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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**
Crystal Ballroom The registration desk will be open from 8:00-8:30 a.m.
West

8:30-8:45 am **Welcome and Opening Session**
Crystal Ballroom
West

8:45-10:15 am **Session 1 – Norm Creation in Family Law**
Crystal Ballroom Moderator: Merle Weiner
West 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
Pavilion 1
- Session 2 – Problems of Child and Family Support Enforcement**
Moderator: Margo Melli
Presenters:
Marianne Blair, *Expanding Notions of Sovereignty in International Support Enforcement: A Modest Proposal*
David Rosettenstein, *Choice of Law in International Child Support Obligations: Hague or Vague, And Does It Matter?*
Gillian Calder & E. Llana Nakonechny, “Smells Like Family Law”: *Critical Reflections on Dickie v. Dickie*
- 8:45-10:15 am
Pavilion 2
- Session 3 – Perspectives on Marriage and Property**
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
Crystal Ballroom
West
- Session 4 – Perspectives on Same Sex Marriage**
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
Pavilion 1
- Session 5 – Reimagining the Family and Family Relationships**
Moderator: Solangel Maldonado
Presenters:
Nancy Polikoff, *Valuing All Families: Law Reform for the 21st Century*
Eva Ryrstedt, *National Registration in Sweden; Formal Rules with Impact on Family Law – A Comparison*
- 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Pavilion 2
- Session 6 – Family Law and Changing Relationships**
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
Crystal Ballroom
West

Lunch - Keynote Address

Dr. Zheng Wu, Professor and Chair of Sociology Department, University of Victoria

1:30-3:00 pm
Crystal Ballroom
West

Session 7 – Legal Recognition of Non-Marital Cohabitation

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
Pavilion 1

Session 8 – Developing Values in Family Law

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
Pavilion 2

Session 9 – The Many Facets of Childrens’ Rights

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
Crystal Ballroom
West

Session 10 – Continuing Problems in Family Law

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
Pavilion 1

Session 11 – New Perspectives on Family Law Issues

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
Pavilion 2

Session 12 – The Varied Problems of Child Support

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
Crystal Ballroom
West

Session 13 – The Interface of Family Law and Religion

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
Pavilion 1

Session 14 – Perspectives on Family Law and Dispute Resolution

Moderator: Barbara Atwood

Presenters:

Ann Freedman, *Improving Responses to Child Custody Contests in the Face of Value Disagreements*

Lisa Glennon, *Intimate Obligations – Three Discourses and the Need for the “Fourth Way”*

8:30-10:00 am
Pavilion 2

Session 15 – The Future of Marriage

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
Crystal Ballroom
West

Session 16 – Problems of Parental Relocation and Child Abduction

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
Pavilion 1

Session 17 – The Diverse Problems That Arise in Family Law

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
Pavilion 2

Session 18 – Problems in Adoption

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