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# Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

We are honored by your presence here in the cradle of the American Revolution at what may be looked back upon as a watershed moment.

In the history of civilizations, watershed moments are obvious only in retrospect: the Magna Carta, Martin Luther at Wittenberg, the Bill of Rights (an afterthought), the march to Selma, and Stonewall were not immediately recognized for their importance.

In the "hard sciences," watershed moments are sometimes easier to recognize. Newton's calculus, the invention of the microscope and telescope, Galileo's observation of the moons of Jupiter, the Origin of Species, and the discovery of the genetic code were immediately transformational.

Watershed moments in the social sciences fall in between. Some are recognized immediately, but most are not.

Perhaps today will be one of the few.

Until now, for most of the stubborn problems of our youth over the past 40 years, there have not been any watershed moments. For instance, Mitch Pearlstein, educator and analyst, lists scores of programs to improve education, none of them proving both effective and scalable. Increased spending, smaller classes, smaller schools, extra courses, early childhood education, special education, multicultural education, bilingual education, new ways to teach teachers, new math, old math, new reading, old reading, centralization, decentralization, neighborhood schools, stronger ties between schools and businesses, and on and on. Yet student achievement over the past several decades has at most inched upward only a bit, in his telling.

Similar stories can be told in the areas of childhood substance abuse, truancy and lawbreaking, bullying, gang behavior, and teen pregnancy. Programs abound, while the problems at best remain unchanged.

At long last, as society struggles with the failure of one experimental program after another, it may finally be ready to look at root causes. Our Conference today and tomorrow examines root causes and their solutions. And so our researchers may well have stories to tell that renew hope, stories of favorable outcomes that perhaps can be scaled up, of pathways to success for our families.

Today, we are blessed by the gathering of the best minds in the world on the problem at hand. Let us imbibe their wisdom, and let us use it to help our struggling children.

I personally feel that I will look back and say with satisfaction, "I was there."

With warm regards,



**Dr. Ned Holstein**  
Conference Co-Chair



**Prof. Edward Kruk**  
Conference Co-Chair

# National Parents Organization & International Council On Shared Parenting



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## National Parents Organization (NPO) [www.nationalparentsorganization.org](http://www.nationalparentsorganization.org)

National Parents Organization (NPO), founded in 1998, is a 501 (c)(3) not-for profit charitable and educational organization based in Boston, Massachusetts, United States. National Parents Organization is the largest organization in the United States advocating for science-based reform of the family courts for the benefit of children. It recognizes that preserving a strong bond between children and their parents is critically important to children's emotional, mental, and physical health, and seeks to apply scientific research to how this knowledge can best be applied to conflicted, separated and divorced families.

## International Council on Shared Parenting (ICSP) [www.twohomes.org](http://www.twohomes.org)

The International Council on Shared Parenting (ICSP), founded 2014 and based in Bonn, Germany, is an international association with individual members from the sectors science, family professions and civil society. The purpose of the association is first, the dissemination and advancement of scientific knowledge on the needs and rights ("best interests") of children whose parents are living apart, and second, to formulate evidence-based recommendations about the legal, judicial and practical implementation of shared parenting.

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## International Conference On Shared Parenting Committees:

### Conference Co-Chairs:

Dr. Ned Holstein, USA  
Prof. Edward Kruk, Canada

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# Conference Information

## Conference Venue

All Sessions as well as Registration will take place at the Westin Copley Place Hotel on the Third Floor.

### The Westin Copley Place

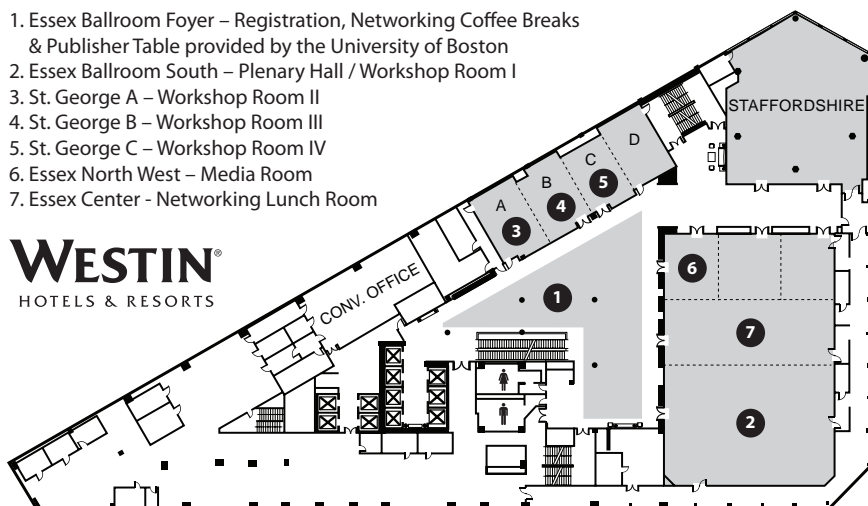
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The Westin Copley Hotel in Boston, MA, is a world-class hotel, ideally located in the Back Bay area of Boston, minutes from shopping, entertainment, top rated restaurants and many of Boston's best tourist attractions. With its flexible space and highly regarded location, the Westin Copley Hotel is the ideal location for the International Conference on Shared Parenting 2017.



1. Essex Ballroom Foyer – Registration, Networking Coffee Breaks & Publisher Table provided by the University of Boston
2. Essex Ballroom South – Plenary Hall / Workshop Room I
3. St. George A – Workshop Room II
4. St. George B – Workshop Room III
5. St. George C – Workshop Room IV
6. Essex North West – Media Room
7. Essex Center - Networking Lunch Room

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# Conference Registration

Registration is located in the foyer of the Conference Level, Level 3.

**Monday, May 29, 2017**

07:00 – 17:00

**Tuesday, May 30, 2017**

07:00 – 17:00

Attendees are requested to wear their name badges at all times in order to participate in the Scientific Sessions and access the Coffee and Lunch Breaks.

## Networking Events

### Conference Dinner

**Monday, May 29, 2017**

18:30

All delegates are invited to join us for the Conference Dinner on Monday, May 29, 2017 at the ocean Staffordshire, Third Floor, Westin Copley Place Hotel. Enjoy wonderful cuisine and wines as well as great company with fellow colleagues.

Tickets can be purchased at the registration desk for 85.00 USD.

### Networking Coffee Breaks

**Monday, May 29** 10:15 – 10:30 & 15:00 – 15:15

**Tuesday, May 30** 10:15 – 10:30 & 15:00 – 15:15

Refreshments will be served in the Essex Ballroom Foyer (Third Floor) during the Networking Coffee Breaks.

### Networking Lunch Breaks

**Monday, May 29** 12:00 – 13:00

**Tuesday, May 30** 12:00 – 13:00

Lunch will be served in Essex Center (Third Floor).





# Scientific Program

## Monday, 29 May 2017

07:00 – 17:00 On-site Registration  
Essex Ballroom Foyer

### 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

**Essex Ballroom South**

08:15 Joint physical custody vs. sole physical custody:  
Outcomes for children independent of parental  
conflict and income

**Dr. Linda Nielsen**  
Wake Forest University, USA

08:45 Three studies of parenting time:  
evidence of harm and protection

**Dr. William Fabricius**  
Arizona State University, USA

09:15 Shared care for very young children:  
Research, theory, and custody arrangements

**Dr. Pamela Ludolph**  
University of Michigan, USA

09:45 Does shared parenting CAUSE better  
outcomes for children?

**Dr. Sanford Braver**  
Arizona State University, USA

**10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break**

**Essex Ballroom Foyer**

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**

**Essex Center**

13:00 – 15:00 Plenary Speakers Panel Discussion

**Facilitator: Prof. Donald Hubin**  
Ohio State University, USA

**15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break**

**Essex Ballroom Foyer**

## Break Out Sessions (4 concurrent sessions)

### Workshop I: Parenting Issues (International Perspectives)

**Chair: Dr. Michael Lamb** Cambridge University, UK

**Room: St. George A**

15:15 – 15:45	Post-divorce co-parenting and children's well-being in Hong Kong	<b>Dr. Yuk-King Lau</b> The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
15:45 – 16:15	Parental conflict and shared parenting	<b>Dr. Chantal Clot-Grangeat</b> ICSP Vice-President, Clinical Psychologist, France
16:15 – 16:45	New approaches to divorce with children: a problem of public health	<b>Dr. Vittorio Carlo Vezzetti</b> ATS-Insubria (Agency for Health Protection), Italy
16:45 – 17:15	Child support determination for complex families	<b>Mr. George Piskor</b> Osgoode Hall Law School (York University), Canada

### Workshop II: Shared Parenting Outcomes

**Chair: Dr. Linda Nielsen** Wake Forest University, USA

**Room: Essex Ballroom South**

15:15 – 15:45	The living conditions of children with shared residence – the Swedish example	<b>Dr. Emma Fransson</b> Centre for Health Equity Studies, Sweden
15:45 – 16:15	Post-separation shared parental care in Germany	<b>Prof. Sabine Walper</b> 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.	<b>Dr. Kim Bastaits &amp; Ms. Inge Pasteels</b> 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	<b>Ms. Kersti Bergqvist</b> Centre for Health Equity Studies, Sweden

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### Workshop III: Interventions

**Chair: Dr. Irwin Sandler** Arizona State University, USA

**Room: St. George B**

15:15 – 15:45	The Family Mediation Project: The next iteration, globally sourced	<b>Dr. Sinead Conneely &amp; Dr. Roisin O'Shea</b> Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland
15:45 – 16:15	The high road to reunification: A whole family solution to a whole family problem	<b>Mrs. Dorcy Pruter</b> 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.	<b>Ms. Annelien Jonckheere</b> 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	<b>Mr. Damien d'Ursel</b> Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

### Workshop IV: Policy/Advocacy/Legal Reform I

**Chair: Dr. Pamela Ludolph** University Of Michigan, USA

**Room: St. George C**

15:15 – 15:45	Beating the drum for shared parenting	<b>Mr. Ian Maxwell</b> 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	<b>Dr. Kostis Demertzis</b> 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	<b>Dr. Sandra Inês Feitor</b> Sandra Inês Feitor Law Office, Portugal
16:45 – 17:15	Child protection outranks shared parenting	<b>Dr. David Curl</b> For Kids Sake, Australia

**18:30 – 21:30 Conference Dinner**

**Room: Staffordshire**



# Scientific Program

## Tuesday, 30 May 2017

07:00 – 17:00 On-site Registration  
Essex Ballroom Foyer

### Scientific Sessions

#### Plenary Session II

**Co-Chair: Dr. Chantal Clot-Grangeat** ICSP  
Vice-President, Clinical Psychologist, France  
**Co-Chair: Mr. Oliver Hunziker** ICSP Vice-President,  
IT Consultant, Switzerland

**Essex Ballroom South**

08:15	Parenting and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Video Presentation)	<b>Dr.h.c. Jean Zermatten</b> Chairman of UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Switzerland
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08:45	Gatekeeping and a social capital analysis in child custody	<b>Dr. William Austin</b> Child Custody Services, USA
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09:15	Relocation and the indissolubility of parenthood	<b>Prof. Patrick Parkinson</b> University of Sydney, Australia
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09:45	Legal and social development of shared physical custody in Europe	<b>Prof. Hildegund Sünderhauf</b> Lutheran University of Applied Sciences Nuremberg, Germany
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**10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break**

**Essex Ballroom South**

10:30	Shared parenting in Sweden (Where it's a norm)	<b>Dr. Malin Bergström</b> Karolinska Institute, Sweden
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11:00	Shared parenting and parental alienation: current state and future directions for research	<b>Prof. Edward Kruk</b> ISCP President, University of British Columbia, Canada
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11:30	Critical analysis of research on parenting plans and children's well-being	<b>Dr. Michael Lamb</b> Cambridge University, UK
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**12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break**

**Room: Essex Center**

13:00 – 15:00	Plenary Speakers Panel Discussion	<b>Facilitator: Prof. Donald Hubin</b> Ohio State University, USA
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**15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break**

**Essex Ballroom Foyer**

## Break Out Sessions (4 concurrent sessions)

### Workshop V: Alienation Issues

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

**Room: St. George A**

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  
**Prof. Ronald P. Rohner**  
University of Connecticut, USA

16:15 – 16:45    Gender in Family Law Contempt of  
Court Cases in Quebec, Canada

**Dr. Paul Millar**  
Nipissing University

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

**Room: Essex Ballroom South**

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

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

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### Workshop VII: Policy/Advocacy/ Legal Reform II

Chair: **Dr. William Fabricius** Arizona State University, USA

Room: **St. George B**

15:15 – 15:45	The Collaborative Governance Model in family breakup	<b>Mr. Glenn Cheriton</b> Canadian Equal Parenting Council, Canada
15:45 – 16:15	Recognizing the importance of the other parent as a prerequisite for parental responsibility	<b>Prof. Yoav Mazeh</b> 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	<b>Dr. Jorge Guerra González</b> Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany
16:45 – 17:15	Rethinking the Child's Best Interests Standard based on a human rights perspective	<b>Mr. Martin Widrig, MLaw</b> University of Fribourg, Switzerland

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

Chair: **Dr. Sanford Braver** Arizona State University, USA

Room: **St. George C**

15:15 – 15:45	Why parallel parenting and not co-parenting may be the better choice for families of divorce	<b>Ms. Catherine MacWillie</b> Custody Calculations, Calendars & Orders, USA
15:45 – 16:15	The political issues of implementing shared parenting laws	<b>Ms. Leslie Loftis</b> Leading Women for Shared Parenting, USA
16:15 – 16:45	Parental involvement among first and second-generation immigrants to the United States	<b>Dr. Adam Williams</b> University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
16:45 – 17:15	Co-Parenting from the Inside Out: Voices of Moms and Dads	<b>Ms. Karen Kristjanson, MSc, MA</b> Leading Women for Shared Parenting, Canada

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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.

## Scientific Sessions Plenary Speakers



**Dr. Kari Adamsons**

University of Connecticut, USA

Kari Adamsons is an Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Connecticut, where she has conducted research and taught classes on fathering, parenting, and close relationships for the past 10 years. She has published many peer-reviewed articles and chapters in the areas of fathering, coparenting, and divorce. She is particularly known for her work on nonresident father involvement and father identity, and is considered one of the leaders of the next generation of fathering scholars.



**Dr. William Austin**

Child Custody Services, USA

Dr. Austin is a recognized national expert on relocation and domestic/intimate partner violence as issues that arise in custody cases, and on child custody methodology. Dr. Austin has given over 50 professional workshops and lectures on child custody evaluation for mental health and legal professionals, and law schools. He has published numerous professional articles and book chapters on forensic approaches to conducting child custody issues. Dr. Austin was the co-chair of the task force that developed the Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluation that is published by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).



**Dr. Malin Bergström**

Karolinska Institute, Sweden

Malin Bergström is a clinical child psychologist with 20 years experience of meeting separating parents. Malin has written several books about child development, attachment theory and parenting. Malin's research focuses on children's health and welfare in shared parenting arrangements. After having conducted mainly epidemiological studies on schoolaged children and adolescents, she is now particularly interested in studying preschool children. Together with the research group in the Elvis project she is keen on finding methods for studying infant's health in shared parenting settings and to conduct longitudinal studies on children in different family types. Malin can be reached through [malin.bergstrom@ki.se](mailto:malin.bergstrom@ki.se)



**Prof. Sanford Braver**  
Arizona State University, USA

Sanford Braver is a Professor Emeritus at (i.e., retired from) Arizona State University, where he served in the Psychology Department for 41 years. He was affiliated with ASU's Social Psychology and Quantitative Psychology Doctoral Programs, as well as with the Prevention Research Center. He received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology at the University of Michigan in 1971. His primary research interest is in the dynamics of divorcing families, especially divorced fathers. To support this work he was the recipient of 18 competitively reviewed, primarily federal, research grants, totaling over \$28 million. His work has been published in nearly 130 peer-reviewed professional articles and chapters, and he is author of 3 books including *Divorced Dads: Shattering the Myths*.

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**Dr. William Fabricius**  
Arizona State University, USA

William Fabricius is an Associate Professor of Developmental Psychology at Arizona State University. He is an expert on children's cognitive and social-emotional development, and on the role fathers play in promoting adolescents' and young adults' mental and behavioral health. His research in these areas has been supported by grants from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the findings have been published in top journals in the field. He worked for several years with all Family Law stakeholders in Arizona to translate research into Arizona's 2013 shared parenting legislation.

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**Dr. Ned Holstein**  
Icahn Mount Sinai School of Medicine, USA

Dr. Holstein is the founder and Chairman of the Board of National Parents Organization, the largest organization in the United States advocating for science-based reform of the family courts for the benefit of children. In his earlier academic career, he earned a Master's degree in Psychology, then went into medicine and became a nationally recognized expert on workplace and environmental effects on human health. For ten years he was Associate Editor of the *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*. He has been a consultant to major corporations, cities, counties, states, federal agencies including the EPA and OSHA, Congressional committees and state legislatures. He remains a Clinical Assistant Professor at Mount Sinai.

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

Edward Kruk is Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of British Columbia, specializing in child and family policy, with over forty years of clinical and community work experience in child and family social work. He is author of the books *"Divorce and Disengagement: Patterns of Fatherhood Within and Beyond Marriage"*, *"Divorced Fathers: Children's Needs and Parental Responsibilities"*, and *"The Equal Parent Presumption"*, and has published widely in a variety of academic and professional journals. He is the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for research and service contributions, is Canada's leading authority on parenting after divorce, and is president of the International Council on Shared Parenting.



**Dr. Michael Lamb**  
Cambridge University, UK

Michael Lamb is Professor of Psychology at the University of Cambridge in the UK. He is perhaps the most respected authority in the world on several topics in developmental psychology, including the role of parent-child relationships in development and is considered the "father" of fatherhood research. His scholarship has shaped decision making by family court judges, and his expert testimony in major class actions has helped transform U.S. law. In 1980, he became at 27 the youngest full professor in an American university. Over his 40 year career, Lamb has published nearly 500 professional articles and he is the author or editor of nearly 50 books, including 5 editions of *The Role of the Father in Child Development*. He has received numerous awards including, from the American Psychological Association (APA), its 2014 for Distinguished Contribution to Developmental Psychology, and its 2015 Award for Distinguished Scientific Applications of Psychology. He currently edits the APA journal, *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, and is President of APA's Division 7 (Developmental Psychology).

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**Dr. Pamela Ludolph**  
University of Michigan, USA

Pamela S. Ludolph is a clinical and forensic psychologist who long served as a faculty member in the University of Michigan Psychology Department and as the psychological consultant to the Child Advocacy Law Clinic at the University's Law School. She is interested in issues of child custody, child protection, and shared parental care, often focusing on the unique needs of very young children. Related interests are child sexual abuse, relocation, and alienation. Dr. Ludolph is an expert on attachment theory and practice, and enjoys helping scholars, attorneys, and mental health professionals understand current attachment research and practice. She is a published author and frequently gives presentations and consultation to officials, judges, attorneys, and mental health professionals in the US and abroad. Dr. Ludolph often conducts evaluations for the courts and consults with attorneys on high-conflict and complex cases, assisting them by providing educational testimony and advice about professional and research issues.

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**Dr. Linda Nielsen**  
Wake Forest University, USA

Linda Nielsen is a Professor of Adolescent and Educational Psychology at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, NC. She is an internationally recognized expert on shared physical custody research and father-daughter relationships, with a special emphasis on divorced fathers. In addition to her many academic journal articles, she has written three books on father-daughter relationships and three editions of the college textbook, *Adolescence: A Contemporary View*. She is often invited to present seminars about the shared custody research to family court and mental health professionals and to policy makers in the U.S. and abroad. Her work has been featured in a PBS documentary, on National Public Radio, and in magazines and newspapers including the *Wall Street Journal* and *Time* magazine.

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**Prof. Patrick Parkinson**  
University of Sydney, Australia

Patrick Parkinson is a professor of law at the University of Sydney, Australia, and was President of the International Society of Family Law from 2011-2014. He has had a major role in the development of legislation and practice in family law and child protection in Australia. He served from 2004-2007 as Chairperson of the Family Law Council, an advisory body to the federal Attorney-General, and also chaired a review of the Child Support Scheme in 2004-05 which led to the enactment of major changes to the Child Support Scheme. He was also Chairperson of a major review of the state law concerning child protection which led to the enactment of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998. In 2004, he was instrumental in persuading the Australian Prime Minister of the time, John Howard, to invest in a national network of Family Relationship Centers, offering mediation and other services to parents going through separation. These have had a major role in assisting parents to resolve parenting issues and to stay out of court.





**Dr. Irwin Sandler**

Arizona State University, USA

Irwin Sandler is a Regents' Professor Emeritus from the Department of Psychology at Arizona State University. He was the Director for over 25 years of a national center for research on the development and evaluation of programs to prevent problem outcomes for children following major family disruptions such as parental divorce. His work, along with his colleagues has demonstrated long term benefits of a brief parenting after divorce program to prevent depression and substance abuse of children up to 15 years later. His most recent work focuses on the effects of father parenting following divorce and of programs to strengthen the impact of divorced fathers on their children's well-being. He is the author of over 200 scientific papers and is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Society for Prevention Research, and has served on scientific advisory boards and committees for the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Drug Abuse and the Institute of Medicine.

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**Prof. Hildegund Sünderhauf**

Lutheran University of Applied Sciences Nuremberg, Germany

Hildegund Sünderhauf has been Professor of Family Law and Youth Welfare Law at the Lutheran University of Applied Sciences in Nuremberg (Germany) for 17 years. She is the author of the first and only monograph about Shared Parenting in Germany and co-founder of the International Council on Shared Parenting. She was initiator of Resolution 2079 of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe entitled "Equality and shared parental responsibility: the role of fathers", that calls on the member states to "introduce into their laws the principle of shared residence following a separation".

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**Dr. Richard Warshak**

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, USA

Richard A. Warshak is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and one of the world's most respected authorities on divorce, child custody, and the psychology of alienated children. As a White House advisor, and through his studies on divorce and custody appearing in 14 books and more than 75 articles in eighteen languages, Dr. Warshak has had a broad impact on family law. His book, *Divorce Poison: How to Protect Your Family from Bad-mouthing and Brainwashing* is the best-selling and highest reviewed book for divorced parents.

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**Dr.h.c. Jean Zermatten**

Chairman of UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Switzerland

Jean Zermatten was elected Chairman of the UN Committee for the Rights of the Child by acclamation of both chambers in 2011. As part of this organization, he has worked tirelessly to improve juvenile justice and strengthen the protection of children. He regularly conducts assessment missions and gives advice to governments on several continents. He has made the rights of the child known by managing bodies and professionals, elevating the status of children in our society. By implementing different levels of training, he has made the Rights of the Children a field of academic study. Zermatten is also Director of the International Institute for the Rights of the Child, and was president of the International Association of Magistrates for Youth and Family.

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Unaffiliated, USA

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