discuss new developments in their particular area of focus. In addition, each interest group welcomes new members in order to enrich and enliven the discussion. The chairperson typically decides the format of the interest group. Every three years the interest group chooses a new Chair.

**New Member and Student Breakfast** is a meeting where new members are introduced and will have an opportunity to meet Board Members and Committee Chairs. Early Career Members and Students are also encouraged to attend. Please let us know if you are planning to come, sign up on the Meeting Registration Form.

**Plenary Sessions** consist of invited presentations that feature the themes of the Annual Meeting and represent salient current and/or controversial issues in the field.

The **Poster Session** features researchers and other individuals using poster illustrations to present their work in an informal setting conducive to in-depth discussion. Types of posters will include research, larger systems and training.

# Clinical Research Day

## From Research to Action: Impact of Disaster and Dissemination of Family Interventions June 24, 2009

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:00 – 10:30 AM	<p><b>Family Research on Responses to Complex Emergencies: Implication for Practice</b></p> <p>Implementing Collective Interventions in the Wake of Disaster <b>Jack Saul</b> (New York City)</p> <p>Three Years After Hurricane Katrina: The Work Goes On <b>Joy Osofky</b> (New Orleans)</p> <p>Trauma in a Global Context: Towards the Development of Evidence-Based Family and Community Interventions <b>Liz Wieling</b> (Minneapolis)</p>
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 – 11:45 AM	<p>Discussant and Open Discussion <b>Nadine Kaslow</b> (Atlanta)</p>
11:45 – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own
1:00 – 2:30 PM	<p><b>Research into Practice: Evidence-Based Family Interventions</b></p> <p>Research on the Dissemination of MDFT <b>Howard Liddle</b> (Miami)</p> <p>Taking the Oregon Model of Parent Management Training (PMTO) to Nationwide Scale in Norway <b>Marion Forgatch</b> (Eugene)</p> <p>Bridging Science and Practice: Easier Said Than Done <b>Daniel Santistseban</b> (Miami)</p>
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 – 3:45 PM	<p>Discussant and Open Discussion <b>Peter Fraenkel</b> (New York City)</p>
3:45 – 4:00 PM	Closure

# *Clinical Research Day*

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

8:30 AM-4:00 PM

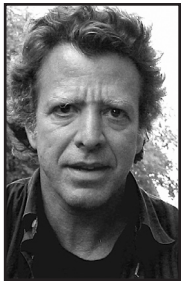
Welcome and Opening Remarks: Guillermo Bernal

8:30-9:00AM

## *MORNING PANEL*

### *Family Research on Responses to Complex Emergencies: Implication for Practice*

Presenter: **Jack Saul**



#### **Jack Saul-Implementing Collective Interventions In the Wake of Disaster**

This presentation examines challenges to implementing and researching family and community interventions following massive trauma and loss. These include the collection of data on such social processes as community engagement and collaboration, resilience, and collective narration of events and life experience. The presenter will draw on his work with a post 9/11 Lower Manhattan neighborhood and a West African refugee community in New York City as well as recent research studies on disaster, social support and community resilience. The effects of disaster on carrying out community based and community participant research will be discussed including organizational disruption, tensions created by insider versus outsider expertise, competition for resources, and the the researcher's own experiences of trauma and cumulative stress.

**Jack Saul, Ph.D.** is an assistant professor of Clinical Population and Family Health at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and director of the International Trauma Studies Program. As a psychologist he has created a number of psychosocial programs for populations that have endured war, torture and political violence in New York City and is known for his innovative work with communities that integrates testimony, healing, media, and the performance arts. He has a private practice in New York City in individual, couple and family psychotherapy. Jack has wide international experience as a lecturer and teacher on psychosocial responses to traumatic events including being a member of the faculty of the Open Society Institute's East European Program on Child Abuse in Budapest, and the Kosovar Family Professional Education Collaborative at the University of Prishtina. He is currently researching family and community services for refugee survivors of war and political violence in New York City. He is the recipient of the 2008 American Family Therapy Academy Award for Distinguished Contribution to Social Justice, and the 2002 Marion Langer Award for Human Rights and Social Change of the American Association for Orthopsychiatry.



Presenter: **Joy Osofsky**



**Joy Osofsky-Three Years After Hurricane Katrina: The Work Goes On**

Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005. Over three years later, while the rebuilding continues, mental health symptoms persist probably reflective of the stress, chaos, and lack of “normality” in the heavily affected areas. In addition to the ongoing slow recovery, hurricanes that have threatened and hit the area since Katrina have resulted in the re-traumatization of children, families, and other supports for the children. In this presentation, we will describe outreach to children and families in the past three years including screening of over 12,000 children. Perspectives on resilience and recovery will also be offered.

**Joy D. Osofsky**, Ph.D. is a psychologist and psychoanalyst and Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. She is Director of the Louisiana Rural Trauma Services Center, within the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and Director of the Harris Center for Infant Mental Health at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. Following Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, Joy was asked to serve as Clinical Director for Child and Adolescent Initiatives for *Louisiana Spirit* for Health and Human Services, Office of Mental Health and the Department of Education. On August 29, 2006, she was honored with a Proclamation from the New Orleans City Council recognizing her work helping children and families in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. In November 2007, she received the Sarah Haley Award for Clinical Excellence for work with trauma from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.

Presenter: **Elizabeth (Liz) Wieling**



**Elizabeth (Liz) Wieling-Trauma in a Global Context: Towards the Development of Evidence-Based Family and Community Interventions**

This presentation will describe the collaborative efforts of an interdisciplinary and international team of scholars dedicated to developing better ways of understanding the impact of psychological trauma – particularly resulting from war, organized violence, and disaster – on parent-child relationships, on family level dynamics, and on communities. This knowledge is being used to help inform methodological approaches for assessing trauma across cultural contexts and developing prevention and clinical systems of intervention for these populations. Specifically, the adaptation and further development of an evidence-based parenting intervention (Parent Management Training – Oregon Model) for families affected by mass trauma will be elaborated upon with examples of current research projects employing trauma specific models as well as parenting and family interventions.

**Elizabeth (Liz) Wieling**, Ph.D., LMFT, is Associate Professor and Director of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program in the Department of Family Social Sciences at the University of Minnesota. Liz’s early research focused on developing a better understanding of cross-cultural dynamics present in therapy and advancing clinical models that more adequately fit the cultural characteristics of Latino/a populations. This work has evolved into investigations of preventive and clinical interventions that demonstrate efficacy as well as effectiveness with at-risk and trauma affected Latino/a families in the U.S. and abroad. She was the recipient of a K01 Research Scientist Career Development Award funded by NIMH called “Implementing the Parenting Through Change Model with Latina Single Mothers” (2003-2008). The purpose of this study was to adapt and extend upon the Oregon Social

Learning Center's Parent Management Training (PMT-O) intervention for a population of Latina single mothers. Liz is concurrently pursuing a research agenda that involves integrating her previous cross-cultural work and prevention background to develop ecological and culturally relevant multi-component systemic interventions for populations affected by mass trauma – particularly related to historical and organized violence, war, and disaster – and she is conducting program of research across several international contexts.

Discussant: **Nadine Kaslow**



**Nadine Kaslow**, PhD, ABPP, Professor and Chief Psychologist Emory Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Special Assistant to the Provost, is an expert in family violence, mood disorders and suicidal behavior, and psychology education. Incoming Editor of *Journal of Family Psychology* and President of Family Process Institute, she is President of the American Board of Clinical Psychology and the American Psychological Association's (APA) Division of Psychotherapy. She serves on APA's Board of Professional Affairs. She has received numerous awards, including the APA Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training Award and an APA Presidential Citation. The recipient of multiple federally funded grants, she has over 230 articles. Nadine is the Atlanta Ballet's psychologist.

### ***AFTERNOON PANEL***

#### ***Research into Practice. Evidence-Based Family Interventions***

Presenter: **Howard Liddle**



#### **Howard Liddle-Research on the Dissemination of MDFT**

Family therapy has been tested with clinical and cost effectiveness success in state of the science outcome studies addressing a diverse range of serious clinical problems. Additionally, although the volume of process studies has slowed, a body of literature exists that sheds light on the internal workings or mechanisms of change of family based therapies. Reflecting a new specialty within intervention science, a unique kind of research, implementation science, has emerged. Evidence based family therapy is involved in this kind of research, and although a final verdict is premature, the results so far show that family based therapies can be transported to a variety of non-research, clinical settings. This presentation briefly outlines the implementation science research domain and, using the MDFT research program as an example, details available implementation findings and the significant but not insurmountable barriers that need to be solved before family based interventions can become more widely available in public and private sector work.

**Howard A. Liddle**, EdD, ABPP (Family Psychology), Professor, Departments of Epidemiology and Public Health and Psychology, and Director, Center for Treatment Research on Adolescent Drug Abuse University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Trained as a psychologist and family therapist, Howard Liddle is a Charter Member of AFTA. He directs a long term program of National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-funded treatment development and therapy research in the area of adolescent substance abuse and delinquency. His 25 years of work have been recognized with awards from the American Psychological Association, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, the American

Family Therapy Academy, the Hazelden Foundation in Minnesota. He received the 2006 Research to Practice Award at the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (NIDA, NIAAA, CSAT, CSAP). Howard has been a faculty member in the medical school at the University of Miami since 1996. Before that he was a faculty member at the University of California, San Francisco and Temple University in Philadelphia. His research center at the University of Miami was the first National Institute of Health funded center focusing on adolescent drug abuse treatment research. Howard and his team are currently conducting treatment studies in Miami, around the U.S., and in six European countries on multidimensional family therapy (MDFT), a comprehensive, family-based treatment for juvenile justice-involved, drug abusing adolescents. This treatment approach that has been recognized as a research-based “Best Practice” by the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Presenter: **Marion Forgatch**



**Marion Forgatch-Taking the Oregon Model of Parent Management Training (PMTO) to Nationwide Scale in Norway**

Transferring evidence-based practices from the carefully controlled environments where they are developed into real-world community settings is a delicate process. Fidelity to the practice can be lost in the field unless community professionals are well trained in the underlying theory, principles, and practices. Marion will present an approach to implementation in which the intervention purveyor trained a first generation of professionals and provided them with the training practices and materials to enable them to train subsequent generations on their own. Data evaluating the sustainability of fidelity in these conditions are provided over the course of three generations, one trained by the purveyor and two trained by the Norwegian team.

**Marion S. Forgatch**, Ph.D., Senior Scientist, spent much of her career at the Oregon Social Learning Center (OSLC), where she developed and tested programs for families with children who were diagnosed with or at-risk for substance abuse and child adjustment problems. Her program for single mothers, Parenting through Change, is recognized as an “Effective Program” in the National Registry of Effective Programs and Practices (NREPP). Marion and her team have been involved in several large-scale implementation projects including: PMTO statewide in Community Mental Health (CMH) Centers in Michigan; PMTO nationwide in the Netherlands and in Norway; and PMTO in CMH and Juvenile Justice Centers in Detroit-Wayne County in Michigan. Marion is co-author with Dr. Gerald R. Patterson of *Parents and Adolescents*, and she is the Executive Director of the non-profit organization, Implementation Sciences International, Inc. (ISII). She has received the Society of Prevention Research’s Friend of the Early Career Prevention Network in 2003 in recognition of her support for early career prevention scientists, and the Award for International Collaborative Prevention Research in 2008 for her contribution to the field of prevention science in international collaboration.



Presenter: **Daniel Santiesteban**



**Daniel Santiesteban-Bridging Science and Practice: Easier Said Than Done**

Many have acknowledged the wide gap that exists between what is practiced in the front-lines, particularly in public treatment systems, and what has been shown by research to be most efficacious. Much of the failure to bridge research and practice has resulted from unrealistic expectations that the process of helping front-line providers implement research-based intervention in a sustained manner should be an easy one. The identification of family treatments that have been shown to be efficacious is but a first step in the process. Now research must focus on the science of implementation and the many agency-organizational, larger systemic, and individual family therapist variables and factors that can determine whether a new practice is implemented with some level of fidelity and whether it can be sustained over time.

**Daniel Santiesteban** is a Clinical Psychologist and Research Professor in University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies. He has been the recipient of numerous NIH grants to develop enhancements to family treatments for special populations (Hispanics and drug abusing adolescents with severe co-occurring psychiatric disorders) and is Co-PI of the Florida component of the NIDA Clinical Trials Network. He has published over 30 book chapters and articles on such issues as family therapy outcome with adolescents, family processes, cultural competence, adolescent co-occurring psychiatric disorders, and the blending of research and practice. He also regularly conducts national and international trainings on these topics. Daniel has received numerous awards including the 2004 American Family Therapy Academy award for Distinguished Contribution to Family Systems Research. He is a regular contributor to national NIH grant review committees, treatment guidelines panels, editorial boards of journals, and to State agencies focused on improving Florida’s drug and mental health treatment system by bridging research and practice. In the past year Dan and his colleagues received a grant from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities to create a Center of Excellence for research on minority health disparities.

Discussant : **Peter Frankel**



**Peter Fraenkel**, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, The City College of the City University of New York; and Director, Ackerman Institute’s Center for Time, Work, and the Family, which includes empirically-supported, community-based programs for families facing the challenges of homelessness, domestic violence, and immigration. Peter is co-author of *The Relational Trauma of Incest: A Family-Based Approach to Treatment*, and author of publications on work and family, collaborative community-based family programs, integrative approaches to systemic therapy, and child sexual abuse. Along with Marcia Sheinberg and Fiona True, he received the 2004 American Family Therapy

Academy’s Award for Distinguished Contribution to Family Therapy Theory and Practice for their work on family-based treatment of incest. He is a former member of the Board of Directors and is an Advisory Editor for the journal *Family Process*, a Contributing Editor for the *The Psychotherapy Networker*, and past Vice President of AFTA.

# AFTA's 31st Annual Meeting

Welcome

Wednesday, June 24

Plenary I

5:45-7:30 PM

Welcoming Remarks: **George S. Greenberg**  
**John Rolland, President**  
**John Lawless, 2009 Program Chair**

*The Soul of New Orleans: What is it? What has been lost? What is being recovered?*

Introduction: **Elaine Pinderhughes**

Elaine Pinderhughes is professor emerita and former chair of the Clinical Sequence at Boston College Graduate School of Social work. She received her A.B. degree summa cum laude from Howard University and her master's degree from Columbia University. Elaine is the author of numerous journal articles, book chapters and has written three books. Her practice experience has included clinical social work, supervision and administration in child guidance settings and in mental health centers. She has conducted diversity trainings in a variety of contexts that span the globe. She is past president of the American Orthopsychiatric Association and holder of the many awards that include the Award for Lifetime Achievement from the American Family Therapy Academy. She has served as Lydia Rapoport Professor at Smith College School of Social Work; Lucille Austin Fellow at Columbia University; and held the Moses Chair at Hunter College School of Social Work. In 2007 Boston College established the annual Elaine Pinderhughes Lecture to honor her.

Presenter: **Andrei Codrescu**



**Andrei Codrescu-The Soul of New Orleans: What is it? What has been lost? What is being recovered?**

In this presentation, Andrei Codrescu will give a brief history of the ideas of what writers and artists have understood to be the city's soul. He will describe the effects of Katrina on the people and the psyche of New Orleans. Lastly, he will highlight various efforts at recovery and healing while making distinctions (hopefully) between what makes some successful, and others less so.

**Andrei Codrescu** is MacCurdy Distinguished Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he edits *Exquisite Corpse: a Journal of Letters & Life* ([www.exquisitecorpse.org](http://www.exquisitecorpse.org)). He is also a regular commentator on National Public Radio (NPR) and winner of the Peabody Award for the film "Road Scholar." His work has been widely translated, and he is the recipient of National Endowment for the Arts fellowships for poetry, and editing, the Romanian Literature Prize, the ACLU Freedom of Speech Award, the Ovidius Prize.

**Plenary II**  
**Thursday, June 25**  
**9:00-10:30 AM**

***Uprooting and Resettlement:  
The Complex Challenges of Immigrants and Refugees***

Moderator: **Evan Imber-Black**

Evan Imber-Black is the Director of the Center for Families and Health and a Senior Faculty Member at the Ackerman Institute for the Family in New York City. She is the Acting Program Director and Professor, Marriage and Family Therapy, Mercy College. She is also a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY. Evan is the editor of *Family Process*, the major scholarly journal in family systems research and family therapy. She is also the past president of the American Family Therapy Academy; recipient of the 1990 American Family Therapy Academy Award for Distinguished Contribution to Family Therapy Theory and Practice; and the 1999 recipient of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Cumulative Contribution to Marriage and Family Therapy. Married to Lascelles Black, MSW, Evan is most proud to be the grandmother of Josie, 12; Lois, 9; and Zane, 7, who have helped her to know that generativity is the core value she wishes to bring forth in her work and in her relationships.

Presenters: **Celia Falicov, Stevan Weine**



**Celia Falicov-Transnational Journeys: Expanding Meanings of Family, Community and Culture**

This presentation attends to the experiences of “transnationals”, recent immigrants who are able to maintain intense connections with their countries and families through new technologies of global communication. Unlike earlier immigrants who, without these connections, were said to live with a broken heart, transnationals experience the attractive, yet demanding possibility of living “with two hearts”. The complexity of the relationships that new immigrants strive to maintain in the face of multiple separations and reunions calls into question individualistic definitions of family bonds and requires that we adopt new treatment considerations specialized for these populations. An innovative binational/bicultural model that integrates the relational, the community and the cultural-sociopolitical contexts will be presented and illustrated with videotaped clinical examples.

**Celia Jaes Falicov**, Ph.D. is an internationally known family therapy author, teacher and clinician. She is Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry of the University of California in San Diego, California. She serves on the Advisory Board of several family therapy journals and is Past President (1999-2001) of the American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA). She pioneered writings on the topics of family transitions, migration and cultural perspectives in family therapy practice and training, and has received many professional awards for this work. Her MECA (Multisystemic Ecological Comparative Approach) Model integrates cultural and sociopolitical similarities and differences across many groups and is used widely in training and research settings. Her most recent book is titled *Latino Families in Therapy: A Guide to Multicultural Practice* (2000). In 2008, Celia received the Groves Conference on Marriage and Family Sussman Award for her 2007 article published in *Family Process* titled “Working with Transnational Immigrants: Expanding Meanings of Family, Community and Culture”.



Presenter: **Stevan Weine**



**Stevan Weine-Promises: Working with Refugee Families in Resettlement**

Few who know refugee resettlement would deny that so much depends on the families. Yet providers, organizations, and academics in the refugee field could be doing more to build on this recognition. Can we listen to family voices, develop empirically based knowledge, and build family focused services that fit the complex real-life contexts where migration and trauma impacted populations live? This plenary lecture shows how this can be done. It explores findings from a program of research on refugees, ways of re-mapping refugee services through family ecodevelopmental theory, and practical implications for families, providers, and policymakers.

**Stevan Weine**, a psychiatrist, is a researcher, author, teacher, clinician, and consultant. He is Professor of Psychiatry, Director of the International Center on Responses to Catastrophes, and Co-Director of the Global Health Research Collaborative at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. He conducts a program of multi-disciplinary research designed to help refugees and migrants. This work has been supported by numerous grants from governments and foundations, including three grants and a Career Scientist award for “Services Based Research with Refugee Families” from the NIMH, one grant from CRDF, and one grant from NICHD. He co-founded and co-led the Kosovar Family Professional Education Collaborative. Stevan is author of two books: *When History is a Nightmare: Lives and Memories of Ethnic Cleansing in Bosnia-Herzegovina* (Rutgers, 1999) and *Testimony and Catastrophe: Narrating the Traumas of Political Violence* (Northwestern, 2006). He is a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and a member of the Group for Advancement of Psychiatry, the American Family Therapy Academy, the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, and the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. He lectures nationally and internationally on trauma and migration impacted families and communities.



**Plenary III**  
**Friday, June 26**  
**9:00-10:30 AM**

## *Mending and Healing Our Community Through Connection*

Moderator: **Richard Chasin**

Richard Chasin, M.D. is an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He is also a Senior Associate of the Public Conversations Project, where he has designed and facilitated dialogues with many groups in diverse, and often, challenging contexts. He served as Co-Director of the Family Institute of Cambridge for twenty years. A Charter Member and Past President of AFTA, he will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's annual meeting.

Presenters: **Allen Eskew & Mindy Fullilove**



### **Allen Eskew-Recovery Planning as an Act of Community Healing**

For more than 30 years, Allen Eskew has been involved in community planning efforts that range from urban design projects focusing on specific localities to larger scale master planning efforts that involve multiple businesses, governmental entities and community interests. Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Eskew has been heavily involved with a number of the recovery planning efforts including the Bring New Orleans Back (BNOB) committee and the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP). Currently, Eskew is leading a distinguished team of international and local expertise on Phase I of "Reinventing the Crescent," the New Orleans Riverfront Plan, in addition to overseeing the plans for bringing the Veterans Affairs Medical Center to New Orleans. During his presentation, Eskew will share his experiences with integrating the community in recent recovery planning efforts.

**Allen Eskew**, Principal of Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, has been involved in downtown development and waterfront revitalization efforts in Louisiana for over 30 years. As an Architect and Planner he spent four years directing the 1984 Louisiana World's Fair Exposition design. Eskew also led a large multi-disciplined team for both Phases I and II of the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas and Woldenberg Park on the New Orleans Riverfront. Since February of 2007 he has focused on managing the planning process for "Reinventing the Crescent," the New Orleans Riverfront Development Plan that involves a distinguished team of international and local expertise. Additionally, he has worked as a liaison for a number of international trade groups in their efforts to assist in the Louisiana recovery. He continues to host trade delegations as they participate in the recovery of New Orleans. Beyond these efforts, Allen serves the local community through such civic organization as a strategic advisor for Council for a Better Louisiana, and as a Board Member for the Contemporary Arts Center as well as Unity for the Homeless.



**Mindy Thompson Fullilove-Mending Our Destiny: Urban Repair for Recovery**

The disruption of urban habitats by disaster of any kind leads to disruption of social networks and built environment. In the absence of adequate mitigation by larger social groups, the centripetal forces of repair are slow to gain momentum. Furthermore, disruption of habitat unleashes centrifugal forces of destruction that can quickly begin to cause additional disruption. The end result is the unleashing of a downward spiral of increasing social disorganization. Attention to multiple levels of scale is required for adequate repair. The engagement of regional and national stakeholders is essential but often requires overcoming political and ideological barriers. This presentation will explore these issues in New York and other cities.

**Mindy Thompson Fullilove** is a research psychiatrist at the New York State Psychiatric Institute and a professor of clinical psychiatry and public health at Columbia University. She was educated at Bryn Mawr College (AB, 1971) and Columbia University (MS, 1971; MD 1978). She is a board certified psychiatrist, having received her training at New York Hospital-Westchester Division (1978-1981) and Montefiore Hospital (1981-1982). She has conducted research on AIDS and other epidemics of poor communities, with a special interest in the relationship between the collapse of communities and decline in health. From her research, she has published *Root Shock: How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America and What We Can Do About It* (2004), and *The House of Joshua: Meditations on Family and Place* (1999). She is a co-author of Rodrick Wallace's *Collective Consciousness and Its Discontents: Institutional Distributed Cognition, Racial Policy and Public Health in the United States* (2008). She has published numerous articles, book chapters, and monographs. She has received many awards, including inclusion on "Best Doctors" lists and two honorary doctorates (Chatham College, 1999, and Bank Street College of Education, 2002). Her work in AIDS is featured in Jacob Levenson's *The Secret Epidemic: The Story of AIDS in Black America*. Her current work focuses on the connection between urban function and mental health.



**Plenary IV**  
**Saturday, June 27**  
**9:00-11:00 AM**

## *Tapping Spiritual Resources in Healing and Resilience*

Moderator: **Marsha Mirkin**

**Marsha Mirkin** is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Lasell College and a Resident Scholar at the Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center. Marsha's work involves understanding family relationship, challenges and resilience in the framework of multiple contexts and intersectionalities. One context of many people's lives is spirituality and Marsha connected her interest in progressive Biblical interpretation and storytelling with her interest in psychology and family therapy by developing a series of workshops that culminated in her writing *The Women who Danced by the Sea: Finding Ourselves in the Stories of our Biblical Foremothers*. Her edited books include *Psychotherapy with Women: Exploring Diverse Contexts and Identities* with Karen Suyemoto and Barbara Okun; *Women in Context: Toward a Feminist Reconstruction of Psychotherapy*; and *The Social and Political Contexts of Family Therapy*. These books would not have been possible without AFTA friends who contributed such wonderful chapters to the texts.

Presenters: **Froma Walsh, Hugo Kamy, & Melissa Elliot**



### **Froma Walsh- Integrating the Spiritual Dimension in Family Therapy: Tapping Multi-faith Resources for Healing and Resilience**

Spirituality can be a vital resource for resilience when families face serious crises, trauma, and loss or struggle to overcome persistent adversity. Noting research on the profound influence and changing landscape of religion and spirituality, this presentation addresses ways to integrate the spiritual dimension in family therapy from a broad, multi-faith perspective. It considers ways that clients can draw on their preferred beliefs and practices for spiritual meaning, connection, and nourishment to ease suffering and to foster psycho-social-spiritual healing, wellbeing, and growth.

**Froma Walsh** is the Mose & Sylvia Firestone Professor Emerita, University of Chicago; Co-Director, Chicago Center for Family Health; and Clinical Professor, Center for Psychological & Family Studies, Northwestern University. She has developed a research-informed Family Resilience Framework for community-based intervention and prevention with couples and families facing adversity through crises, trauma, and loss; disruptive transitions; and prolonged multi-stress conditions. Her approach integrates multi-faith spiritual resources. She is past president of AFTA; past editor of *Journal of Marital & Family Therapy*, and a recipient of numerous awards. Her books include: *Spiritual Resources in Family Therapy* (2nd ed. 2009); *Strengthening Family Resilience*, (2nd Ed.); *Living Beyond Loss* (2nd. ed.); *Normal Family Processes: Growing Diversity & Complexity*, (3rd ed); and *Women in Families*. She received her B.A., University of California, Berkeley; M.S.W., Smith College; and PhD. (Human Development), University of Chicago, and served in the Peace Corps. She is a frequent speaker and consultant internationally.





**Hugo Kamya-Toward Healing from Refugee Trauma: The Significance of Spiritual Beliefs, Traditions, Faith Community and Faith Based Services**

The challenges of addressing trauma among refugee populations require that all who are involved in their care gain a deeper understanding of the role of faith in refugees’ healing process. This presentations explores the interface of faith-based services, pastoral counseling and clinical practice and suggests ways of tapping spiritual resources in therapy through linkages with faith communities, the practice of prayer and the use of metaphors. Using clinical illustrations, I will present conversations about the spiritual traditions of refugees, and ask: how do we listen to religious material presented in a way that is personally respectful, clinically skillful, insightful, and ultimately healing? How do we connect people who have suffered from trauma to their communities and to their spiritual origins? How do we recognize and access resources for healing and growth?

**Hugo Kamya’s** professional identity weaves together several backgrounds and narratives. Originally from Uganda, he came to the United States over twenty years ago. Hugo studied at Harvard University where he obtained a Masters of Divinity. He earned his MSW from Boston College, and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Boston University. For 12 years, Hugo taught at Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. In 2006, he joined Simmons College School of Social Work where he teaches courses in clinical practice and narrative therapies at both the master’s and doctoral levels. Hugo has recently been promoted to Full Professor at Simmons College School of Social Work. Since the late 1980’s Hugo has made a commitment to collaborative family services to children living in HIV-affected families, particularly in Uganda, where he brings students and colleagues to interact and work with people in HIV/AIDS clinics, and where he continues to do research on child and granny headed families. In 2004, Hugo received a U.S. State Department Grant to conduct a Service Learning Citizens Exchange project between U.S. and Uganda citizens. He works extensively with Sudanese and other African refugees and immigrants. Hugo is a founding member of the Boston Institute for Culturally Accountable Practices (BICAP), for which he and several colleagues are engaged in a number of writing, teaching, and social justice projects. In 2003, the American Family Therapy Academy recognized his work with an award for Distinguished Contribution to Social and Economic Justice.







### **Melissa Elliot- No Unsacred Places\*: Honoring Spirituality in Therapy**

For many people, the events that bring them to therapy-- experiences of suffering and loss, confrontations with unanswerable questions, betrayals by loved ones-- are the same events that take them into the heart, or out past the edge, of their spiritual and religious lives. People often find consolation and hope in their faith, spiritual practices, and religious communities. However, it may be there that they encounter a private shame that leads to isolation and despair. Likewise, as families face crises, their spirituality can unite and heal them, or silence and separate

members from one another. Not always, but sometimes it is both respectful and useful to include their spirituality in the therapy. This presentation will describe ways to welcome and to expand those conversations.

\* Berry, Wendell (2005). How to Be a Poet (to remind myself). In *Given* (Emeryville, CA: Shoemaker Beard) p18.

**Melissa Elliott** has developed therapeutic approaches that attend to the body, that honor the spiritual life, and that value people's experience in the context of family, community, and culture. She has articulated this work in numerous articles, workshops, and in two co-authored books, *The Body Speaks: Therapeutic Dialogues for Mind Body Problems* (Perseus Books, 1994) and *Encountering the Sacred in Psychotherapy: How to Talk with People About Their Spiritual Lives* (Guilford Press, 2002). Melissa has served AFTA on the board of directors, the annual program committee, the marketing committee and will soon assume publications chair. Melissa gratefully acknowledges the contributions of AFTA colleagues in inspiring, encouraging and sustaining her work.



*Wednesday, June 24*  
*Schedule of Events and Sessions*

**NEXT GENERATION INITIATIVE TASK FORCE WELCOMING**

4:30-5:30 PM

The Next Generation Initiative Task Force wishes to welcome guests and new members to the AFTA Annual Meeting by inviting you to join us for a one-hour meeting at the beginning of the Annual Meeting and on Saturday during lunch. There will be an opportunity for participants to connect personally, meet other new people, and check back in about your experience during the Meeting. Our intention is to support everyone's participating fully in the meeting and in AFTA.

**WELCOME**

**PLENARY I**

5:45-7:30 PM

**Welcoming Remarks:**            **George S. Greenberg**  
   **John Rolland, President**  
   **John Lawless, 2009 Program Chair**

*Plenary I: The Soul of New Orleans: What is it? What has been lost?  
What is being recovered?*

**Introduction:** Elaine Pinderhughes  
**Presenter:** Andrei Codrescu

**RECEPTION**

7:30-9:30 PM

*Contributors to the  
2009 Annual Meeting*

**Brief Therapy Center and Family Therapy Institute of Greater New Orleans**  
**Family Process**  
**Psychotherapy Networker**

We express our sincere gratitude to Dr. George S. Greenberg, the Director of the Brief Therapy Center and Family Therapy Institute of Greater New Orleans, Family Process and Psychotherapy Networker for supporting AFTA's Next Generation Initiative and the Annual Meeting by sponsoring the attendance of Early Career Members and Students.

*Thursday, June 25*  
*Schedule of Events and Sessions*

**CENTERING PRACTICE**

Facilitated by **Linda P. Longo-Lockspeiser**  
7:00-8:00 AM

**NEW MEMBERS AND STUDENTS BREAKFAST**

7:30-8:30 AM

*Plenary II: Uprooting and Resettlement: The Complex Challenges of  
Immigrants and Refugees*

Presenters: **Celia Falicov and Stevan Weine**

Moderator: **Evan Imber-Black**

9:00-10:30 AM

**REFRESHMENT BREAK**

10:30-10:45 AM

**INTEREST GROUPS**

Coordinator: **David Wohlsifer**

10:45 AM-12:15 PM

**1. Teaching Family Therapy in College and Graduate School**

Chair: **Marsha Mirkin**

This interest group will provide an opportunity to share ideas for engaging undergraduates and graduate students in the study of family therapy and systems thinking in both family therapy courses and more general classes. We will also discuss ways of dealing with the challenges of academia. In this first meeting, members will decide on goals and topics, we will discuss teaching ideas, and we will begin to develop a process to share relevant syllabi, readings, exercises and films. As starter dough, **Jodie Kliman** will share a graphic she developed that orients students to multiple contexts, and **Marsha Mirkin** will briefly provide an example of using a systems process to teach systems content.

**2. Sex Therapy**

Chairs: **Ruth Morehouse & David Schnarch**

Focus will be on using the process of differentiation in couple's therapy to treat sexual problems. How does the therapist establish a level of explicitness in addressing sexual difficulties with embarrassed or reluctant clients? Exploring clients' sexual behavior from lens of differentiation provides an elicitation window into the broader dynamics of the individual and the relationship. Directly addressing sexual issues within general couples therapy often leads to a more rapid understanding of the client and a more accurate picture of relationship issues. Join us in discussing how resolving sexual difficulties through maximizing differentiation can lead clients to greater emotional connection.

### 3. When Worlds Collide: The Mental Health World Isn't Post Modern

Chairs: **Muriel Singer & Anne Rambo**

As faculty members in MFT training programs, we have long struggled with creating a balance between our commitment to teaching postmodern ideas and our ethical mandate to train students to function as professionals, aware of and informed by the ethical and legal codes that govern our profession. This interest group explores how we manage to determine what/how to teach given our conflicting demands of training thoughtful, creative, and effective therapists vs. teaching students to pass the licensure exam, work with other professionals who come from linear models and are loyal to their testing and assessment measures, diagnoses, etc.

### 4. Community Based Programs

Chairs: **Peter Fraenkel & Paulette Hines**

We'll focus on how families and communities foster resilience. New member **Michael Ungar** will share examples from his 11-country research program and his clinical work on positive development among youth-at-risk, showing that resilience depends on how families navigate to resources and negotiate for those resources to be provided in culturally meaningful ways. Michael's work demonstrates that resilience is a social construct with similarities and differences in its expression across cultures and contexts. He'll describe applications of that research to clinical/community practice with families. We'll then open the conversation to pool our experiences in community-based family-centered work that fosters resilience.

### 5. Ambiguous Loss

Chairs: **Ellen Landau & Pauline Boss**

This year, the Ambiguous Loss Interest Group will focus on self-of- the- therapist and how we can find meaning in the difficult work of traumatic loss. Whether disasters are massive or personal, therapists understandably find themselves needing some support to stay resilient when closure is impossible. Our emphasis then is on tolerance for ambiguity as resiliency, not on pathologizing compassion. The collaborative format invites responses and questions about successes and failures in working with loss and trauma. By telling and listening to a diverse array of stories and ideas, the goal of this workshop is to deepen professional expertise and resiliency so that we are better prepared to help others find meaning and hope even in irresolvable losses.

### 6. Disability and Families

Chair: **Barry Jacobs**

Presenter: **Susan Sholtes**

This year's focus will be on the understanding of the lived experience of chronic illness with the use of media with families living with various chronic diseases and the life choices they make. A documentary film that was created by patients and families will be shown to stimulate discussion about the psychosocial aspects of illness, societal discourses, resiliency and hope. It is told through the stories and voices of 5 adults living with different chronic conditions, varying multicultural and economic backgrounds and their navigation through the healthcare system and community. It is hoped that other clinical uses of media, empowering and creative projects involving the voicing and witnessing of illness experiences will be shared in the group. Also the utilization of film as an effective tool for communication and teaching will be discussed.

**LUNCH**

12:15-2:15 PM

**NETWORK CONVERSATIONS**

12:15-2:15 PM

**People of Color Network**Facilitators: **Martha Sullivan & Lascelles Black**

12:15-2:15 PM

The People of Color Network is a place for inspiration, connection, support and dialogue for people of color, as well as a sounding board and catalyst moving forward issues of societal justice and change within AFTA. Members have rich ideas and talents and can share and receive support for how issues of multiculturalism, race and inequality are addressed in our various work environments. A primary goal is to facilitate continuity of networking throughout the year. We invite your input in shaping the upcoming People of Color Network meeting. Send your ideas, interests and suggestions to [peopleofcolor\\_ntw@yahoo.com](mailto:peopleofcolor_ntw@yahoo.com).

**Conversation on White Privilege & Accountability**Facilitators: **David Trimble, Jane Ariel, & Sarah Stearns**

This ongoing conversation provides a setting for AFTA members who choose to take responsibility for exploring their White racial privilege, as it operates in the world and in the AFTA organization. We are particularly interested in sharing a reflective space this year as we collectively experience the real effects of racism in New Orleans' efforts to cope post-Katrina. We cooperate to sustain a supportive, nonjudgmental environment for honest exploration of difficult experiences. We invite people with all levels of experience in dealing with race. We are committed to the principle that each of us can learn something new from every other participant.

**LGBTQ Network**Facilitators: **Shawn Giammattei & Jean Malpas**

Please join the networking meeting for LGBTQ clinicians. The meeting will provide an opportunity for members to meet, learn about each other's work, and share goals for future AFTA initiatives. This meeting sets the stage for valuable social and professional collaborations throughout the conference and beyond.

**BRIEF PRESENTATIONS**Coordinator: **Jerry Gale**

2:30-4:00 PM

**Brief Presentation 1: Shared Trauma of Katrina: Stories and Lessons of Tulane University Faculty**Moderator: **Charles Figley**Presenters: **Ron Marks, Jane Parker, Judy Lewis, & Heather Gillis**



**Brief Presentation 2: Healing, Humanities, & Family Therapy**

Moderator: **Lois Braverman**

Finding the Words to Say It: The Healing Power of Poetry

**Robert Carroll**

The Inverse Relationship Between Death and Disconnection

**Maryhelen Snyder**

**Brief Presentation 3: Family Therapy Research I**

Moderator: **Wencke Seltzer**

Therapist Trainees' Levels of Attachment Security and Affect Regulation Strategies on Treatment

**Andrea K. Wittenborn**

Psychopathology, Trauma & Personality Traits in Women with Borderline Personality Disorder and Their Sisters

**Herta Guttman**

**Brief Presentation 4: Lessons in Collaboration Three Years After Hurricane Katrina**

Presenters: **Corky Becker, Kaethe Weingarten, Ellen Pulleyblank Coffey, & Saliha Bava**

**Brief Presentation 5: Building Bridges Between Theory and Practice**

Moderator: **Rachel Dash**

When Worlds Collide: The Mental Health World Isn't Postmodern

**Muriel Singer & Anne Rambo**

Positive Psychology and Family Therapy: Building Bridges Between Two Exciting Territories

**Margarita Tarragona**

Try to See It My Way: When Family Loyalty Trumps Fairness to a Partner (and Why)

**B. Janet Hibbs**

**Brief Presentation 6: Service and Research in Renaissance Village: Resilience in Katrina Survivors and Their Helpers**

Moderator: **Jodie Kliman**

Presenters: **Talya Rabina, Molly Parks, & Lindsay Henderson**

**Brief Presentation 7: Publishing in Family Journals: A Guide for Success**

Presenters: **Evan Imber-Black, Susan McDaniel, & Carmen Knudson-Martin**

**Brief Presentation 8: Working with Families at Risk**Moderator: **Eric Johnson**Supervision of Clinicians Working With At-Risk Families: Recognizing and Treating  
Unacknowledged Losses**Linda Hershman**

Making the Ghosts of Marginalization Overt in Clinical Work

**Andrea Blumenthal****REFRESHMENT BREAK**

4:00-4:15 PM

**INTEREST GROUPS**Coordinator: **David Wohlsifer**

4:15-5:45 PM

**7. Evaluating Post Narrative Constructionist Therapies**Chairs: **Michael Ungar & Vicki Dickerson**

Though postmodern/narrative/constructionist approaches to therapy lack a conventional evidence-base, there is growing support for their use. There remains, however, a bias towards CBT oriented interventions because they have provided funders with the evidence of sustained outcomes that make them appear credible. In this Interest Group, we'd like to explore how to develop an evidence base for the effectiveness of postmodern / narrative / constructionist therapies that is both congruent with their conceptual foundations and also sufficiently robust to demonstrate model fidelity and positive outcomes. We imagine this conversation will also address the problem of what are good outcomes (according to whom) and what research methods are most appropriate to investigate these therapies.

**8. Training of Psychiatry Residents**Chairs: **Anne K. Fishel, John Sargent, & Ellen Landau**

This group is for those teaching family therapy in departments of psychiatry, for both adult and child residents. We will discuss our experiences with creating non-didactic programs that teach family therapy, involve multiple disciplines, and introduce systemic thinking to other medical departments like oncology or pediatrics. In addition, we will share effective and compelling techniques for teaching family therapy when time is limited, and biological modalities may be dominant. We will also discuss several recent papers on family therapy teaching, including a paper by Josephson (Academic Psychiatry, 2008) suggesting that family intervention should supplant family therapy as a training focus; and Berman et al's (Academic Psychiatry, 2008) paper advocating the teaching of family therapy in an integrated way across multiple settings and over years of training.

## 9. The Use of Bowen Family Systems Theory in Research, Professional Practice, and Daily Living

Chairs: **Sally Miller & Carolyn Moynihan-Bradt**

Invited Guests: **Judith Bowen & David Gottlieb**

What do an ambassador, a business consultant, a Buddhist, a cultural anthropologist, a Catholic priest, and a community organizer for AIDS & low-income populations have in common? As author & teacher, they each practice BFST. Charter members **Carolyn Moynihan-Bradt & Sally Miller** learned about AFTA through its 1st president, Murray Bowen. Having studied with Dr. Bowen & applied the theory in their lives, they are aware of the misunderstandings in the profession. To stimulate creative dialogue in this group & to enhance use of the theory, Sally will present her research & guests will present their evolving experiences with the man & his theory. Dr. Bowen will even make an appearance (in video).

## 10. Family Therapy and Film

Chair: **Gonzalo Bacigalupe**

Films often explore social and cultural trends that the research and clinical literature may not assess timely. The impact of technology on families is one of those trends in which psychological and family research is still in its infancy. This year, we will review a set of brief edited clips of recent films and social media features, including *Ben X* (2008) and *My Name is Lisa* (2007). The clips will serve as a start point for a dialogue about the evolving impact of social networking, virtual reality, and Web 2.0 technologies on families and address the question of the “born digital” generation.

## 11. Racial Domination and Privilege

Chairs: **Hinda Winawer, Deidre Ashton, Gloria Lopez-Henriquez, & Glenda Mendelsohn**

This ongoing group welcomes the input of new attendees and all “generations” of AFTA members. We would like to explore how covert aspects of dominant culture can govern rules of interaction for participants of all backgrounds. We will examine responses in professional contexts and in the AFTA community. Specifically, we come together to address relationships at the confluence of privilege, racism and accountability. Participants are invited to a pre-meeting online conversation on AFTA’s listserv to shape the direction of conversation. In addition, a history of the group with guidelines for respectful interaction developed by the Interest Group’s original Conveners will be shared.

## 12. Mindfulness

Chairs: **Rachel Dash & Jerry Gale**

There continues to be a growing body of literature on the integration of mindfulness practices into psychotherapy, health care, education and community work. Recent research in the field of interpersonal neurobiology (including ongoing collaborations with brain researchers and Buddhist monks) shows the connection between mindfulness meditation, emotional/physical well being, empathy, relational “aliveness” and changes in the brain. This year we will focus on sharing our experiences applying mindfulness and other contemplative practices to our work as well as the impact of mindfulness practices on our own lives and on our relationships and creativity with clients, students and other communities. We will experiment with a mini “World Café” format to allow for small and large group discussions.

**FREE TIME**

**FACILITATED LISTENING CIRCLE**

5:45-6:45 PM

**AFTA SPECIAL EVENT**

6:45-11:00 PM

**NEW ORLEANS CREOLE COOKING EVENT**

New Orleans is famous for its fabulous food, especially its Creole cuisine. This year's special event has a new twist. Attendees will divide into groups, roll up their sleeves, and with the guidance of the Savvy Gourmet's talented chefs, create their meals at the Creole Multi-Station Cooking Event - recipes included. Upon arrival, you will be served an appetizer and a beverage. A cash bar will be available to serve you during the party. Vegetarian options are available - just let us know. It's eat as you go - seating is provided. It's handicap accessible, and bus transportation will take you from the Hotel Montelone to the event. Be sure to sign up early on the Annual Meeting Registration Form - space is limited to the first 80 people who sign up. Laissez the bon temps rouler!

**Sign up on the Annual Meeting Registration Form. Fee: \$65.**



*Friday, June 26*  
*Schedule of Events and Sessions*

**CENTERING PRACTICE**

Facilitated by **Rachel Dash**  
7:00-8:00 AM

***Plenary III: Community Day: Mending and Healing Our Community Through Connection***

Presenters: **Allen Eskew & Mindy Thompson Fullilove**  
Moderator: **Richard Chasin**  
9:00-10:30 AM

**REFRESHMENT BREAK**

10:30-10:45 AM

**PLENARY III, CONTINUED**

**DIALOGUE GROUPS**

10:45-12:00 PM

**LUNCH**

12:00-1:30 PM

**EARLY CAREER MEMBER GATHERING**

12:00-1:30 PM

This is a unique opportunity for Early Career Members to meet each other, discuss their connection to AFTA and more. Please join us for an exciting discussion.

**NEW ORLEANS COMMUNITY AND AFTA MEMBERS BRIDGING PRESENTATIONS**

1:30-3:00 PM

The mental health community of New Orleans has been faced with what seems to be insurmountable odds since Hurricane Katrina. The mental health system has been hurt by the loss of new and seasoned clinicians, misuse of funding, and diminishing training opportunities. And in the face of these obstacles, administrators and clinicians have worked hard to create an environment to take care of the mental health needs of the New Orleans community. These presentations will highlight some of the innovative work in our AFTA community (i.e., **Pauline Boss, George S. Greenberg, Martha Sullivan, Judith Landau, Cheryl Litzke, and Hinda Winawer**) and of New Orleans mental health workers (i.e., **Stacy Horn Koch, George S. Greenberg, Calvin Johnson, Vernon Shorty**) around issues such as Substance Abuse, Ambiguous Loss, Self of the Therapist, Working with Elders, and Community Organizations. We hope you take this opportunity to join our AFTA colleagues and the mental health workers of our gracious host city to explore their work, to learn best practices, and build connections.



## **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

3:00-3:15 PM

## **LOOKING FORWARD: SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES**

**Sponsored by Human Rights, Family Policy and Cultural and Economic Diversity Committees**

3:15-5:15 PM

Three New Orleans community leaders and activists will speak about their recommendations for the future of New Orleans. **Ron McClain JD.** LCSW, President/CEO, Family Service of Greater New Orleans will describe mental health policies and practices that can address the needs of families and communities, **Monique Harden**, Attorney, Co-Director, Advocates for Environmental Human Rights will outline political actions that challenge inequities in the law that undermine human rights following a disaster and **Kimberley Richards**, Ph.D, trainer and regional director of the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond (Ron Chisom, Founder and Executive Director) will speak about looking forward from an anti-racist, human rights perspective.

**Rebecca Chaisson Ph.D.**, Interim Director, Institute for the Study of Race and Poverty and Assistant Professor at Tulane University will moderate the panel. Each speaker will make a short presentation, answer questions posed by the audience and encourage a conversation with one another and with the audience.

We will end this session with final comments and an opportunity to share the experience of what it has been like to come together for this Community Day with a hope of carrying forward what we have learned.

## **POSTER SESSION & BOOK SIGNING**

Coordinator: **Melissa Elliot, Jacqueline Hudak, & John J. Lawless**

5:15-6:00 PM

### **Looking Inward, Looking Outward: Using Systems Based Learning in Residency Training to Understand the Interrelationship Between Culture and Power**

Adi Loeb, Madeleine S. Abrams, Joseph Battaglia, Adriana Shuster, Daniel Smuckler, David Stern, & Hillarie Budoff

### **Resources and Stressors and the Impact of Discrimination on Roma Families in Romania**

Edith C. Lawrence & Clare Vierbuchen

### **Innovations in Program Development**

Lia Ganc, Carla de Sá Farhurt, & Rosane Ferreira

### **The Integration of Emotionally Focused Family Therapy and Play Therapy**

Becky R. Davenport

## **FREE TIME**

### **FACILITATED LISTENING CIRCLE**

6:00-7:30 PM

**SHABBAT SERVICE**

6:15-7:15 PM

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INSTITUTES**

7:30-10:30 PM

**Fee: \$50**

**Sign up on the Annual Meeting Registration Form**

**MEN'S INSTITUTE**

Facilitators: **Shawn Giammattei**

Men of AFTA explore with each other issues of personal and professional development, through the lens of responsible reflection on gender. We will meet as a whole group to address a discussion question, then take the conversation to dinner tables for deeper connection with each other, assembling again before we close to reflect on what we have learned from each other.

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Facilitators: **Corky Becker & Kimberly Flemke**

The Women's Institute has been a gathering at AFTA for women from a variety of backgrounds, ages, and experience to connect by sharing their joys, sorrows and concerns. Using the traditional format-dinner (first hour) and group discussion (second and third hours) we will have an opportunity to get to know and appreciate each other. We will reflect on we have learned in our relationships with other women about differences and connections. In the past we have been moved by witnessing the wisdom and grace of women at AFTA. The Women's Institute is a unique opportunity for AFTA women to get to know and appreciate one another. If you used to come but haven't recently, we invite you to try us again-and bring a friend. If you've never come, we'd love to meet you.



*Saturday, June 27*  
*Schedule of Events and Sessions*

**CENTERING PRACTICE**

Facilitated by **Jacqueline Hudak**

7:00-8:00 AM

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

7:30-8:30 AM

***Plenary IV: Tapping Spiritual Resources in Healing and Resilience***

Moderator: **Marsha Mirkin**

Presenters: **Froma Walsh, Hugo Kamya, & Melissa Elliot**

9:00-11:00 AM

**REFRESHMENT BREAK**

11:00-11:15 AM

**BRIEF PRESENTATIONS**

Coordinator: **Jerry Gale**

11:15 AM-12:45 PM

**Brief Presentation 9: A Fugue in Four Voices: Re-Visiting the Reflecting Team**

Moderator: **Harlene Anderson**

Presenters: **Ellen Pulleyblank Coffey, Jim Sparks, Jane Ariel, & Sam Tabachnik**

**Brief Presentation 10: Systemic Training Issues**

Moderator: **Susan McDaniel**

Enhancing Training in the Health Professions: Family Therapists as Communication Coaches

**Shruti S. Poulsen**

Towards Assessment of Clinical Readiness in MFT Training

**Tziporah Rosenberg**

**Brief Presentation 11: Family Therapy Research II**

Moderator: **Jay Lebow**

Co-parenting During Divorce Process

**Orna Cohen & Ricky Finzi-Dottan**

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Moderator: **David Trimble**

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**Michael Davidovits**

New Ways of Thinking about Military Families

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Moderator: **TBD**

Gender, Interprofessional Education, and Perceptions of Collaborative Care

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Moderator: **Saliha Bava**

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Moderator: **TBD**

Fostering Resilience in Multi-Problem Clients

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Providing Therapy to Families Mandated for Treatment by Child Welfare Agencies

**Catherine Lewis**

**LUNCH**

12:45-2:15 PM

**FAMILY PROCESS ADVISORY EDITORS' BOARD**

12:45-2:15 PM

**NEXT GENERATION INITIATIVE TASK FORCE GATHERING**

12:45-2:15

**INTEREST GROUPS**Coordinator: **David Wohlsifer**

2:15-3:45 PM

**13. Forging New Pathways**Chairs: **Ellen Pulleyblank Coffey & John Lawless**

This interest group will provide an opportunity for AFTA members to engage in a trans-generational conversation about the possibilities for AFTA. A panel of Charter Members, Members, New Members, and Early Career Members will highlight their experiences within AFTA while focusing on the future. Please join us for what promises to be a rich conversation.

**14. Spirituality**Chairs: **Linda Longo-Lockspeiser & Betty Pristera**

This year's Spirituality Interest Group will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss how addressing spiritual issues has been the catalyst for healing old wounds, developing resilience in the face of personal and catastrophic crises, and creating hope for families stuck in patterns that have stymied traditional therapy. A panel of speakers will share their insights, cases and challenges related to individual, couple and community work for about ½ hour with the remainder of the time devoted to discussion and questions about creating a psychospiritual practice.

**15. Couple Therapy Interest Group**Chairs: **Corky Becker, Martha Edwards, & Mona Fishbane**

In this year's couple therapy interest group we will consider the challenges in long-term intimate relationships of balancing attachment and security on the one hand, and passion and desire on the other. Does emotional intimacy enhance or inhibit sexuality? How can sex in a long-term relationship stay exciting? How do we address sexuality in couple therapy? We will explore how these issues play out in heterosexual as well as gay/lesbian relationships and across cultural contexts. We will briefly review ideas from authors who have addressed these questions (e.g., Perel, Goldner, Mitchell, Fisher, Scheinkman, Schnarch) and then open the discussion to participants.



**16. Leadership Training**Chair: **Jean Malpas**

The Early Career Membership Committee is organizing for the first year a Leadership Training event. Although it targets issues of early career development, it is open to all AFTA members. It hopes to trigger rich interchange on common issues of leadership development. Focusing on careers in couples and family therapy, training and research, potential topics will include: getting published in the field of family therapy and research, teaching MFT courses, navigating the politics of academia, finding your style as a systemic leader, etc.

**17. Structuralism/Post-Structuralism: Locating the Practice in Family Therapy**Chairs: **Kilian Fritsch & John Brendler**

How can we sharpen the connections between the actual practices in specific sessions with the larger conceptual schemas that underlie the practice? What are the connections between a structural approach to family therapy and the larger field of structuralism? Can a therapist practice both within a structuralist framework and also create newer “realities” which would qualify as post-structuralist within the meaning systems of the family itself? We will watch videotaped segments of a consultation with a family where violence has established a foothold, highlighting the abstracting and interruption of a problematic pattern within the family’s interactions. This will be followed by reflections of participants from their various theoretical and practice perspectives.

**18. Jewish Family Interest Group**Chair: **David Wohlsifer**

Baby boomers make up one of the largest groups in the country today. Jewish boomers are an interesting and diverse group. Their spiritual journeys may have taken them many strange and wondrous places throughout their lives. They may have traveled away from Judaism. They might identify as Baal Teshuvah and “returned” to a religiously observant lifestyle. Many have integrated Jewish culture and tradition with western spiritual practices such as mindfulness and meditation. They might be Jews by choice, born into other faiths but found Judaism along the way. Regardless of where they have traveled to wrestle with faith and identity is inherent to being a Jew. This Interest Group will provide a venue for sharing of the spiritual journeys of Jewish baby boomers with a look to the future, where we as therapists, both Jewish and non-Jewish can have an improved perspective and understanding on how to work with Jewish boomers and their families as they move across the life cycle.

**REFRESHMENT BREAK**

3:45-4:00

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

4:00-5:30 PM

This year, the **Town Hall Meeting** will be structured to invite AFTA members to ask questions and / or share concerns as well as suggestions in relation to AFTA's mission, operations, and activities. In addition, you are invited to share your reflections, thoughts, and evaluative comments on the Annual Meeting. AFTA's Officers and Board of Directors are very much committed to insuring that AFTA is responsive to members' needs. Take advantage of this opportunity; come and share your thoughts and suggestions!

**FREE TIME**

5:30-6:45 PM

**AWARDS BANQUET AND DANCE**

6:45 PM-12:00 AM

Cocktails 6:45-7:15 PM

Dinner will start promptly at 7:15 PM.

*2009 Awards*

**AFTA is proud to present**

**Marlene Watson**

Distinguished Contribution to Social Justice

**Jill Freedman and Gene Combs**

Innovative Contribution to Family Therapy

**Charles Figley**

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## *General Information*

### **MEETING SITE/OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS**

This year the AFTA Meeting will be held at the Hotel Monteleone, an historic landmark located in the French Quarter of downtown New Orleans. The hotel is one block off Bourbon Street and is very close to the “action,” but is not in the middle of it. You will also find many specialty shops and quaint restaurants close by. Special room rates are \$149 (plus tax) single, \$159 double, \$169 triple, and \$179 quad. THE HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 2, 2009. After this date, rooms may be reserved if space is available. For phone or mail reservations, please use the hotel reservation form included in this booklet. WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS BY PHONE, BE SURE TO MENTION YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICAN FAMILY THERAPY ACADEMY MEETING to ensure that you receive the special room rate.

**HOTEL PHONE NUMBERS:** Direct: (504) 523-3341 or 1-800-535-9595, Fax (504) 528-1019

### **ROOMMATES**

If you are looking for someone who is interested in sharing a hotel room, please contact the AFTA Central Office at (202) 483-8001, or e-mail: [afta@afta.org](mailto:afta@afta.org).

### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

The Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY) is located approximately 30 minutes from the hotel. Taxi service is available for \$28 flat rate for one to two people or \$12 per person for 3 or more people from the airport to the hotel. For more economical transportation, you can take the “Airport Shuttle.” You should proceed from the baggage claim to the Transportation Center.

### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED**

Hotel Monteleone is fully accessible. Please be sure to mention any need for an accessible sleeping room when you make your overnight reservations. AFTA will provide volunteers to help meeting participants who need assistance during scheduled meeting sessions to get around the hotel, deal with buffet lines, interpretation of sessions for hearing impaired individuals, etc. If you need special assistance, indicate your needs on the attached Annual Meeting Registration form, or call AFTA’s Central Office at (202) 483-8001 at least two weeks prior to the Meeting.

### **SIGNIFICANT OTHER/SPOUSE REGISTRATION – NOT IN THE FIELD**

A special fee of \$140 for spouses/significant others who are NOT professionals in the field of family therapy has been established to cover basic meeting costs. This special registration option includes entry to plenary/keynote sessions only. Other meeting sessions such as Interest Groups, Brief Presentations, Forums, etc. are limited to those who pay the full registration fee. This fee also includes the opening reception, coffee breaks, and registration materials for the meeting. Special event tickets, and party tickets must be purchased separately. Please register your partner on the attached Meeting Registration Form.

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**RECORDING SERVICE**

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Association Book Exhibit (ABE) will again sponsor a combined book exhibit featuring academic and scholarly works by leading authors and publishers. Participants may order books on site – a complete catalogue will be available. If you want your book to be on display, contact Mark Trocchi, Association Book Exhibit, at (703) 619-5030; fax (703) 619-5035, or email [info@bookexhibit.com](mailto:info@bookexhibit.com).

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1. Compare innovative methods for working with individuals, families, and communities that have experienced disaster and/or widespread trauma.
2. Summarize new research findings in the field of family therapy that examine disaster and/or widespread trauma.
3. Practice skills for working with individuals, families, and communities that have experienced widespread trauma.

**Satisfactory completion:** Participants must have paid tuition fee, attended their chosen sessions in their entirety and completed an online Attendance / Evaluation form in order to receive a certificate of completion. Participants not fulfilling these requirements will not receive a certificate. Certificates are available immediately after completing the online evaluation form.

**Psychologists**

This program is co-sponsored by Amedco and The American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA). Amedco is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Amedco maintains responsibility for the program and its content. Maximum of 23.5 hours.

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This course is co-sponsored by Amedco and the American Academy of Psychotherapists. Course meets the qualifications for up to 23.75 hours of continuing education credit for MFTs and/or LCSWs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, Provider #PCE875.

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**LA:** Course has been submitted for review.

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**LA:** Course has been submitted for review.

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Letters of Attendance are available to meeting participants upon request (cost \$10.00, U.S. funds). Please contact the AFTA Central Office AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING. AFTA, 1608 20th Street NW, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20009. Phone: (202) 483-8001; Fax: (202) 483-8002; E-mail: [afta@afta.org](mailto:afta@afta.org).

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Refunds will be given if notice is received by AFTA by Monday, June 15. A \$35 administrative fee will be deducted from your refund. No refunds will be given after June 15.

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**Including Clinical Research Day**

1a. <b>Registration</b>	<u>After</u>		<u>After</u>	
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Name of Partner: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

1b. **Clinical Research Day ONLY (Wednesday, 6/24)**

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Student	\$40	\$ _____

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Clinical Research Day Only (Wednesday, 6/24)	\$25	
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Type of Credit: _____		

3. **Special Event:** Thursday, June 25 (see page 25) \$65 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 # of tickets

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Please check the appropriate boxes and write in your choices for sessions below.

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# The American Family Therapy Academy

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## June 23-27, 2009

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New Orleans, LA 70130  
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Single (1 guest) \$149  
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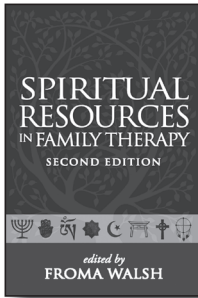
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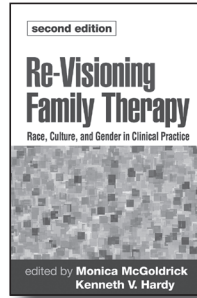
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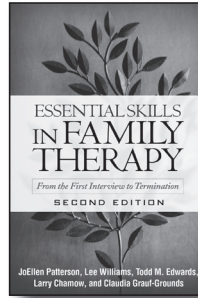
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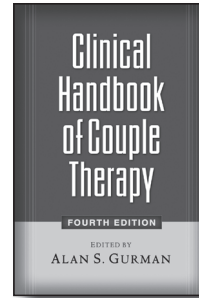
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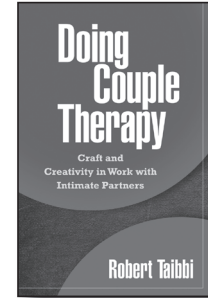
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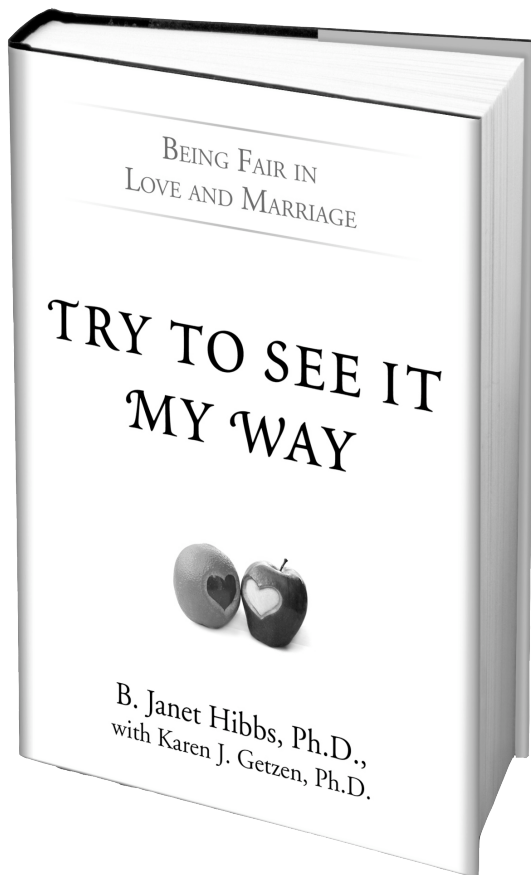
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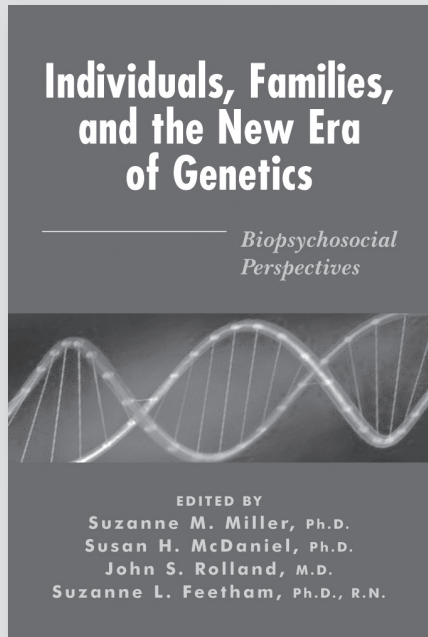
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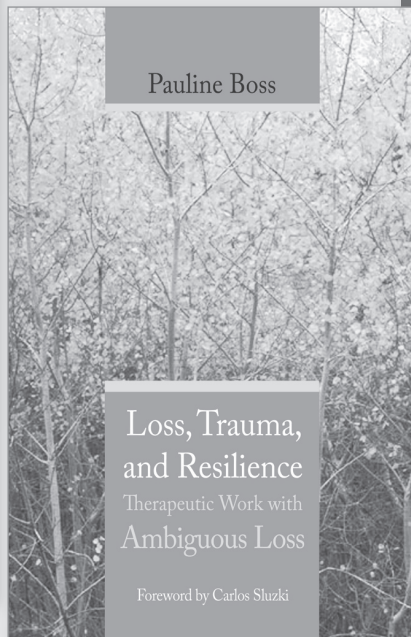


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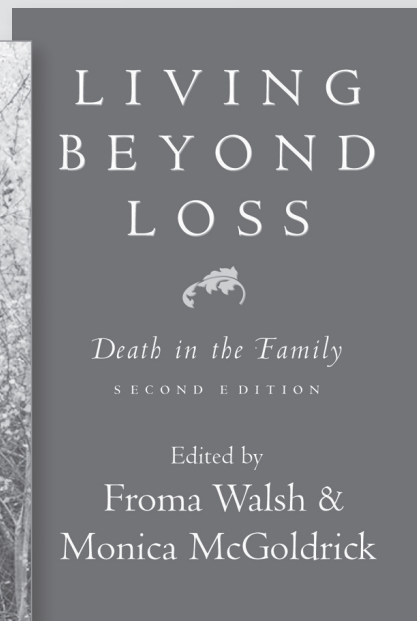
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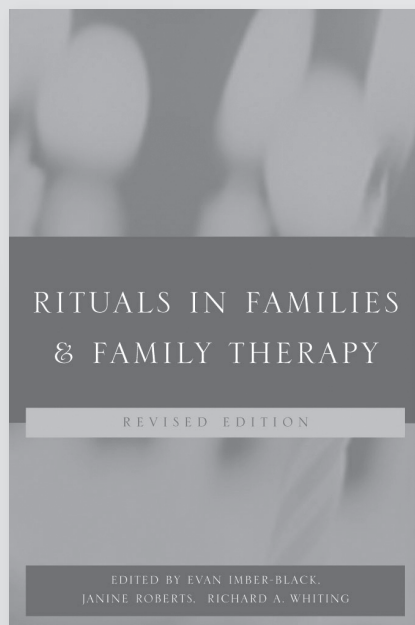
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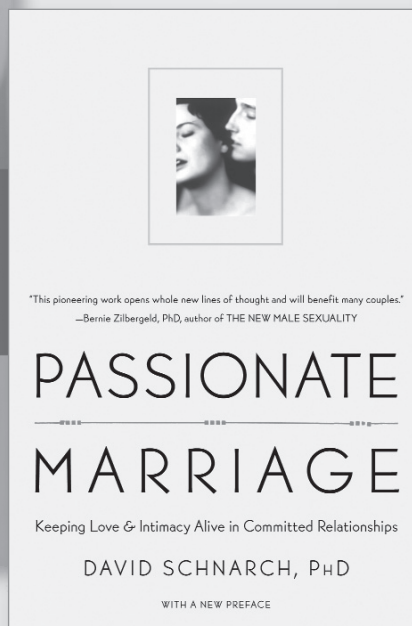
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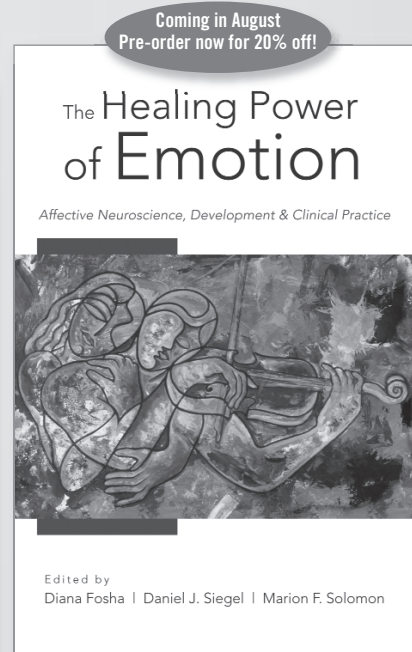
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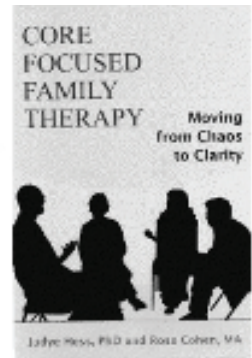
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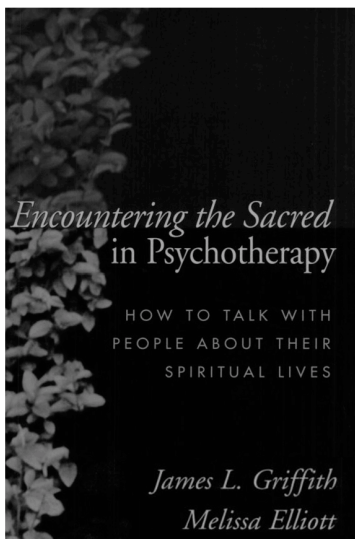
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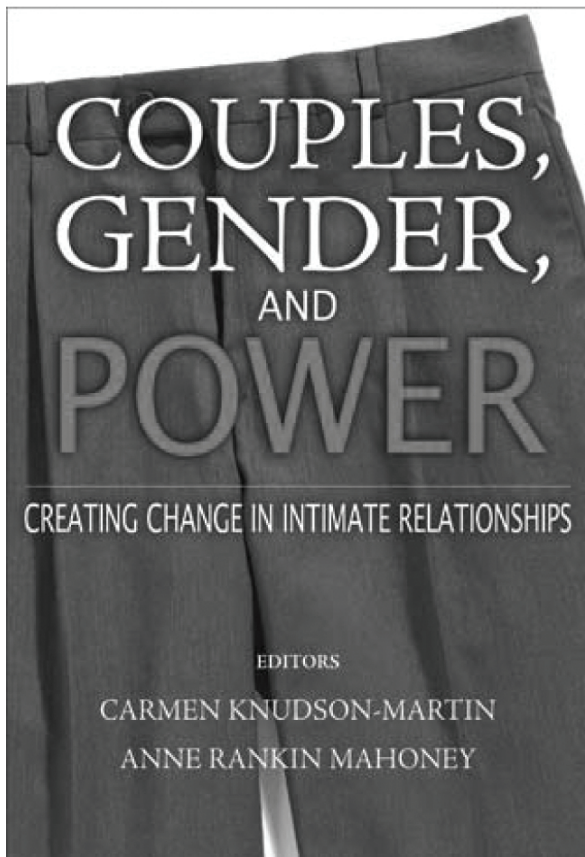
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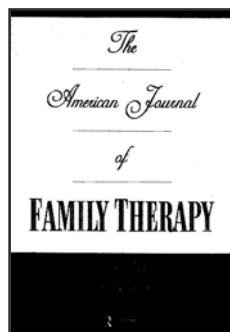
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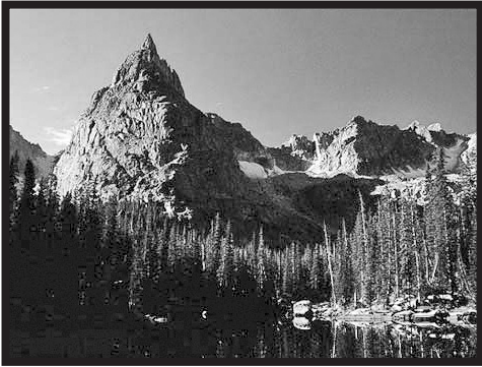
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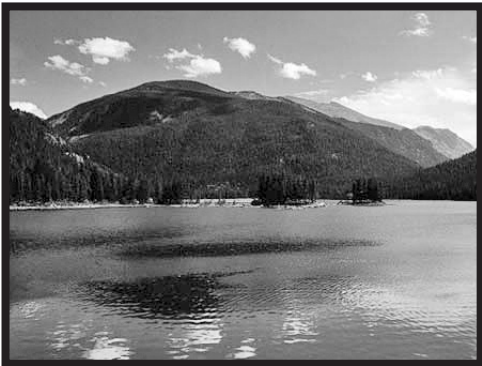
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	9:00 am Plenary II <sup>CE</sup> 10:30 am	10:30 am Refreshment 10:45 am Break	9:00 am Plenary IV <sup>CE</sup> 11:00 pm
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