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Making Family Law:
Facts, Values, and Practicalities

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AGENDA

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Empire Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Monday, June 18, 2007

4:30-6:30 pm  Registration
The registration desk will be open from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

8:00-8:30 am  Continental Breakfast & Registration
The registration desk will be open from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

8:30-8:45 am  Welcome and Opening Session

8:45-10:15 am  Session 1 – Norm Creation in Family Law
Moderator:  Merle Weiner
Presenters:
Margaret Brinig, Legal Status and Effects on Children
June Carbone, Red Families v. Blue Families: Federalism in an Era of Family Law Polarization
Leslie Harris, Voluntary Acknowledgements of Paternity: Judgments or Creations of Status Relationships
8:45-10:15 am  **Session 2 – Problems of Child and Family Support Enforcement**  
Pavilion 1  
Moderator: Margo Melli  
Presenters:  
  * David Rosettenstein, *Choice of Law in International Child Support Obligations: Hague or Vague, And Does It Matter?*  

8:45-10:15 am  **Session 3 – Perspectives on Marriage and Property**  
Pavilion 2  
Moderator: Marsha Garrison  
Presenters:  
  * Alicia Kelly, *Unmasking Interdependence: Reconceptualizing Property Relations During Marriage*  
  * Tom Oldham, *Property Rights of Mobile Spouses at Divorce*  
  * Marie T. Reilly, *The Boundary Between Individuality and Partnership within Marriage*  

10:15-10:30 am  **Coffee Break**

10:30 am-12:00 pm  **Session 4 – Perspectives on Same Sex Marriage**  
Crystal Ballroom West  
Moderator: Martha Bailey  
Presenters:  
  * Kerry Abrams (& Peter Brooks), *The New Rhetoric of Reproductive Marriage*  
  * Angela Burns, *The Civil Partnership Act 2004: A Case of “No Sex Please, We’re British”*

10:15 am-12:00 pm  **Session 5 – Reimagining the Family and Family Relationships**  
Pavilion 1  
Moderator: Solangel Maldanado  
Presenters:  
  * Nancy Polikoff, *Valuing All Families: Law Reform for the 21st Century*  

10:30 am-12:00 pm  **Session 6 – Family Law and Changing Relationships**  
Pavilion 2  
Moderator: Ann Estin  
Presenters:  
  * Craig Lind, *A Global Family? Culture, Sexuality and Family Regulation*  
  * Federica Giardini, *New Perspectives and Traditional Problems in Italian Family Law: Cohabitation Outside Marriage*
12:00-1:30 pm  Lunch - Keynote Address
Crystal Ballroom West
Dr. Zheng Wu, Professor and Chair of Sociology Department, University of Victoria

1:30-3:00 pm  Session 7 – Legal Recognition of Non-Marital Cohabitation
Crystal Ballroom West
Moderator: Leslie Harris
Presenters:
Jan Ainsworth, Beyond Status and Control
Susan Boyd, Marriage or Naught? Reinscribing a Distinction Between Marriage and Unmarried Cohabitation in Canada?
Julie Shapiro, What It Means To Be “Marriage-Like”: Enforcing Gendered Dependence in Unmarried Couples in Washington

1:30-3:00 pm  Session 8 – Developing Values in Family Law
Pavilion 1
Moderator: Margaret Brinig
Presenters:
Caitlin Borgmann, The Meaning of Life
Scott FitzGibbon, No-fault Divorce and Respect for Marital Honor
Lynn Wardle, Reconceptualizing Alimony: Balancing Values and Practicalities in an Era of Social Change

1:30-3:00 pm  Session 9 – The Many Facets of Childrens’ Rights
Pavilion 2
Moderator: David Rosettenstein
Presenters:
Barbara Atwood, Representing the Indian Child: Lessons from Tribal Traditions and the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child
Lucinda Ferguson, The Children’s Rights Myth: The Theory Gap and the Potential for an Argument from Virtue Jurisprudence
Jim Dwyer, Improving Family Formation Decisions by the State at the Time Children Are Born

3:00-3:15 pm  Coffee Break
3:15-4:45 pm  
**Session 10 – Continuing Problems in Family Law**  
Crystal Ballroom West  
Moderator: Tom Oldham  
Presenters:  
- Rosanne Piatt, *An Age-Old Question: How Young is too Young to Marry? and Who Decides?*  
- Margaret Isabel Hall, *Other People’s Children: Child Death Inquiries and the Lesson of Failure*  

3:15-4:45 pm  
**Session 11 – New Perspectives on Family Law Issues**  
Pavilion 1  
Moderator: Margo Melli  
Presenters:  
- Clare Huntington, *Love Hate and Reparations*  
- Solangel Maldonado, *Law and the Role of Emotion in Divorce and Paramour Actions*  
- Angela Kupenda, *Learning from Family Law to Address America’s Family-Like Race Dysfunction*  

3:15-4:45 pm  
**Session 12 – The Varied Problems of Child Support**  
Pavilion 2  
Moderator: Linda Elrod  
Presenters:  
- Tonya Brito, *Beyond Deadbeat Dads: Child Support Policy Confronts the Complexities of Fatherhood in America*  
- Dan Hatcher, *Child Support Harming Children: Subordinating the Best Interests of Children to the Fiscal Interests of the State*  

7:00-9:00 pm  
**Sunset Cruise and Dinner**  
*Boarding at Harbor Cruise Marina, 1 North Foot of Denman Street at 6:30 p.m.*
Wednesday, June 20, 2007

8:00-8:30 am  Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:00 am  Session 13 – The Interface of Family Law and Religion
Crystal Ballroom West
Moderator: June Carbone
Presenters:
  Martha Bailey, *Contested Family Law Values in a World of Legal Pluralism*
  Ann Estin, *Official and Unofficial Family Law*
  Robin Fretwell Wilson, *The Perils of Privatized Marriage*

8:30-10:00 am  Session 14 – Perspectives on Family Law and Dispute Resolution
Pavilion 1
Moderator: Barbara Atwood
Presenters:
  Ann Freedman, *Improving Responses to Child Custody Contests in the Face of Value Disagreements*

8:30-10:00 am  Session 15 – The Future of Marriage
Pavilion 2
Moderator: Susan Boyd
Presenters:
  Maxine Eichner, *Marriage and the Elephant: The Liberal Democratic State’s Regulation of Intimate Relationships between Adults*
  Marsha Garrison, *The Decline of Ceremonial Marriage: Reasons and Recommendations*
  Elizabeth Scott, *A World Without Marriage*

10:00-10:15 am  Coffee Break

10:15-11:45 am  Session 16 – Problems of Parental Relocation and Child Abduction
Crystal Ballroom West
Moderator: Lynn Wardle
Presenters:
  Merle Weiner, *Inertia and Inequality: Reconceptualizing Disputes over Parental Relocation*
  Linda Elrod, *Making Family Law: Drafting Legislation to Prevent Child Abduction*
10:15-11:45 am  
**Session 17 – The Diverse Problems That Arise in Family Law**  
Pavilion 1  
Moderator: Julie Shapiro  
Presenters:  
Margaret Isabel Hall, *Autonomy and Exploitation: Capacity, Duress and Undue Influence in Late Life “May-December” Relationships*  
Lowell Schechter, *The Impact of Current Immigration Laws on Family Unity*

10:15-11:45 am  
**Session 18 – Problems in Adoption**  
Pavilion 2  
Moderator: Tonya Brito  
Presenters:  
Mark Strasser, *The Rights of the Unmarried Father: A Jurisprudence in Disarray*  
David Ray Papke, “Classifying” Adoption Law

12:00-1:45 pm  
**Lunch & Closing Program**