



6TH ANNUAL AFCC AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE 2019

15-17 AUGUST

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE SYDNEY

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday 15 August 2019

Location	Preconference Institute Day Workshops	Presenters
Meeting Room E5.1	Preconference 1	
9.30am - 10.30am	Advocacy 101	Ms Robin Cohen, Legal Aid WA, Perth WA; Justice Simon Moncrieff, Family Court of Western Australia, Perth WA; Dr Robert Simon, Psychologist, San Diego, USA; Mr Ric Travaskis, Family Court of Australia, Adelaide SA; Judge Peter Cole, Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Adelaide;
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning tea	
11.00am - 12.30pm	Advocacy 101	
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Advocacy 101	
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Advocacy 101	
Meeting Room E5.2	Preconference 2	
9.30am - 10.30am	Parenting Coordination - Recent developments in South Africa and Australia	Dr Astrid Martalas, Psychologist, South Africa; Mr Craig Schneider, Lawyer Mediator South Africa
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea	
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12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Parenting Coordination - Recent developments in South Africa and Australia	
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Parenting Coordination - Recent developments in South Africa and Australia	
Meeting Room E5.3	Preconference 3	
9.30am - 10.30am	Introduction: AFCC training for family reports writers	Dr Simon Kennedy Clinical and Forensic psychologist, Melbourne, VIC; Dr Phil Watts, Clinical Psychologist, Perth, WA; Dr Jennifer Neoh, Clinical Psychologist, Melbourne, VIC; Dr Ben Jones, Forensic Psychologist, Melbourne, VIC
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea	
11.00am - 12.30pm	Introduction: AFCC training for family reports writers	
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Introduction: AFCC training for family reports writers	
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Introduction: AFCC training for family reports writers	

Meeting Room E5.4	Preconference 4	
9.30am - 10.30am	What are ethical duties on lawyers, therapists, psychologists and judges to cross cultural divides	Mr Timothy McMichael, Auckland, New Zealand; Judge Jill Moss Ministry of Justice in New Zealand
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning tea	
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3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	What are ethical duties on lawyers, therapists, psychologists and judges to cross cultural divides	
Meeting Room E5.5	Preconference 5	
9.30am - 10.30am	Interdisciplinary ethical dilemmas in family law - Perspectives from over 100 cumulative years of experience	Ms Elizabeth Picker, Barrister, Sydney, NSW; Mr Stephen Scarlett OAM RFD, Barrister, Sydney, NSW; Dr Phil Stahl, Psychologist, Arizona, USA; Ms Olivia Grobtuch, Lawyer, Melbourne VIC; The Honourable Stephen Thackray, Former Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia Perth, WA
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning tea	
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12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Interdisciplinary ethical dilemmas in family law - Perspectives from over 100 cumulative years of experience	
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Interdisciplinary ethical dilemmas in family law - Perspectives from over 100 cumulative years of experience	
Meeting Room E5.6	Preconference 6	
9.30am - 10.30am	The ethics of 21st century 'family justice' research, and its application to professional practice	Associate Professor Nicola Taylor, Alexander McMillan Chair in Childhood Studies, Director, Children's Issues Centre University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand; Professor Judith Cashmore, University of Sydney, Sydney NSW
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning tea	
11.00am - 12.30pm	The ethics of 21st century 'family justice' research, and its application to professional practice	
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	The ethics of 21st century 'family justice' research, and its application to professional practice	
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	The ethics of 21st century 'family justice' research, and its application to professional practice	

Meeting Room E5.7	Preconference 7	
9.30am - 10.30am	Overcoming obstacles to effective intervention: Coherent service planning and practical strategies	Dr Lyn Greenberg, Psychologist, California, USA
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning tea	
11.00am - 12.30pm	Overcoming obstacles to effective intervention: Coherent service planning and practical strategies	
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Overcoming obstacles to effective intervention: Coherent service planning and practical strategies	
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Overcoming obstacles to effective intervention: Coherent service planning and practical strategies	
Location - TBC	Social Function	
5.00pm - 7.00pm	Welcome Drinks	

Friday 16 August 2019		
Location	Plenary Sessions	Presenters
Parkside 1	Plenary 1	
9.00am - 9.30am	Welcome and Conference opening Tommy - a short film by Big Men Productions. This is a short film graphically and poignantly illustrating the experiences of a child caught in high conflict between his parents.	Justice Steven Strickland
9.30am - 10.30am	Identity Theft: How I discovered my secret Identity. Chair: TBC	Albert Frantz, Concert Pianist, Fulbright scholar, TEDx speaker, Head of Mission Austria
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea	
Parkside 1	Plenary 2	
11.00am - 12.30pm	Being moral in an immoral world – Professional ethics in an era of populism Chair: Ms Alison O'Neill	Clinical Associate Professor Michael Robertson, University of Sydney, Sydney NSW
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	
Location	Workshops	Presenters
Meeting Room E3.1 & 3.2	Workshop 1 & 5	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Ethical Implications - Is There Room for Dual Roles of Therapy and Assessment in Family Law Chair: Judge Alexandra Harland	Ms Alison O'Neill, Psychologist, Sydney, NSW; Dr Chris Lennings, Psychologist, Sydney, NSW; Mr Davide Di Pietro, Family Therapist, Sydney, NSW; Ms Alex Wearne, Lawyer, Sydney, NSW; Justice Margaret Cleary, Family Court of Australia, Newcastle NSW; John Longworth, Barrister NSW

3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	The reasonable person and other mythical creatures in Family Court Chair: Mr David List	Dr Phil Watts Associate Professor in Clinical Psychology and endorsed in Forensic Psychology, Perth, WA
Meeting Room E3.3	Workshop 2 & 6	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	TBC Chair: Ms Kirsty Colls	Dr Catherine Boland, Psychologist, Sudney NSW; The Honourable Ms Jenny Boland former Justice Family Court of Australia, Sydney NSW
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Ethical issues and surrogacy: Contradiction or conundrum? Chair: The Honourable Diana Bryant	Ms Jacky Campbell, Lawyer, Melbourne, VIC; Mr Stephen Page, Lawyer, Brisbane QLD
Meeting Room E3.4	Workshop 3 & 7	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Identity . . . A Relative Construct Chair: Mr Darren Mort	Ms Fiona Darroch Clinical Psychologist, Newcastle, NSW; Mr Albert Frantz Concert Pianist, Fulbright scholar, TEDx speaker, Head of Mission Austria; Mr Damian Adams Biological Research Scientist, University of South Australia, SA; Ms Chloe Allworthy Musician, Masters student, YouTuber
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Deadlock breaking, problem solving and drafting for ICLs. Chair: Ms Robyn Sexton	Mr Mark Anderson, barrister, NSW; Ms Helen Volk, Lawyer, NSW
Meeting Room E3.5	Workshop 4 & 8	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Is the Family Hopeless or Was the Intervention Planned Poorly? Chair: Mr David Edney	Dr Lyn R Greenberg, Psychologist, California, USA; Judge Thomas Altobelli, Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Sydney, NSW; Ms Anne-Marie Rice, Lawyer, Brisbane, QLD
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	Ethical implications- Working Relationships ICL, Family Consultants and Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners Chair: Judge Alexandra Harland, Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Melbourne, VIC;	Ms Marlene Ebejer, Accredited Family Law Specialist and Independent Children's Lawyer, Melbourne, VIC; Ms Susan Hamilton-Green, Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner, Melbourne, VIC; Ms Joy Slattery, Family Consultant, Melbourne, VIC
Meeting Room E3.9	Workshop 9	
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm - 5.00pm	The Paramountcy Principle and Family Law Representation Chair: Mr Timothy McMichael	Judge Joe Harman, Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Sydney NSW
Location - TBC	Social Function	
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Social Drinks and Networking	
6.00 - 8.00pm	Evening Reception - Growers Market	

Saturday 17 August 2019

7.30am - 9.00am	AFCC Chapter Board meeting	
Location	Plenary Sessions	Presenters
Parkside 1	Plenary 3	
9.00am - 10.30am	A fresh approach to Indigenous Issues - What can we learn from New Zealand and Western Australia Chair: Ms Robyn Sexton	The Honourable Stephen Thackray Former Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia, Perth, WA; Ms Lope Ginnen Barrister Auckland NZ; Ms Brianna Lonnie, Legal Aid WA
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea	
Parkside 1	Plenary 4	
11.00am - 12.30pm	What should Family Law reform look like- the blue skies wish list! Moderator: Ms Wendy Kayler-Thompson	Panellists: The Honourable Diana Bryant, Former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia; Presenter: The Honourable Stephen Thackray Former Chief Judge of the Family Court of Western Australia, Perth, WA;
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch & Committee meetings	
Location	Workshops	Presenters
Meeting Room E3.1 & 3.2	Workshop 10	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Raising the Voice of the Child Chair: Ms Lilia Szarski	Mr Jon Graham, Dispute Resolution Specialist, NSW; Dr Lorri Yassenik, Alberta Canada (on video)
Meeting Room E3.3	Workshop 11	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Parenting coordination - the debate! Chair: Mr Phil Trudinger	Dr Astrid Martalas, Psychologist, South Africa; Mr Craig Schneider, Lawyer and Mediator, South Africa; The Honourable Diana Bryant, former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia, Melbourne, VIC; Dr Arnold Shienvold, Psychologist, Pennsylvania, USA; Dr Robert Simon Psychologist San Diego USA
Meeting Room E3.4	Workshop 12	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Children with Special Needs In The Family Court: Ethical Considerations Chair: Dr Janina Szyndler	Ms Clare Rowe, Educational and Developmental Psychologist, Sydney NSW
Meeting Room E3.5	Workshop 13	
1.30pm - 3.00pm	Ethical duties and dilemmas face by practitioners working with surrogacy teams Chair: Ms Elizabeth Picker	Ms Sarah Jefford, Solicitor, Melbourne, VIC
Social Function		
3.00pm - 5.00pm	Social Drinks - End of Conference	
<i>*Program Subject to change without notice</i>		