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Shared Parenting Research: A Watershed in Understanding Children's Best Interest?

Preliminary Program

Collectively, the scientific faculty is widely considered to include almost all of the leading currently active scholars in the world on the subject of optimal post-divorce parenting arrangements. This group of eminent scholars may never before and perhaps never again be brought together from all parts of the developed world in the same conference.

Conference Venue:

Westin Copley Place, 10 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA, 02116, United States

The conference language is English. Simultaneous translation will be provided in French for all Plenary Sessions and some Workshops.

Monday, 29 May 2017

06:00 – 17:00 On-site Registration

Scientific Sessions

08:00 Welcome Addresses

Dr. Ned Holstein
*Founder and Chairman of the
Board of the National Parents
Organization, USA*

Prof. Edward Kruk
*ICSP President, University of
British Columbia, Canada*

Plenary Session I

Chair: Dr. Jennifer J. Harman, Colorado State University, USA

08:15 Parenting and the UN Convention on
the Rights of the Child (Video
Presentation)

Dr.h.c. Jean Zermatten
*Chairman of UN Committee on
the Rights of the Child,
Switzerland*

08:45 Joint physical custody vs. sole
physical custody: Outcomes for
children independent of parental
conflict and income

Dr. Linda Nielsen
Wake Forest University, USA

09:15 Three studies of parenting time:
evidence of harm and protection

Dr. William Fabricius
Arizona State University, USA

09:45 Shared care for very young children:
Research, theory, and custody
arrangements

Dr. Pamela Ludolph
University of Michigan, USA

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 Quality vs. quantity of fathering time:
An argument against shared physical
custody?

Dr. Kari Adamsons
University of Connecticut, USA

11:00 New evidence of a program's impact
to strengthen the quality of father
post-divorce parenting

Dr. Irwin Sandler
Arizona State University, USA

11:30 Complicated delivery: The untold
story and aftermath of the
international consensus report on
parenting plans for young children

Dr. Richard Warshak
*University of Texas
Southwestern Medical Center,
USA*

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break

13:00 – 15:00 Plenary Speakers Panel Discussion

Facilitator: Prof. Donald Hubin
Ohio State University, USA

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break

Break Out Sessions (4 concurrent sessions)

Workshop I: Parenting Issues (International Perspectives)

Chair: Dr. Michael Lamb
Cambridge University, UK

15:15 – 15:45

Post-divorce co-parenting and children's well-being in Hong Kong

Dr. Yuk-King Lau

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

15:45 – 16:15

Parental conflict and shared parenting

Dr. Chantal Clot-Grangeat

ICSP Vice-President, Clinical Psychologist, France

16:15 – 16:45

New approaches to divorce with children: a problem of public health

Dr. Vittorio Carlo Vezzetti

ATS-Insubria (Agency for Health Protection), Italy

16:45 – 17:15

Child support determination for complex families

Mr. George Piskor

Osgoode Hall Law School (York University), Canada

Workshop II: Shared Parenting Outcomes

Chair: Dr. Linda Nielsen
Wake Forest University, USA

15:15 – 15:45

The living conditions of children with shared residence –the Swedish example

Dr. Emma Fransson

Centre for Health Equity Studies, Sweden

15:45 – 16:15

Post-separation shared parental care in Germany

Prof. Sabine Walper

German Youth Institute e.V., Germany

16:15 – 16:45

Is joint physical custody in the best interest of the child? Parent-child relationships and custodial arrangements.

Dr. Kim Bastaits & Ms. Inge Pasteels

PXL University College, Belgium

16:45 – 17:15

Health and wellbeing of Nordic children and adolescents living in joint physical custody - A literature review of the evidence

Ms. Kersti Bergqvist

Centre for Health Equity Studies, Sweden

Workshop III: Interventions

Chair: Dr. Irwin Sandler
Arizona State University, USA

15:15 – 15:45

The Family Mediation Project: The next iteration, globally sourced

Dr. Sinead Conneely
Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland

15:45 – 16:15

The high road to reunification: A whole family solution to a whole family problem

Mrs. Dorcy Pruter
Conscious Co-Parenting Institute, USA

16:15 – 16:45

Parents and children in divorce: how to communicate to have a good psychological health and sustainable relationships afterwards.

Ms. Annelien Jonckheere
Indigo Koekelare, Belgium

16:45 – 17:15

To take a step back from the ideal of co-parenting, to better serve *all* couples that are separating

Mr. Damien d'Ursel
Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Workshop IV: Policy/Advocacy/Legal Reform I

Chair: Dr. Pamela Ludolph
University Of Michigan, USA

15:15 – 15:45

Beating the drum for shared parenting

Mr. Ian Maxwell
Families Need Fathers Scotland, Scotland, UK

15:45 – 16:15

Evolution of shared parenting as a factor for the emergence of a new family law paradigm

Dr. Kostis Demertzis
Kostis Demertzis et Partners, Greece

16:15 – 16:45

Legal and psychological significance of deprivation of family life - A contribution to better understand and fulfill the child's best interests

Dr. Sandra Inês Feitor
Sandra Inês Feitor Law Office, Portugal

16:45 – 17:15

Child protection outranks shared parenting

Dr. David Curl
For Kids Sake, Australia

19:45 – 22:30

Conference Dinner

Legal Practica Monday, 29 May 2017

Distinguished family law practitioners from Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire will conduct simultaneous sessions in the early mornings and evenings. They will explore how difficult family law issues are actually adjudicated in each of their states. The sessions will consist primarily of answering questions of general interest from attendees. Faculty to be announced.

Legal Practicum I: Massachusetts

06:15 – 07:45

Faculty: TBA

Child Support Guidelines/Enforcement/Relationship to
Custody

Legal Practicum II: Connecticut

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Legal Practicum III: New Hampshire

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Custody

Legal Practicum IV: Massachusetts

17:30 – 19:30

Faculty: TBA

Custody/Parenting Time/GALs/DCF Reports/Conflict

Legal Practicum V: Connecticut

17:30 – 19:30

Faculty: TBA

Custody/Parenting Time/GALs/DCF Reports/Conflict

Legal Practicum VI: New Hampshire

17:30 – 19:30

Faculty: TBA

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Tuesday, 30 May 2017

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Scientific Sessions

Plenary Session II

Chair: Dr. Chantal Clot-Grangeat, ICSP Vice-President, Clinical Psychologist, France

08:15	Gatekeeping and a social capital analysis in child custody	Dr. William Austin Child Custody Services, USA
08:45	Relocation and the indissolubility of parenthood	Prof. Patrick Parkinson University of Sydney, Australia
09:15	Does shared parenting CAUSE better outcomes for children?	Dr. Sanford Braver Arizona State University, USA
09:45	Legal and social development of shared physical custody in Europe	Prof. Hildegund Sünderhauf Lutheran University of Applied Sciences Nuremberg, Germany

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30	Shared parenting in Sweden (Where it's a norm)	Dr. Malin Bergström Karolinska Institute, Sweden
11:00	Shared parenting and parental alienation: current state and future directions for research	Prof. Edward Kruk ISCP President, University of British Columbia, Canada
11:30	Critical analysis of research on parenting plans and children's well-being	Dr. Michael Lamb Cambridge University, UK

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Break Out Sessions (4 concurrent sessions)

Workshop V: Alienation Issues

Chair: Prof. Edward Kruk
ICSP President, University of British
Columbia, Canada

15:15 – 15:45

Restoring family connections

Dr. Amy Baker
unaffiliated, USA

15:45 – 16:15

An objective measure of splitting in parental alienation:
The Parental Acceptance-Rejection Questionnaire

Dr. William Bernet
Vanderbilt University, USA
with Nilgun Öngider-Gregory, Kathleen M.
Reay, & Ronald P. Rohner

16:15 – 16:45

Revisiting parental alienation by terms of sole
residential custody

Mr. Murat Parilti
unaffiliated, Turkey

16:45 – 17:15

Kids Come Last: The effect of family law involvement
on parental alienation

Dr. Christine Giancarlo
Mount Royal University, Canada

Workshop VI: Court Decision-making

Chair: Prof. Patrick Parkinson
University of Sydney, Australia

15:15 – 15:45

Gender biases: How stereotype violations affect
recommendations for child custody

Dr. Jennifer J. Harman
Colorado State University, USA

15:45 – 16:15

Gender equality, child well-being and shared residence
in Spain

Prof. Luis Flaquer
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

16:15 – 16:45

Judicial decision making: influences and possible
perspectives

Prof. Michel Grangeat
University of Grenoble Alpes, France

16:45 – 17:15

Belgian Family Courts shared parenting judgments

Jan Piet H. de Man
European Institute for the Best Interests of
the Child, Belgium

Workshop VII: Policy/Advocacy/Legal Reform II

Chair: Dr. William Fabricius
Arizona State University, USA

15:15 – 15:45

The Collaborative Governance Model in family breakup

Mr. Glenn Cheriton
Canadian Equal Parenting Council, Canada

15:45 – 16:15

Recognizing the importance of the other parent as a
prerequisite for parental responsibility

Prof. Yoav Mazeh
Family, Equality & Law Research Institute,
Ono Academic College, Israel

16:15 – 16:45

Joint custody and the prevention of child harm: the
answer of the European Court of Human Rights

Dr. Jorge Guerra González
Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany

16:45 – 17:15

Rethinking the Child's Best Interests Standard based
on a human rights perspective

Mr. Martin Widrig, MLaw
University of Fribourg, Switzerland

**Workshop VIII: Parenting Issues
(US Perspectives)**

Chair: Dr. Sanford Braver
Arizona State University, USA

15:15 – 15:45

Why parallel parenting and not co-parenting may be the better choice for families of divorce

Ms. Catharine MacWillie

Custody Calculations, Calendars & Orders, USA

15:45 – 16:15

The political issues of implementing shared parenting laws

Ms. Leslie Loftis

Leading Women for Shared Parenting, USA

16:15 – 16:45

Parental involvement among first and second-generation immigrants to the United States

Dr. Adam Williams

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

16:45 – 17:15

Harvest of Hope: Stories of shared parenting

Ms. Karen Kristjanson, MSc, MA

Leading Women for Shared Parenting, Canada

Continuing Education Credits

Continuing education credits are being sought for psychologists (APA), mental health social workers (NASW) and counselors (NBCC), Mediators (ACR), and Massachusetts and Connecticut attorneys. More information will follow.

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Moveaways ("Removals")/Abductions

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Legal Practicum VIII: Connecticut

06:15 – 08:00

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Faculty: TBA

Legal Practicum IX: New Hampshire

06:15 – 08:00

Moveaways ("Removals")/Abductions

Faculty: TBA

Legal Practicum X: Massachusetts

17:30 – 19:30

Alienation/False Accusations/Domestic Restraining Orders

Faculty: TBA

Legal Practicum XI: Connecticut

17:30 – 19:30

Alienation/False Accusations/Domestic Restraining Orders

Faculty: TBA

Legal Practicum XII: New Hampshire

17:30 – 19:30

Alienation/False Accusations/Domestic Restraining Orders

Faculty: TBA