

# The New Millennial Family Navigating Best Practice in a Changing World

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## CONFERENCE

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**MARCH 16-17, 2017**

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**KAHANOFF CENTRE**

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**200, 105 12 Ave SE**

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**CALGARY, ALBERTA**

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### DAY ONE

**MORNING 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m**

DR. MARSHA KLINE PRUETT, Ph.D., M.S.L.



A Child Development Refresher:  
Implications for Parenting Planning  
for Young Children

**AFTERNOON 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m**

DR. KYLE D. PRUETT M.D



Millennial Fathers and Co-parenting:  
A fresh look at the attitudes toward and science  
behind a fresh generation of fathers

### DAY TWO

#### MORNING

#### Never Let a Good Crisis Go To Waste:

Ethical Dilemmas Facing Lawyers &  
Mental Health Professionals when  
working with High Conflict Parents

Panel

Bruce Llewellyn, MSW  
Ross McLeod, QC  
Derek Truscott, PhD.

#### AFTERNOON

#### Hear the Voices of Youth and Young Adults of Separation and Divorce ... Panel Discussion

This panel will be moderated and a number of  
key questions will be posed to each  
youth/young adult panel member. What was  
important related to the process of family  
restructuring to the panel members? How were  
they involved? How would they have liked to  
have been involved? What issues need to be  
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experienced family divorce?

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## **DAY ONE SPEAKERS**

### **DR. MARSHA KLINE PRUETT, Ph.D., M.S.L.**

Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., M.S.L. is a psychologist with masters' degrees in law and in education. She is the Maconda Brown O'Connor Professor at Smith College School for Social Work. She has twenty-five years of clinical experience with individuals, couples, families and children. Her expertise includes couples counseling and consultation, father involvement consultation, legal case development for attorneys, mediation, and collaborative divorce. She provides training nationally and abroad to mental health and legal professionals. Her scholarly works include numerous professional articles, curricula, chapters, and 3 books focused on couple and co-parental relationships, marriage, and divorce – including *Your Divorce Advisor: A Psychologist and Attorney Lead You through the Legal and Emotional Landscape of Divorce* (Fireside) and *Partnership Parenting* (2009, Perseus) written with her husband. She is involved in research projects spanning supporting father involvement group interventions in the U.S. and Canada; the evaluation of online parenting programs; a global conflict resolution and peace building program; and the design and evaluation of model ADR programs that help families resolve disputes outside of the adversarial system. Her research on a model continuum of effective and cost-efficient co-parenting services in the Connecticut courts, father involvement, and parenting plans for young children earned her the Association of Family and Conciliation Court's Stanley Cohen Award for Distinguished Research. She is currently the President-elect of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

### **DR. KYLE D. PRUETT M.**

Dr. Kyle Pruett, Clinical Professor of Child Psychiatry and Nursing, served as Director of Medical Studies at the Yale School of Medicine's Child Study Center, where he received both the Lifetime Distinguished Teaching and Lifetime Achievement awards. He has been in the private practice of infant, child and family psychiatry since 1974.

As past president of Zero to Three: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers and their Families, he headed America's most prestigious multi-disciplinary resource and training center for infant/family professionals. Award-winning author and researcher, his writings include 100+ original scientific articles, the classic *Nurturing Father*, (American Health Book Award), *Fatherneed, Me, Myself and I: The Child's Sense of Self* (Independent Book Publisher's Award), and *Partnership Parenting: How Men and Women Parent Differently-Why it Helps Your Kids and Can Strengthen Your Marriage* (also published in Mandarin) He is a frequent contributor to national and international print (NY Times, Toronto Globe and Mail, London Times), and electronic media, with television appearances on NBC, CBC, ABC News, CBS Morning News, NPR. He sits on the PBS National Advisory Board, and Sesame Workshop Board of Directors. He was chosen by Peter Jennings to co-host the 'Children's Town Meeting' for ABC News the Saturday after 9/11, and by Oprah Winfrey to co-host her video for new parents, "Begin With Love".

With his wife Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D., he serves as co-investigator in the Collaborative Divorce Project to reduce the trauma of divorce in young children's lives, and the award-winning 8 yr., 900+ family, multi-site, multi-cultural abuse and neglect prevention study, 'Supporting Fatherhood Involvement' for California's Office of Child Abuse Prevention (with replications underway in Canada and the UK.). He served as Visiting Professor of Psychiatry to the University of Calgary School of Medicine, and consults to the prestigious international Early Childhood Peace Consortium at the United Nations/UNICEF. He also co-leads the Early Childhood Post-Graduate Fellowship for the Salama bint Hamdan Foundation in Abu Dhabi.

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## DAY TWO MORNING PANEL

### Never Let a Good Crisis Go To Waste:

#### Ethical Dilemmas Facing Lawyers & Mental Health Professionals in Work with High Conflict Parents

**Audience:** Lawyers, Mental Health Professionals **Time:** Friday, March 17, 2017

Some parents manage the challenges of separation while others embark on the high seas of conflict. They can become angry and mistrustful even of the professionals who are trying to assist them. This session will highlight the most frequent ethical dilemmas arising in our work, as lawyers and mental health professionals, with high conflict parents. There will be discussion of ways to address these issues so that we ethically serve the client and protect both the client and the professional.

**Format:** Panel presentation and opportunities for audience discussion.

**Bruce Llewellyn, MSW** -Manager of Regulatory Practice/Complaints Director, AB College of Social Workers

**Ross McLeod, QC** - Practice Advisor, Law Society of Alberta

**Derek Truscott, PhD.** - University of Alberta. Author of Ethics for the Practice of Psychology in Canada, Revised & Expanded Edition. (2013) co-authored with lawyer, Kenneth Crook

**Moderator: Pat Petrie, PhD.**, Registered Psychologist

## DAY TWO AFTERNOON PANEL

### Hear the Voices of Youth and Young Adults of Separation and Divorce ... Panel Discussion



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## REGISTRATION

Two Day Cost: Members **\$500** Non-members **\$600**

One Day (*Either Day*) **\$275** Non-members **\$300**

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**Fairfield Inn & Suites Calgary Downtown** 239 12 Ave SW, Calgary (403) 351-6500