

## 2016 IFTA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### Wednesday March 30, 2016

**9:00-11:00 Registration for Pre-Congress Only** **Grand Promenade**

**10:30-12:00 Pre-Congress Workshops Start**

Introduction to Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy Kohala 2

*Judith Kellner-USA*

This Pre-Conference will offer an introduction to Emotionally Focused Therapy for Couples (EFT), an evidence-based approach to couple treatment. This model emphasizes the importance of attachment in relationship distress that results from threats to safety, security and closeness. The model has a map and clear steps in which the therapist is focusing on the emotions each one in the couple is experiencing as a result of the distress. Through lecture, PP, video tapes and experiential exercises, participants will become familiar with the nine steps of EFT as well as the specific skills and interventions used in this model.

International Case Consultation: Facilitating Cultural Competent Supervisors Waikoloa 2

*Takeshi Tamura-Japan*

Culture provides value system in our personal and family lives; such as structure, life cycle, role and communication pattern in the family. Culture also influences the problem formation and the work of therapist. Cultural value unconsciously sits deep in our daily lives, and only become visible when we meet different culture. Hawaii is a crossroad of East and West; ideal place for the therapists from different cultures to meet.

**12:00-13:00 Lunch**

**13:30-16:00 Pre-Congress Workshops Continued**

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**14:00-17:00 Registration Open**

**Grand Promenade**

### Thursday, March 31, 2016

**7:00-17:30**

**Registration Open**

**Grand Promenade**

**8:30-9:15 Workshops (45 Minutes)**

**Room**

New Home. New System. New Family?: The Place of Family Therapists in Group Home Settings Waikoloa 3

*Mishelle Ortiz-Velez-USA*

*Melina Rodriguez-USA*

This presentation explores the benefits of implementing systemic ideas typically applied in family therapy, working with female adolescents transitioning from high-risk environments, within the group home setting. Specific systemic techniques are discussed in terms of how they can be implemented with this population to decrease resistance and improve outcomes.

Applying Musical Interventions in Family Therapy Waikoloa 2

*Beth Nemesh-Israel*

Based on Satir's model and Alvin's Free Improvisation model the presentation describes a family-based musical intervention implemented with 'typical' families. This research examines therapist's perceptions concerning using music in therapy, professional experience and therapeutic outcomes of engaging families in a musical session.

Healing the Traumatized Brain: Utilizing EMDR and Neurofeedback in Family Therapy to Treat Psychological Trauma Kohala 1

*Diana Mille-USA*

*Jeffrey Schutz-USA*

*Lindsay Higdon-USA*

This presentation will explore, within a family systems paradigm, the clinical efficacy of integrating Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) and Neurofeedback (NF) in healing the traumatized brain. Relevant assessments, protocols, and outcome measurements, utilized in this integrated approach, will be summarized and evaluated through an illustrated case study.

Children Coping with Parental Illness: How Family Therapists Can Help? Kohala 2

*Karni Kissil-USA*

Parental medical illness can impair parenting and negatively affect children. The healthcare system in the U.S. does not routinely support children when a parent has a serious illness. Participants will learn how to intervene with this population using family-centered assessments and clinical approaches in collaboration with healthcare providers.

What Every Therapist Should Know About Attachment Behaviors In Couple Relationships Kona 1

*Jonathan Sandberg-USA*

*Dean Busby-USA*

The purpose of this presentation is to help family therapists learn how to measure and use attachment behaviors in their work with couples. We will use both recent research and clinical examples to describe why focusing on attachment behaviors can be so helpful.

Teaching Medical Family Therapy: Global experiences <i>Ileana Ungureanu-USA</i> <i>Isha Williams-USA</i>	Teaching Medical Family Therapy will be presented from two cultural and global perspectives. One presenter is an American and the other presenter is Romanian. Both presenters teach and provide supervision to MFT students in Romania and the US. They will discuss issues relevant to cultural aspects in teaching internationally.	Kona 2
The Supervisor as Mentor <i>Dorothy Becvar-USA</i>	This workshop will consider the distinctive issues that are critical to effective supervision mentoring. The focus of this workshop will be on the development of meaningful, collaborative supervisory relationships with an emphasis on creating contracts, acknowledging cultural, gender, and socioeconomic issues, and managing legal and ethical issues.	Kona 3
Neurobiology And Its Implications For Parents And Practitioners <i>Stacy Fogarty</i> <i>Christi D. Myers</i>	Interpersonal neurobiology explores how relationships shape and rewire neural circuitry. The neurobiological power of play utilized in the therapy room with caregivers and children impacts behavior and feelings. This constructs relationship-building strategies for parents. Horizontal and vertical integration of brain functioning facilitates neuroplasticity allowing for new connections and wiring.	Waikoloa 1
IFTA and MFT Students <i>John Lawless</i> <i>William Hiebert</i>	3 sections: Intro to IFTA, What is coming up over the next 3 days, and how to get the most out of your congress experience.	Kohala 4
<b>9:30-10:15 Workshops (45 Minutes)</b>		
Family-Centered Collaborative Care In Japan - Practice In Three Unique Fields <i>Toshiyuki Watanabe-Japan</i> <i>Chiemi Chiba-Japan</i> <i>Yukiko Nakajima-Japan</i>	This presentation introduces the practice of family-centered collaborative care in three unique fields in Japan. first is childcare support, second is childcare in mixed marriage and third is sporting world. Understanding other fields according to the context of Family Therapy is having positive effects on other fields.	Waikoloa 3
Integrating Sandtray Therapy into EFT with Couples <i>Daniel Sweeney-USA</i> <i>Michelle Engblom-Deglmann-USA</i>	Couples therapy is most effective through creative processes that encourage communication. Emotionally focused therapy and sandtray therapy both involve creative decoding of intrapersonal systems and collaborative inquiry. Sandtray therapy is a safe expressive avenue to explore the attachment dance that EFT seeks to promote. This workshop explores this exciting combination.	Waikoloa 2
Writing for Publication in Marriage and Family Therapy <i>Jake Johnson-USA</i>	This workshop will focus on how to be successful in writing for publication in the field of marriage and family therapy. Particular attention will be paid to navigating the process of publication as well as current scholarly trends in MFT.	Kohala 1
Neurobiological Pathways of Chemical Dependency and Eating Disorders: A Treatment Approach <i>Katheryn Whittaker-USA</i>	Primary research surrounding families with chemical addiction and disordered eating has focused primarily on individualized behavioral therapies, concentrating less on applying manualized group treatment models to either population. Originally designed for chemical addiction treatment, this study introduces an adaptation of an evidenced-based manualized group treatment model, the Matrix Model.	Kohala 2
Clinical Feedback-Feedforward: Using Clinical Feedback Systems in MFT Training <i>William Northey</i>	Advances in technology have made it possible to provide real-time clinical feedback to students, trainees, clinicians, and supervisors in a variety of clinical contexts. Clinical Feedback Systems (CFS) are designed to provide clinically relevant information to systemic clinicians and supervisors and in real time.	Kona 1
Family Matters: A Systemic View of Treating Addiction <i>Melody Bacon-USA</i> <i>Ronald Bacon-USA</i>	This workshop will present an integrative approach to substance abuse treatment based on the work of Bowen, Jung and Alcoholics Anonymous. This program will teach participants how to effectuate change in the family in order to better support the recovery efforts of the addict.	Kona 2
Growing Up In Poverty: The Impact Of Poverty On Families And Early Childhood Development <i>Benton Johnson-USA</i> <i>Ileana Ungureanu-USA</i>	Children raised in families facing various forms of poverty during early childhood confront identifiable risk factors that impact family dynamics as well as early brain development. Through experiential presentations and activities, true life family videos, participants will learn to identify the impact of poverty on families and subsequent appropriate interventions.	Kona 3

Inspiring Interactions: You, Me, and Creativity <i>Hee-Sun Cheon-USA</i>	Creativity is a cornerstone of the change process in therapy. This workshop will address and discuss the unique role creativity plays in facilitating change in interpersonal interactions, and will provide an opportunity to experience interactive and playful interventions that can foster creativity in therapy process.	Kohala 4
<b>10:15-10:45 Recess Break</b>		
<b>10:45-12:00 Welcome and Opening Plenary Session</b>		<b>Kona Ballroom</b>
Bringing Forth Patterns of Interpersonal Interaction to Enable Therapeutic Change		
<i>Karl Tomm</i>	As family members, we inevitably drift into patterns of recurrent interaction that often support wellness, but could inadvertently foster pathology. Therapists who develop the perceptual and conceptual skills entailed in distinguishing these patterns become empowered to work more systemically. The 'IPscope' will be offered as a heuristic tool to enable therapists in recognizing these patterns and use them to guide their clinical work with families in therapy.	
<b>12:00-13:30 Lunch Break</b>		
<b>13:30-14:15 Workshops (45 Minutes)</b>		
Finding Purpose Through Healing Mother Earth: The STARRS Program		Waikoloa 3
<i>Holly Carbone-USA</i> <i>Ida Dahkoshay-USA</i> <i>Meriel Goklish-USA</i>	In this interactional workshop, we will present information regarding our ABHS STARRS Program (Project Venture). We will share client reports, video interviews, and program details. Workshop participants will be asked to engage in activities that we use with the Native youth. Presenters will discuss program details, implementation, and lessons learned.	
Military Families: Balancing You, Me, and Them		Waikoloa 2
<i>Lara Davis-USA</i>	Military couples and families face unique challenges. Therapists must navigate through complex aspects of military couples' relationships that are uniquely affected by military service. This workshop presents the challenges that military couples face, including a military culture perspective and suggests a treatment model from a multisystemic lens.	
Teaching Family Therapy in the 21st Century		Kohala 1
<i>Diane Gehart-USA</i>	This workshop provides an overview of common challenges in contemporary MFT education, including external demands to measure competencies, implement evidence-based treatments, and render DSM diagnoses. Participants will learn about options for teaching family therapy using new frameworks, such as Tomm's interpersonal pattern approach and systemic evidence-based treatments.	
Conflict - Bullying - Cyberbullying - What's the difference? A Multi-Systemic Approach		Kohala 2
<i>Regula Berger-Switzerland</i>	Professionals and parents are often confronted with the dilemma in assessing the difference between a conflict and a (cyber-)bullying situation. New directions in research show that internet victimization co-occurs with traditional bullying among teens. Multi-systemic intervention and prevention methods are discussed.	
Paternal And Maternal Experiences In Caring For Children With Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder In A Chinese Context: Implications For Family Therapy		Kona 1
<i>Joyce Lai Chong Ma-China</i>	This presentation aimed to report the results of a study conducted in a Chinese context such as Hong Kong, which aimed to compare the paternal and maternal experiences in parenting children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.	
"Just" Talk in Interpersonal Interactions		Kona 2
<i>Faye Gosnell-Canada</i> <i>Emily Doyle-Canada</i>	While racism or sexism are more obvious to identify, injustices occurring in everyday family living can be difficult to see. In our workshop we will present a recent project at the Calgary Family Therapy Centre in which we studied how everyday instances of "injustices" were discussed in family therapy.	
How to do an Interactional Pattern Analysis: Truly Relational Diagnosis		Kona 3
<i>Warwick Phipps-South Africa</i>	This presentation explains how to do an interactional pattern analysis, a truly relational diagnostic approach. Following a person-centered interview, the patterns of interaction are described along 15 dimensions and then linked with the presenting problem/s. An integrative treatment plan targets these dysfunctional interactional patterns to effect rapid resolution.	
Recuperating Her Existence: The Power of Definitional Ceremonies with Survivors of Rape		Waikoloa 1
<i>Alicia Gomez-USA</i>	Definitional Ceremonies (DC), open space for survivors of rape to tell their story before an audience of chosen witnesses. Survivors feel more visible as they thicken conclusions about their identity. Therapists will learn the structure of DC's, the power of DC's with rape survivors, and therapeutic responsibility.	

<p>Premarital Counseling for Muslims: Major Factors to Consider</p> <p><i>Heather Laird-USA</i> <i>Jay Burke-USA</i></p>	<p>This presentation summarizes current research and practice around premarital education and counseling for Muslim populations and makes suggestions for the major factors that should be considered as part of this process. Additionally, a preliminary premarital program based on these factors will be presented and discussed.</p>	Kohala 4
<b>14:30-15:15 Workshops (45 Min)</b>		
<p>Bullying and the Transparent Brain: Constructing Circuits of Biosocial Healing</p> <p><i>Suzanne Hanna-USA</i></p>	<p>Bullying is physiological and social trauma with developmental consequences, regardless of victim's age. This presentation describes the neurobiology of victims and their liberation. Healing emphasizes family/social involvement that rewires brains, providing a blueprint for growth. Clinicians leverage these resources for brain-informed, family-involved transformations.</p>	Waikoloa 3
<p>Managing Monogamism in Couple and Family Therapy Practice</p> <p><i>Coreen Haym-USA</i> <i>Markie Blumer Twist-USA</i></p>	<p>Adults who choose to be either non-monogamous or a part of a plural marriage often face fear, animosity, confusion, and legal dangers. People may hesitate to seek psychosocial help fearing monogamism inside the therapy room. To be ethical and viable clinicians need be prepared to work with these clients.</p>	Waikoloa 2
<p>Most and Least Meaningful Learning Experiences in Family Therapy Education</p> <p><i>Fred Piercy-USA</i> <i>Hoa Nguyen-USA</i></p>	<p>What makes family therapy education meaningful to MFT graduate students? What inspires them and motivates them to learn? What demoralizes them? The presenter will discuss what they learned from 68 MFT graduate students and recent graduates.</p>	Kohala 1
<p>Using Self of the Therapist Experiential Exploration to Increase Efficacy with Social Justice</p> <p><i>Cadmona A. Hall-USA</i> <i>Amy Zavada-USA</i></p>	<p>The purpose of this interactive presentation is to highlight the role of experiential teaching in enhancing Family Therapy trainees' understanding and clinical efficacy related to social justice. Participants will be introduced to a new intervention and develop the skills to appropriately process challenging conversations related to dimensions of culture.</p>	Kohala 2
<p>Healing Stories and Stories that Heal</p> <p><i>William "Wally" Scott-USA</i></p>	<p>The collaborative therapist as an audience to clients' stories, empowers them to become author-ities, and more involved in the construction of their own healing stories while also using storytelling principles to construct and share stories that heal. Key elements in the use of narrative practices will be covered.</p>	Kona 1
<p>Understanding And Utilizing Biases In Therapy</p> <p><i>Jessica Taylor-USA</i> <i>Cynthia Penalva-USA</i></p>	<p>Family Therapists all have biases. When we attempt to separate biases from ourselves, we miss opportunities to gain clinical skills. This workshop will illustrate how personal biases show up and challenge therapists. The participants will identify personal biases and takeaway practical ways to understand and utilize them in therapy.</p>	Kona 2
<p>Transgenerational Trauma Effects on Parenting: Clinical Implications</p> <p><i>Korlany Chhun-USA</i> <i>Tatiana Glebova-USA</i></p>	<p>This presentation will focus on the mediating role of parenting styles in the transmission of transgenerational trauma from parents to children, the effects on children, and clinical implications for interventions and treatment.</p>	Kona 3
<p>Facilitating Change in Single Therapy Sessions with At-risk Minority Youth</p> <p><i>Daphney Lundi-USA</i></p>	<p>School counselors are inundated with responsibilities in addition to large caseloads of students to counsel. The mandates of the job can create time restrictions. The speaker will present 3 case examples of facilitating change within single-sessions when working with at-risk minority youth in an urban school setting.</p>	Waikoloa 1
<p>The International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) Workshop I</p> <p><i>Dorothy Becvar-USA</i></p>	<p>In this workshop members of the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) will provide an overview of their history and goals as well as the standards and requirements that must be met in order to be designated as an accredited program.</p>	Kohala 4

**15:15-15:45 Recess Break****15:45-16:30 Workshops (45 Min)**

The Realities of Autism: Adjusting Systemic Approaches to Accommodate Interventions for Families on this Spectrum		Waikoloa 3
<i>Claudia Gomez-Walsh-USA</i>	This training will bring a new perspective to therapy for the rapidly growing autism population and their affected families. Utilizing case studies, the presenter will explore the diverse needs of these families. Professionals interested in the autism population will expand their choice of systemic treatment interventions.	
Internalized Other Interviewing As An Unique Clinical Method		Kohala 1
<i>Karl Tomm-Canada</i>	When an 'individual' comes to be seen as constituted by 'an internalized community,' it becomes coherent to interview any member of that inner community as part of the self. As a result, previously internalized patterns of interaction with others can be re-externalized and become available for therapeutic work.	
Family Play Therapy: Honoring Children in Systems Therapy		Kohala 2
<i>Daniel Sweeney-USA</i> <i>Richard Shaw-USA</i>	Family therapy recognizes that the systemic perspective of treatment has significant benefit for troubled families. Children in these families are often forgotten in the process, or compelled to participate in "adult" verbal therapy. This workshop will cover family play therapy, focusing on family dynamics and various family play therapy interventions.	
The Brazilian General Public'S Opinion About Lesbian And Gay Families And Their Children – A Quantitative Research		Kona 1
<i>Carlos Temperini-Brazil</i>	This quantitative research describes a Brazilian general public's opinion about Lesbian and Gay Families and their Children.It was compounded by 1055 participants from all regions of Brazil. It analyzed three main topics: Lesbian and Gay Marriage, Lesbian and Gay Families and Children development of Lesbian and Gay Parents.	
The Cross-Racial Therapeutic Relationship: Genuine or Fantasy		Kona 2
<i>Marlene F. Watson-USA</i> <i>Argie Allen-Wilson-USA</i>	Genuine cross-racial relationships, particularly black-white relationships, may be overshadowed by relational fractures and injustices stemming from slavery and insidious racism. This presentation explores the impact of white supremacy and the legacy of slavery on the cross-racial therapeutic relationship.	
An Exploration of Hawaiian Ethnic Identity and its Link to Well-Being		Kona 3
<i>Trina Popowich-USA</i> <i>Rajeswari Natrajan-Tyagi-USA</i>	For Native Hawaiians, ethnic identity is a complex issue shaped by factors such as history, cultural trauma, multiethnicity, and out-migration from the Islands. This phenomenological study provides insight into the ethnic identity of second-generation mainland Hawaiians living in Southern California and the connection between their identity and wellbeing.	
Adolescent Substance Use and the Family		Waikoloa 1
<i>Jenna Scott-USA</i>	This presentation explores how adolescent substance use affects the entire family system. The presenter will review her qualitative research on caregivers' experience of their adolescent's substance use. Results reveal the complex and challenging dynamics among adolescent substance use and the family. Clinical implications for family therapists will be discussed.	
Core Focused Family Therapy		Kohala 4
<i>Judye Hess-USA</i>	In this workshop, participants will learn the major concepts in Core Focused Family Therapy, and will see a live demonstration of this approach, using volunteers from among the participants, to create a "role-play" family. This will be followed by discussion and application to their own clinical settings.	
<b>16:45-17:30 Workshops (45 Min)</b>		
Inside-Out: Natural Systems Family Therapy Program for TRANS+GENDER Questioning Families		Waikoloa 3
<i>Eva Smidova-USA</i>	The purpose of this workshop is to introduce unique group therapy program for families of trans and gender questioning children, the youth, and adults. The program involves entire family system and is based on the Natural Systems therapeutic approach. The program targets significant decrease of anxiety and psychological distress.	
Treating Complex Trauma from an Attachment-Informed Bowenian Perspective: Case Study of A Middle Eastern Student in the United States		Kohala 1
<i>Kaitlin Messier-USA</i> <i>Samreen Patel-USA</i> <i>Lin Shi-USA</i>	This case study examines a young woman of Mideast origin living in the U.S.. From a Bowenian and attachment perspective, the therapists set out to address her severe anxiety and depression resulting from physical and emotional trauma she has experienced, complicated by clashing of Middle Eastern and Western	
Using Relationship Counselling to Address Trauma		Kohala 2
<i>David Allan-Australia</i> <i>Rebecca Codrington-Australia</i>	As innovative techniques to address trauma have emerged the focus remains largely on individuals and their relationship context is often an untapped resource. This presentation provides a map of different options for customising therapy to address the symptoms of trauma using a relationship counselling framework to open up new possibilities.	

<p><b>Enhancing Therapeutic Relationships With the Person-of-the-Therapist Training (POTT) Model</b></p> <p><i>Alba Niño-USA</i> <i>Karni Kissil-USA</i></p>	<p>In this presentation, participants will learn how the Person-of-the-Therapist Training (POTT) can help trainees develop more effective therapeutic relationships. This presentation is useful for therapists looking to improve their therapeutic connections with clients, and for trainers and supervisors interested in helping trainees develop better therapeutic relationships.</p>	Kona 1
<p><b>Filial Therapy with at-Risk Children in Turkey and the USA</b></p> <p><i>Volker Thomas-USA</i></p>	<p>This session presents an evidence-based approach to working with at-risk children and their families using Filial Therapy and Structural Family Therapy principles to improve child behavior and the parent-child relationship. Research and clinical experiences from Turkey and the USA will be offered.</p>	Kona 2
<p><b>“Faraway Fathers”: Thriving in the Face of Paternal Absence</b></p> <p><i>Jeff Chang-Canada</i> <i>Simon Nuttgens-Canada</i> <i>Emily Doyle-Canada</i></p>	<p>The oil and gas industry in Alberta, Canada requires many employees to leave home for extended periods of time, creating requiring them to develop creative ways to adapt. We used interpretative phenomenological analysis to distinguish themes of strength and resilience, and make recommendations for families, clinicians, and employers.</p>	Kona 3
<p><b>Infertility and Ambiguous Loss</b></p> <p><i>Michelle Engblom-Deglmann-USA</i></p>	<p>Infertility presents a difficult loss to quantify, but a loss nonetheless. By applying the concept of ambiguous loss to this group, we will explore the impact of infertility on couples and families. Using attachment theory as a basis, selected interventions for helping couples through this process will also be presented.</p>	Waikoloa 1
<p><b>Diversity Training in a MFT Program through Professional Formation Cohort Groups</b></p> <p><i>Suzanne Coyle-USA</i> <i>Anibal Torres Bernal-USA</i></p>	<p>Diversity training utilizing supervisor and peer interaction enables trainees to integrate personal awareness and professional skills to respond to diverse populations. This workshop presents a professional formation cohort group process that integrates self of therapist and clinical skills in understanding diversity concerns of spirituality, racial ethnicity, and gender/sexual orientation.</p>	Kohala 4
<b>17:45-18:30 Workshops (45 Min)</b>		
<p><b>Systemic View into the Lives of Mothers Raising Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) Children</b></p> <p><i>Mary Apio-USA</i></p>	<p>This workshop will discuss the systemic view of the mothers raising SCD Children. This presenter will discuss how such dynamics embed in culture and diversity often govern personal beliefs and professional attitudes that increase health related stigma towards mothers raising SCD children.</p>	Waikoloa 3
<p><b>Expediting Growth: Therapeutic Change Through Intensive, Experiential Family Interactions</b></p> <p><i>Tony Isseemann-USA</i> <i>Kendall Smith-USA</i></p>	<p>Adolescence and young adulthood are times of immense developmental and emotional transformation that may require creative family therapy approaches to navigate successfully. Presenters will discuss intensive family therapy interventions that contribute to clinically significant treatment outcomes for the child and family. Comprehensive qualitative and quantitative research will be reviewed.</p>	Kohala 1
<p><b>The Aftermath of Trauma, Repeated Losses and Ongoing Social Oppression: Facilitating Therapeutic Healing Among Diverse Families</b></p> <p><i>Matthew Mock-USA</i></p>	<p>The experience of repeated losses and trauma are ongoing concerns of many urban families. Family therapists are key in providing culturally-responsive therapeutic healing processes. Parents may best respond to the pervasive losses among children by focusing on reaffirming family wholeness, encouraging expressions of pain, and generating meaning sustaining hope.</p>	Kohala 2
<p><b>The Ripple Effect: Impact Of The Person-Of-The-Therapist Training (Pott) On Trainees’ Personal Lives</b></p> <p><i>Karni Kissil-USA</i> <i>Alba Niño-USA</i></p>	<p>POTT facilitates clinicians’ awareness, access and use of self, to work effectively with clients. Helping trainees accept their own woundedness promotes greater compassion towards self and others, resulting in significant personal benefits, which may reduce burnout. Participants will learn about POTT and how to facilitate similar growth with their trainees.</p>	Kona 1
<p><b>Beyond Journals: Using whole brain activity in MFT Training and Supervision</b></p> <p><i>Julie Liefeld-USA</i></p>	<p>Beyond Journals will explore mixed media expression of self of therapist in training, supervision and therapy. Participants will explore concepts, case examples and benefits of applying creative expression in supervision and therapy.</p>	Kona 2
<p><b>The Four A's of Forgiveness</b></p> <p><i>Derek Ball-USA</i></p>	<p>Helping clients understand each step of the forgiveness process is essential for addressing emotional injury and encouraging relational growth. This four-step model for forgiveness helps both sides of the injury participate in the healing process and gives them a structure they can follow.</p>	Kona 3

<p>Optimal Psychology and Family Therapy: An Alternative Paradigm to Treat Black Families</p> <p>Ashley Hicks-USA Jamari White-USA</p>	<p>This workshop will present and discuss Optimal Psychology and its application within the field of family therapy. We will discuss current challenges in treating Black families, current theoretical and treatment approaches, introduce the theory of Optimal Psychology and present case examples of how this paradigm can be utilized with families.</p>	<p>Waikoloa 1</p>
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<p>MFT Spiritual Competency</p> <p>Daniel Stillwell-USA</p>	<p>This brief presentation is on the results of 573 LMFTs from 32 different US states regarding how well they meet the spiritual needs of their clients and determining which factors contribute to this. Clinically and educationally useful information will be presented from the results as well as potential international considerations.</p>	<p>Kohlala 4</p>
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18:45-19:45 Welcome Ceremony and Reception	Lagoon Lanai
<b>Friday April 1, 2016</b>	

<b>07:00 - 17:30 Registration Open</b>	<i>Grand Promenade</i>
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<b>08:30-9:15 Briefs (2 consecutive 20 minute presentations)</b>	
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<p>Cinema-Narrative-Therapy: Utilizing Family Films to Externalize Children's "Problems"</p> <p>Brie Turns-USA</p>	<p>This presentation demonstrates the use of cinema-narrative-therapy when working with "problem" children. It discusses engaging families in a narrative conversation about a movie character's problem and the similarities with the child's problem. Externalization allows clients to view the problem separately from the character and child.</p>	<p>Waikoloa 3</p>
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<p>The Genogram Project</p> <p>Heather Laird-USA</p>	<p>This graduate project seeks to see explore cultural differences and patterns that emerge from collecting information on genograms. This study explores how the relationships within Muslim families are structured, and how they cope with various stressors.</p>	<p>Waikoloa 3</p>
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<p>The Sandwich Generation': Intergenerational Dynamics Between Older Adults and Caretakers</p> <p>Naveen Jonathan-USA Farhat Chaudhry-USA</p>	<p>Children of aging adults may find themselves 'sandwiched' between their children and their parents. The dynamics of this intergenerational exchange between three or more generations within a family unit is crucial for mental health professionals to note. A framework for working with clients experiencing 'the sandwich generation', will be proposed.</p>	<p>Waikoloa 2</p>
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<p>The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Integrating Behavioral Health into a Community Clinic</p> <p>Rachel Hughes-USA</p>	<p>This presentation will explore the experience of Marriage and Family Therapists and medical students integrating behavioral health services into a community clinic managed by medical students. Collaborative solutions to challenges will be described from both the medical and behavioral professional perspectives.</p>	<p>Waikoloa 2</p>
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<p>Healing Opportunity For Muslim Women Engaging In Family Counseling In The Western World</p> <p>Asmaa Alotaiby-USA</p>	<p>Does it fit with her? A question for MFTs to answer and evaluate when counseling Muslim women. Ongoing assumptions need to be challenged in relation to the process of understanding Muslim women in counseling. What do MFTs do to modify their traditional practice in the USA to make it applicable?</p>	<p>Kohala 1</p>
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<p>PAIRS training effect on Differentiation, and Conflict Resolution on trainee's leaders</p> <p>Zeev Appel-Israel</p>	<p>The purpose of the paper is to examine the influence of training in Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills (PAIRS) on Differentiation of Self, and Conflict Resolution Skills for trainees leaders of the program. The findings indicate improvement in the ability to resolve conflict but not on level of differentiation.</p>	<p>Kohala 2</p>
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<p>Psychoeducational Treatment Of Stressed And Traumatized Couples Within The Prison</p> <p>Zeev Appel-Israel Arie Cohen-Israel</p>	<p>Following is a case study of psychoeducational groups carried out in Israel with traumatized populations. It describes 20 years of groups run by students within the prison service for inmates and their partners. It will be followed by a section on the teaching of psychoeducational groups.</p>	<p>Kohala 2</p>
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<p>Culturally Constructed Parenting Practice: A Journey Of Negotiation Of Migrant Chinese Mothers Who Parent In Canada</p> <p>Martin Chung-yeung Lau-China Hannah Wai-ming Ho-China</p>	<p>Parenting practice is culturally constructed and it is fully revealed in a migration context. In this qualitative study, Mainland Chinese migrant mothers adopt various strategies to retain the Chinese values and identity while accommodating the western values in Canada. Implications for culturally responsive migrant family service would be discussed.</p>	<p>Kona 1</p>
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County Based Intensive Residential Treatment for Adolescent Trauma Victims <i>Ashley Davis-USA</i> <i>Desiree Seponski-USA</i>	A county-based juvenile detention facility teamed up with an organization specializing in treatment of dual-diagnoses adolescent trauma victims in hopes to reduce the rate of adolescents returning to juvenile detention facilities as well as empower young girls in their journey toward healing. Case illustrations will be provided.	Kona 1
Latino Skin Color: The Role of Discrimination, Racial identity, and Parental racial Socialization on Self Esteem and Depression <i>Ana Hernandez-USA</i>	Latinos are a minority group in the United States who are steadily growing (USA Census 2010). Using three racial identity models, this study examined the associations between self-reported skin color, racial discrimination, racial identity, parental racial socialization, self-esteem, and depressive symptoms in a sample of USA born Latinos.	Kona 2
Male Breadwinners, Trailing Wives And Third Culture Kids: Expat Families And What Lies Beneath <i>Lucinda Willshire-Australia</i>	A 'trailing wife' for more than 25 years, Lucinda supported the 'breadwinner's' U.N. career, raised 4 'third-culture kids' and cobbled a portable career family counselling in many expat communities. She wants to raise awareness of systemic issues that remain hidden to mainstream society.	Kona 2
International Collaboration & Applications for Family Therapy <i>Hugo Kamy-USA</i> <i>Elise Cole-USA</i>	How can we collaborate internationally and share family therapy practices in a culturally sensitive manner? The presenters will share their experiences collaborating between the United States and East Africa, including the personal impacts of global awareness.	Kona 3
Teaching Asian American Family Therapy and Social Justice: The Effectiveness of Cultural Community Immersion and Reliving History <i>Matthew Mock--USA</i>	Optimal teaching about Asian American family therapy and social justice is best through strategies infusing, integrating content, processes into practice. This is a prime opportunity teaching history and social justice then committing to advocacy with a focus on AAPI communities. 20 years of teaching AAPI psychology classes will be summarized.	Kona 3
The Reflecting Team Without A Team: The Use Of Polyphony And Multiple Voices In Private Practice <i>Monica Sesma-Vazquez-Canada</i>	Students and trainees in reflecting teams (Andersen, 1987) in Mexico commonly ask "why do I need to study, practice and be trained in a model of therapy that I cannot use in my private practice? I will not have a team". This presentation aims to respond to this concern.	Waikoloa 1
Assessing Narrative Change in a Parent Group: The Incredible Years Basic Parent Program <i>Maria Filomena Gaspar-Portugal</i> <i>Joana Sequeira-Portugal</i>	We discuss the results of narrative transformation in an education parenting group (Incredible Years Basic Program from Webster-Stratton). Results support the hypothesis that changes in narratives are linked to the success of the intervention.	Waikoloa 1
Embracing Their Out Of Home Care Children: Stories Of Parents With Children In Care <i>Ng Lai Tuen Monica</i> <i>Mei-Ching Mooly Wong-Hong Kong</i>	Parents with children in care are ambivalent with the return of children. Using clinical cases as examples, the presenters will share the parents' struggle of being a competent caregiver and process of re-building parent-child relationship. Some effective intervention strategies of working with these	Kohala 4
Multiple Family Group Therapy for Children in Care and their Families in a Chinese Context <i>Mei-Ching Mooly Wong-Hong Kong</i>	A service initiative that used multiple family group therapy for children in care and their families was launched in an NGO in Hong Kong. It aimed at providing quality family time, improving parent-child relationship and building mutual support among families. The model and the research findings will be reported.	Kohala 4
<b>9:30 - 10:15 Briefs (2 consecutive 20 minute presentations)</b>		
White-Haired Mourning The Dark-Haired: The Subjective Accounts Of Aged Chinese Mothers In Facing Cancer Death Of Adult Child <i>Kwan Ling Ng-China</i> <i>Hannah Wai Ming Ho-China</i>	Aged parents are rarely recognized and involved in medical system when preparing for the anticipatory death of terminally-ill adults in Hong Kong. This study reveals how the aged Chinese mothers interact with different ecological contexts to struggle their way in mothering adult children with cancer from dying till death.	Waikoloa 3
50 Shades of Pathologizing: Becoming Kink Competent and Culturally Sensitive Therapists <i>Alyssa Carangan-USA</i> <i>Shaundra Olson-USA</i>	The presentation will introduce the dynamics of relationships within the kink community and discuss existing literature to highlight the importance of increasing competency among therapists. Confronting transference and countertransference experienced during therapeutic sessions will be accented to produce awareness of verbal and non-verbal communication disturbances within the therapeutic relationship.	Waikoloa 3



Absent African American Father'S Impact	Waikoloa 2
<p><i>Ashley Frazier-USA</i> The purpose of this study was to understand the essence of the experiences of African American women who identified as having an absent father and how that absence shaped their lives in the past and presently.</p>	
Using Mindfulness to Encourage Neurological Development:10 Ways to Nurture a Healthy, Mindful Child	Waikoloa 2
<p><i>Rachel Hughes-USA</i> Mindfulness can utilize neuroplasticity to create a well-balanced and introspective child. This presentation will explore ten ways to encourage the neurological growth and development of a healthy and mindful child.</p>	
Religious Identity In Transition: Processes Of Change In The Religious Identity Of Jewish Newlyweds In Israel	Kohala 1
<p><i>Ofra Shalev-Israel</i> <i>Nehami Baum-Israel</i> A qualitative study reveal how newlyweds in Israel coped with the process of change in their religious identity, as part of the intimate encounter with their partner and as part of the change in their social status. The changes occurring in three dimensions: the individual, the relational, and the collective.</p>	
Protecting Children from the Wounds of Divorce	Kohala 1
<p><i>Melody Bacon-USA</i> Divorce is an emotionally complex experience. As a result the needs of the children are often neglected as divorcing spouses become caught up in the turmoil. This workshop will teach professionals how to assist clients in navigating these challenges in order to mitigate the damage to themselves and their children.</p>	
Beyond The Patient: Family-Oriented Brief Interventions In Primary Care	Kohala 2
<p><i>Ruth Nutting-USA</i> <i>Jennifer Harsh-USA</i> Utilizing brief interventions is an effective way to provide behavioral healthcare in primary care settings. While brief interventions are frequently utilized with patients, the family system is often ignored. Expanding brief interventions to include the patients' family systems can lead to better biopsychosocial outcomes for patients and their families.</p>	
Supervision: Characteristics of Competent Supervision	Kohala 2
<p><i>Lois Paff Bergen-USA</i> A practice analysis study of clinical supervision was conducted to identify the domains, tasks, and knowledge needed for competent supervision of clinicians. Sharing these results at IFTA is to promote discussion and share perspectives among practitioners engaged in clinical work and supervision about what constitutes competent supervision in varied contexts.</p>	
Applying Strengths Perspective In Promoting The Recovery Of Persons With Psychiatric Disability And Their Family Caregiver: From The Perspective Of Case Managers	Kona 1
<p><i>Li-yu Song-Taiwan</i> This study aimed to enhance the recovery of persons with psychiatric disability and their family caregiver. In the presentation, I'll depict how case managers reacted and enacted the principles of strengths perspective. Furthermore, the recovery outcomes of the dyad will be illustrated based on case managers' account.</p>	
The Safety is in the Telling: Sharing Stories of Safety and Survival	Kona 1
<p><i>Kate Warner-USA</i> Presenters will describe research detailing ways women are shaped by hearing and telling stories of resistance to violence. Findings suggest women take a proactive role toward non-violent relationships by constructing violence-resistant identities through small acts and developing powerful resources through story sharing to avoid or leave abusive relationships.</p>	
Community Therapy As An Intervention In Chemically Dependent Family Doctoral Thesis Presented At The Institute Caifcom- Porto Alegre - Brazil In July 2015	Kona 2
<p><i>Doralice Otaviano-Brazil</i> This research it is a PhD thesis defended recently and aims to understand what the impact of integrative systemic community therapy in drug addicts family groups studied and identify the familiar profile researched and what happens in the family careful and propose an intervention with systemic integrative community therapy.</p>	
A Collaborative Approach to Using Protected Listening Spaces in Clinical Supervision	Kona 2
<p><i>Lana Kim-USA</i> <i>Martha Laughlin-USA</i> This brief presentation describes an approach to supervision that uses reflecting team tenets, namely the protected listening space, to shift focus away from evaluation and reduce learner anxiety. Presenters will describe the praxis and application of this approach in their graduate program.</p>	
Siblings and Adolescent Mental Health	Kona 3
<p><i>James Harper-USA</i> Majority of youth have experienced adverse childhood experiences. This presentation details a trauma informed care practices intervention, delivered to teachers in an effort to change interactions between adults and students in an effort to improve student experiences. Preliminary results of the intervention will be presented and implications for clinicians discussed.</p>	

Trauma Informed Practice in Elementary School: Changing Interpersonal Interactions <i>Armeda Wojciak-USA</i>	Majority of youth have experienced adverse childhood experiences. This presentation details a trauma informed care practices intervention, delivered to teachers in an effort to change interactions between adults and students in an effort to improve student experiences. Preliminary results of the intervention will be presented and implications for clinicians discussed.	Kona 3
"Embracing The Unexpected" – Improvisation And Systemic Therapy <i>Matt Selman-United Kingdom</i>	This presentation will explore ideas on how we can actively develop a position where the unexpected and unplanned for become resources to weave into therapy. It reviews the role of improvisational responsiveness and offers ideas from theatrical improvisation training to enhance collaborative interactions and creative possibilities.	Waikoloa 1
Somatic Complains In Children And Adolescents – Comorbidities, Disease In Parental Subsystem And Family Functioning <i>Joana Sequeira</i> <i>Maria Filomena Gaspar</i>	Relation between somatic complains in adolescents/children, presence of diseases in the parents and family functioning is analyzed. Results show the presence of concomitant disturbances with the somatic complains (obsessive/schizoid, depression and anxiety). Disease in parents occurs in 78.8% of parents. Families perceive low levels of balanced cohesion.	Waikoloa 1
So Close To Paradise: Interactions And Representations In The Couple Construction Process <i>Ettore De Angeli-Italy</i> <i>Giancarlo Tamanza-Italy</i> <i>Annalisa Bossoni-Italy</i>	This longitudinal research aims to investigate the relationship construction process in young couples. It describes the transformation dynamics of the couple in order to identify the best strategies for training and support. The sample consists of 75 couples from the Italian national context.	Kohala 4
Assessment And Intervention Between Words And Images: The Generational Clinical Interview <i>Ettore De Angeli-Italy</i> <i>Giancarlo Tamanza-Italy</i> <i>Annalisa Bossoni-Italy</i>	The G.C.I. is an assessment instrument for clinical interventions by which you can identify critical areas in family and couple relationships. It focuses on the "generativity" construct and has three axes: roots, couple pact and parenting. His peculiarity is to combine and integrate research, assessment and clinical intervention.	Kohala 4
<b>10:15 - 10:45 Recess Break</b>		
<b>10:45-11:30 Workshops (45 min)</b>		
Using Solution-Focused Brief Therapy with Families Living with Autism Spectrum Disorders <i>Brie Turns-USA</i>	Families living with Autism typically seek services focusing on treatment for the diagnosed child, leaving the remaining family members to manage interpersonal struggles without sufficient support. This workshop will highlight key therapeutic competencies for working with the family, including diagnosed individual, and how SBFT can create lasting change.	Waikoloa 3
I Honor the Place: A Collaboration of Narrative and Contextual Techniques for Strengthening Black Male Youth <i>Danielle Moye-USA</i>	Black male youth are given an unfair advantage of transgenerational transmission of unfairness. This presentation focuses on how contextual and narrative therapies observe a person within the context of their reality, while giving respect to diversity and opening the lens for a wider perspective.	Waikoloa 2
Changing Modalities After Therapy Has Begun: Moving from Individual to Couple and Family Therapy <i>Jake Johnson-USA</i>	This workshop will discuss why family therapists may want to move from working with one individual in treatment to including other members of the family as part of the therapy process. It will also provide strategies for how therapists can turn individual therapy into couple or family therapy, when indicated.	Kohala 1
Using Attachment Theory to Understand Couple Violence <i>Megan Oka-USA</i> <i>Jonathan Sandberg-USA</i>	This presentation is focused on how attachment theory can help family therapists conceptualize and treat situational and reciprocal couple violence.	Kohala 2
Neuroscience and Narrative in Trauma Treatment <i>William "Wally" Scott-USA</i>	New developments in the trauma treatment field continue to dramatically expand and inform our work. While verbal processing in trauma treatment remains an important aspect of this work, advances in neuroscience point to the need for a "bottom-up" approach that addresses traumatic experiences in the body, and affect regulation.	Kona 1
Using 'The Tree of Life' for the Growth of Family Therapists <i>Amy Zavada-USA</i> <i>Cadmona Hall-USA</i>	The Tree of Life is a drawing activity with ties to Narrative Therapy and the Dulwich Centre. In this interactive session, participants will engage in the basics of drawing a Tree of Life. Participants will also learn specific ways to transform the activity into a supervision tool.	Kona 2

International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) Workshop II		Kona 3
<i>Dorothy Becvar-USA</i>	In this workshop members of the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education (IACSTE) will provide an overview of their history and goals as well as the standards and requirements that must be met in order to be designated as an accredited program.	
Psychodynamic Possibilities for Systemic Change		Waikoloa 1
<i>Paul Jerry-Canada</i> <i>Faye Gosnell-Canada</i>	Given international trends in immigration, family therapists should be prepared to confront themes of loss and separation. We will offer a dialogue between an intern of Dr. Karl Tomm's, and the Chair of her Master's program on these	
Interactional Pattern Analysis: Stepping Ahead with Relational Diagnosis in Family Therapy		Kohala 4
<i>Warwick Phipps-South Africa</i>	This presentation introduces one of the most significant developments in the interactional approach in recent years, as it relates to diagnosis, namely the interactional pattern analysis (IPA). The IPA, pioneered by the late Charl Vorster, is a relational diagnostic approach integrating developments in the humanistic, communication, and systems approach.	
<b>11:30-13:00 Lunch</b>		
<b>12:30-13:30 Poster Session</b>		
		<b>Kona Promenade</b>
The Influence of Father Involvement in Adolescents' Overall Development in Taiwan		P1
<i>Li Ping Su-USA</i> <i>Bryan Kubricht-USA</i> <i>Rick Miller-USA</i>	This study examined the effect of father involvement on adolescent's academic achievement, internalizing problems, externalizing problems, and self-esteem utilizing a national study funded by the National Health Research Institute of the Institute of Sociology Academia Sinica in Taiwan. Results showed father involvement positively influences adolescent's overall development.	
Who Comes to Couple Therapy?		P2
<i>Rick Miller-USA</i> <i>Lee Johnson-USA</i> <i>Tiffany Migdat-USA</i> <i>Melanie Cox-USA</i>	Research has validated the effectiveness of couple therapy. However, there is great variation in the characteristics of couples who come to therapy. This presentation will use results from a large study to report couples' levels of psychological distress, relationship distress, attachment styles, and patterns of demand/withdraw.	
The Influence of Client Clinical Anxiety and Attachment Anxiety on Alliance Development in Couple Therapy		P3
<i>Erica Delgado-USA</i> <i>Bailey Selland-USA</i> <i>Lee Johnson-USA</i>	Examines impact of client anxiety on therapeutic alliance in couple therapy. Female clinical anxiety negatively impacts starting alliance. Male attachment anxiety negatively impacted male alliance. Male attachment anxiety increases the rate of change in male alliance. Female attachment anxiety decreases the rate of change in male alliance scores over time.	
Treatment Outcomes in a University Based MFT Training Clinic		P4
<i>Julia Jones-USA</i> <i>Jacob Christenson-USA</i>	Very few studies have looked at services provided in an MFT training clinic. Determining the effectiveness of such services can aid in the development of more effective education and training. The current study examined treatment outcomes for 288 individual who received services in an MFT Training clinic.	
The Cost Effectiveness of Individual and Family Therapy for Schizophrenia in Managed Care		P5
<i>Jacob Christenson-USA</i>	Studies have recently been conducted to determine the cost effectiveness of family therapy. The purpose of this current study was to extend these early efforts to those with schizophrenia. Mental health care use for more than two thousand individuals was examined and family therapy was more cost effective.	
The Relationship between MFT in a University Training Clinic and Health Care Use		P6
<i>Jacob Christenson-USA</i>	Despite efforts to control health care spending, costs in the United States continue to rise. One overlooked method for reducing medical services is to provide mental health care to those with emotional concerns. This presentation will provide results from a study of the medical offset effect in a training clinic.	
Undocumented Hispanic Families and Their Perceptions of Marriage and Family Therapy		P7
<i>Maria Isabel Ramos-USA</i> <i>Armeda Stevenson Wojciak-USA</i> <i>Jacob Christenson-USA</i>	Undocumented Hispanic immigrants are faced with a number of challenges in the United States. This qualitative study sought to identify barriers to mental health services for this group, as well as to investigate their perceptions of marriage and family therapy. Findings highlight a need for increased exposure to	
Pioneering Marriage and Family Therapy Education in Kenya		P8
<i>Evangeline Willms Thiessen-Canada</i>	Come celebrate the graduation of the first MAMFT cohort in KENYA! Pan Africa Christian University in Nairobi, Kenya is the only university in the country to offer systemic marriage and family therapy education. Visit our poster session regarding the development, implementation and relevancy of systemic MFT training in Africa.	

LGBQ International Students: A Systematic Review	P9
<p><i>Hoa Nguyen-USA</i> <i>Fred Piercy-USA</i></p>	<p>Few studies explore the experiences of LGBQ international students. Thus, we conducted a systematic review to determine what we currently know about LGBQ international students. Despite their differences, the majority of the articles points to how structural stigma and institutionalized stigma influences sexual orientation worldwide.</p>
A Review of the Trends in MFT Research	P10
<p><i>Jennifer Lambert-Shute-USA</i> <i>Hoa Nguyen-USA</i></p>	<p>We investigated clinical research trends by analyzing empirical articles in three leading MFT journals. We identify trends in authors' characteristics, types of articles, and other aspects of the published works of our field. We also identify important changes in research trends since Hawley et al. (2000).</p>
Cross-Cultural Measurement Invariance Of The Relational Ethics Scale	P11
<p><i>Tatiana Glebova-USA</i> <i>Rashmi Gangamma-USA</i></p>	<p>The poster presents results of analyses of metric and structural invariance of the Relational Ethics Scale (RES), measurement of foundational constructs of contextual therapy (Boszormenyi-Nagy and colleagues), in Russian and American samples. Implications include cross-cultural relevance of the constructs of relational ethics as measured by the RES.</p>
Development Of A Scale To Measure Balance Of Fairness In Relationships	P12
<p><i>Rashmi Gangamma-USA</i> <i>Tatiana Glebova-USA</i></p>	<p>This study developed a systemic measurement of balance of fairness in relationships from a contextual therapy theory perspective. Phase one of the study included item development in consultation with five experts. Phase two involved administration of the survey with a clinical population. Preliminary analyses revealed satisfactory psychometric properties.</p>
Gender As A Moderator Of Relational Ethics And Romantic Attachment Orientation	P13
<p><i>Rashmi Gangamma-USA</i> <i>Deborah Coolhart-USA</i> <i>Jennifer Coppola-USA</i></p>	<p>This study explores adult romantic attachment (RA) and relational ethics (RE), for transgender and cisgender individuals. Exploration of the relationship between attachment and fairness in family of origin and current relationships will assist clinicians in designing interventions that more accurately meet the needs of family systems that include transgender individuals.</p>
Transgender Resiliency: A Comparison of Transgender and Cisgender CFT Clients	P14
<p><i>Anibal Torres Bernal-USA</i> <i>Deborah Coolhart-USA</i></p>	<p>The current study compared transgender to cisgender clients at a couple and family therapy center on self-reported psychological symptomology and family functioning. Results suggest transgender individuals may develop unique traits or processes allowing them to more effectively cope with stressors, supporting the presence of resiliency in this population.</p>
Couples' Health, Depression, & Marital Distress Longitudinally	P15
<p><i>Sarah Woods-USA</i> <i>Jacob Priest-USA</i> <i>Candice Maier-USA</i></p>	<p>Poster presents results of a study exploring how spouses' reports of marital distress are associated with each spouse's experiences of depression and physical health over time. Using dyadic autoregressive cross-lagged models of Marriage Matters Panel Survey of Newlywed Couples data, we found multiple longitudinal actor and partner effects.</p>
Examining the Effects of Gender Contexts on Couple Relationships And Health	P16
<p><i>Candice Maier-USA</i></p>	<p>Little is known about ways in which gender social contexts impacts health outcomes for heterosexual couples. This theoretical paper will discuss links between romantic relationship quality, mental and physical health, and gender social contexts using a biopsychosocial approach to health (The Biobehavioral Family Model).</p>
Reflections of MFTs' Experiences in Recruiting Minority Clients	P17
<p><i>Desiree Seponski-USA</i> <i>Ashley Davis-USA</i></p>	<p>This poster presentation discusses emerging qualitative findings on the experiences of MFT Master's students (N = 22) in recruiting minority clients. Participant noted developing and increasing their knowledge of ethnic recruiting and confronting emotional barriers and biases. Suggestions for future research and implications for therapy are outlined.</p>
Developing a Cultural Advisory Board: A Qualitative Inquiry	P18
<p><i>Desiree Seponski-USA</i> <i>Ashley Davis-USA</i></p>	<p>Cultural advisors can act as advocates for clients. This poster presentation provides emerging findings from one Master's program's use of a Cultural Advisory Board. An in-depth description of how advisors were chosen, invited, and utilized is provided. Suggestions for future research and implications for therapy are outlined.</p>
Attitudes Toward Working on My Marriage	P19
<p><i>Steve Harris-USA</i> <i>Sarah Crabtree-USA</i></p>	<p>Couples, where one wants to work on the relationship and the other is leaning out, represent about 30% of all couples in marital therapy. Without appropriately assessing for this dynamic, therapy can be unproductive. We introduce a brief instrument to screen mixed-agenda couples so treatment can proceed more effectively.</p>

Clarity and Confidence in Divorce Decision Making		P20
Steve Harris-USA	People who are considering whether or not to end their marriage often struggle to arrive at a place of clarity and confidence regarding their decision. The results of interviews with 30 people in the process of considering divorce will be presented. Clinical interventions to assist this population will be discussed.	
Sarah Crabtree-USA		
Integrating The Mind And Body: Using Movement Based Approaches For Work With Couples		P21
Noah Gagner-USA	This poster will advance theoretical assumptions of physical based interventions for work with couples. Findings based on individuals engaged in physical activity have consistently demonstrated improvements across markers of cognitive functioning, mood, internalizing and externalizing behaviors, and mental illness. These findings, however, have been limited to work with individuals.	
Body On The Mind: Links Between Affective Disorders And Body Image		P22
Emily Kahumoku-Fessler-USA	This study makes the case that, though group averages of measures of body image are likely to vary, the relationships between deviation from body ideals and adjustment measures are likely to have the same negative impact on individuals regardless of one's sex, ethnic/racial group or level of acculturation.	
Finding Their Way Home: The Reunification of American Indian Adoptees		P23
Ashley Landers-USA	Retrospective survey data was used to investigate identity factors that contribute to a satisfactory reunification for American Indians separated from their birth families during childhood by foster-care and adoption. Social connection to tribe and reunification with birthmother were significantly associated with satisfactory reunification in multiple ordinary least squares regression.	
Talking about "Me," "We," and "Us" in Couples Conversations?		P24
Leah Beech-Canada	Using positioning theory, I explored the relational and individual positions that were taken up in conversations between a couple on the television show, Parenthood. The focus in this analysis was on the connection between pronoun use (i.e., "our" and "my") and the demonstration of agreement and disagreement in conversation.	
An Investigation into the Public's Attitudes Toward Seeking Professional Psychological Help (Psychotherapy) in Trinidad		P25
Kareen Ramcharitar-Trinidad and Tobago	The public's attitudes toward seeking professional psychological help in Trinidad were investigated using the ATSPPH Scale. Directional hypotheses testing the correlation between age, gender, ethnicity, education levels and access to psychological services were measured. Significance was obtained between gender and age. Recommendations for implementation and future research are provided.	
Gender Role Identity and Marital Satisfaction among Muslim Women in the US		P26
Afshana Haque-USA	The relationship between Muslim women's gender role identity and their marital satisfaction was quantitatively assessed using the BSRI and the LWMAT. Results of this study suggest that women who identify with androgynous gender role traits have significantly higher levels of marital satisfaction than those who identify with masculine traits.	
Dating Violence: Predictors in Adolescent Males		P27
Tiffany Devoy-USA	Dating violence effects many people, and gets perpetuated through different means. Families and a change in perceived gender roles for men may be the keys to changing the negative impact that it has on society. This research was done to focus on the predictors of dating violence.	
The Alpha Female: Perceived Attachment in Couple Relationships Across Gender and Ethnicity		P28
Katherine Kelly -USA	This study examines gender and ethnic differences in perceptions of attachment behaviors within couple relationships. Results suggest females perceive themselves demonstrating more attachment behaviors than males. Results suggest the importance of assessing which behaviors within couple relationships build closeness and how they differ by gender and across ethnic groups.	
Joshua Mason-USA		
Jonathan Sandberg-USA		
Experience of Transgenerational Trauma among Second-Generation Cambodian-Americans		P29
Korlany Chhun-USA	This study seeks to find how second-generation Cambodian-Americans perceive transgenerational trauma of their parents' experiences during the genocide and Khmer Rouge regime. In-depth interviews will be conducted to explore participants' experiences and meanings related to their parents' trauma. The data will be analyzed utilizing the phenomenological approach.	
Finding Your Way: the Implementation of a Systems Curriculum for Psychiatry Residents		P30
Christopher Aloezos-USA	Multiple complex systems are involved in the care of people diagnosed with serious mental illness. This poster presents a curriculum created by psychiatry residents and for psychiatry residents that teaches systems-based thinking. This curriculum can be applied more broadly to other clinicians, families, and consumers.	
Bridget Mccoy-USA		
Olga Briklin-USA		

<p>Transforming Frustration into Possibility: Helping Families to Navigate Complex and Evolving Systems  <i>Daniel Patterson-USA</i>  <i>Nicole Allen-USA</i></p>	<p>As the infrastructure for delivery of care evolves, the ability to operate effectively within systems is increasingly important for families of people with serious mental illness. Trainees developed this curriculum in parallel with a trainee curriculum based on learning to work within systems and overcome the associated challenges.</p>	<p>P31</p>
<p>The Characteristics And Care Needs Of Families Of Stoma Patients In Aging Societies  <i>Midori Nagano-Japan</i></p>	<p>The aim of this study was to describe the characteristics and care needs of families of stoma patients in aging societies. The medical records of stoma outpatients at an 800-bed hospital were examined. Elderly ostomates and one- or two-person households require support and planned care.</p>	<p>P32</p>
<p>Multigenerational Family Therapist Professional Genogram Process: Insights of Diversity, Intersectionality and Social Justice  <i>Matthew Mock-USA</i></p>	<p>As family therapists key individuals have played primary roles in our thinking, training, and contributions to the field. These sources of inspiration are “family” in our professional genograms. Our development has also been impacted by different social contexts and intersecting multiculturalism. This innovative awareness contributes to enriching family therapists.</p>	<p>P33</p>
<p>Parent-Child Bonding and Suicide for Individuals Diagnosed with Body Dysmorphic Disorder  <i>Heather Miller-USA</i>  <i>Armeda Wojciak-USA</i></p>	<p>Body Dysmorphic Disorder affects more than two percent of the general population. This exploratory study proposes an alternative way to view BDD; through a Family Systems lens. More specifically, examining the relationship between parent child bonding and the frequency of suicidal ideation and suicide attempts for Individuals Diagnosed with BDD.</p>	<p>P34</p>
<p>Utilizing SFBT and Play to Assess and Explain Divorce to a Child with ASD  <i>Brie Turns-USA</i></p>	<p>The severity of symptoms in children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder contribute to the divorce rates among parents, which are higher than typical developing families. This poster outlines an intervention that assesses parental coping strategies, the diagnosed child’s understanding, and help the system adapt to the new family structure.</p>	<p>P35</p>
<p>War And Disaster: Support And Resilience In Sri Lankan Widows  <i>Alba Niño-USA</i></p>	<p>This poster will display the results of a study examining the extent to which war related family problems and tsunami damages predict variability in social support, family adjustment and efficacy in providing for one’s family as reported by Sri Lankan widows affected by the civil war and 2004 tsunami.</p>	<p>P36</p>
<p>Stress And Wellbeing Among Parents Of Children With Developmental And Behavioral Disorders  <i>Miika Vuori-Finland</i></p>	<p>This presentation introduces a baseline exploratory study from a prospective observational study protocol (ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT02250339). The study examines tentative effectiveness of a multi-systemic and multicomponent family intervention program for 5-12-year-old children with pervasive developmental and disruptive behavioral disorders.</p>	<p>P37</p>
<p>There’s a Man in My Bed - The First Experience of Sex Among Modern Orthodox Newlyweds in Israel  <i>OfraShalev-Israel</i>  <i>Nehami Baum-Israel</i></p>	<p>The first experience of sex is a significant life event across societies and religions. The presented qualitative study explores the individual and mutual emotional effect of first-time intercourse among Modern-Orthodox newlywed couples in Israel. The findings indicate that first intercourse is associated with emotional and behavioral difficulties.</p>	<p>P38</p>

**13:30-14:15 Workshops (45 Min)**

<p>Cultural Clashes in Therapy with Intercultural couples: Natural Systems Approach  <i>Eva Smidova-USA</i></p>	<p>The purpose of this workshop is to bring clinical insight into couples therapy with intercultural couples. Based on the Natural Systems Theory we will examine ways to enhance each partner’s cultural/ethnic heritage and employ it in therapeutic strategies for dealing with the deficits presented in their family system.</p>	<p>Waikoloa 3</p>
<p>Sexpectations and Globalization  <i>Emily Halverson-USA</i>  <i>Caitlin Hancock-USA</i>  <i>Jason Platt-Mexico</i></p>	<p>Cross-national romances are increasingly common. Globalization may lead to conflicting sexual norms and cultural expectations. This presentation will share results of research with transnational couples in Mexico City. Therapeutic ideas for working with this population and self-of-the-therapist work linked to sex and intimacy will be discussed.</p>	<p>Waikoloa 2</p>

Local Engagement of MFT Students in Global Justice <i>Suzanne Coyle-USA</i>	Persons marginalized by poverty need to claim personal stories that offer alternative discourses. Collective narrative practice, a derivative approach of narrative therapy, offers such an approach. This lecture presents a project for the Desmond Tutu Center for Peace, Reconciliation, and Global Justice that uses such storytelling to affect social justice.	Kohala 1
Change The Broad Lines : How Create A New Atmosphere To Work With Incestuous Families <i>Martine Nisse-France</i>	Paradoxical therapeutic obligation coming from juvenil courts involves both families and therapists in new instigation play. Even these paradox, we observe that change processes is intense and rapid. We will explain how we manage our particular therapeutic atmosphere necessary to create a new family model of communication.	Kohala 2
Meeting of the International Editors and Publishers of Journals of Couple, Family and Divorce Therapy/Psychology, Part 1 <i>Fred Piercy-USA</i>	In this meeting, editors of marriage and family therapy journals will meet to discuss issues specific to their journals and to the journal editing process. As in the past, this meeting is a chance to support and learn from one another. Journal publishers are also invited to attend.	Kona 1
Human Systems Therapy: The Use Of Interpersonal Relations In Promoting Therapeutic Change <i>Nicholas Paritsis-Greece</i>	Human Systems Therapy is a method of systemic therapy applied at intra-psychic, interpersonal, and larger systems. Its core interest is searching circular causality for achieving therapeutic change in human relations. Besides, a vast number of techniques for changes have been developed leading to high, evidence based, effectiveness.	Kona 2
Mobilizing Selfhood and Intersectionality to Foster Therapeutic Change <i>Rebecca Harvey-USA</i> <i>Christine Gabriel-Malaysia</i>	The intersectional, multicultural self-of-the-therapist is a powerful but under-utilized agent with which to promote therapeutic change. This workshop will explore specific ways, in training and supervision, to nurture self-development to empower clients and clinicians, lessen domination and	Kona 3
Using Mindfulness to Create Therapeutic Change <i>Jenna Scott-USA</i>	This presentation introduces mindfulness interventions for individuals, couples, and families. The presenter will explain the benefits of the practice, including how mindfulness can be used for self-of-the-therapist work. Participants will engage in various mindfulness activities and discussions to understand how to create therapeutic change using mindfulness.	Waikoloa 1
The Confluence of Therapy, Culture, and Healing Practices <i>Kiran Arora-USA</i> <i>Reenee Singh-United Kingdom</i>	Family therapists must be culturally sensitive in order to work with diverse populations. Discourses about problems, therapy and healing practices are embedded in cultural beliefs. We will use extracts from films, podcasts and experiential exercises to bring alive this fascinating subject about the confluence of therapy, culture, and healing practices.	Kohala 4
<b>14:30-15:15 Workshops (45 Min)</b>		
Coming To The (Dinner) Table: Negotiating Shared Meanings In Close Relationships <i>Bevan Kovitz-Canada</i> <i>Leah Beech-Canada</i> <i>Tom Strong-Canada</i>	How do couples use conversation to arrive at important, shared understandings? We offer insights and clinical recommendations from our studies on partners' and family members' recollections of, and actions within, joint conversations when a) developing a sense of relational identity ("we-ness"), b) discussing intimacy, and c) overcoming disagreeable patterns.	Waikoloa 3
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning Youth in the Foster Care System <i>Ashley Landers-USA</i>	LGBTQ youth are overrepresented in the U.S. child welfare system. This workshop illuminates the complex experiences of LGBTQ youth in foster care. Common misconceptions about LGBTQ youth, as well as implications for MFTs working with LGBTQ youth and their families will be explored.	Waikoloa 2
Changing the Matrix of Families through Recovery <i>Meri Shadley-USA</i>	Similar to recovering individuals, families recovering from addictions have intricate challenges to face. Utilizing a systemic framework, this workshop will focus on aspects of family recovery that include healing trauma, redesigning relationship dynamics, and utilizing the family's resiliency in order for family growth and wellness to occur.	Kohala 1
Unraveling Power in Couple Therapy: Bridging Emotion, Societal Context, and Interaction <i>Carmen Knudson-Martin-USA</i>	Power is reflected in how the needs, interests, and goals of one person influence another. This presentation draws on current research, video illustrations, and detailed case examples to demonstrate how to sensitively identify and address subtle and complex links between power, emotion, gender, and other sociocultural processes in couple therapy.	Kohala 2
The Next Generation: Post-Millennials...The iGeneration <i>Doug Tschopp-USA</i>	Now that the millennial generation has not only gone to college, but entered the workforce, what's next on the horizon? What traits does this generation have, and what impact will they have on the work you do? The presentation will review current research on the iGeneration and late millennials.	Kona 1

Increasing Differentiation Through Intentional Separation of Families <i>Kirsten Bolt-USA</i> <i>Tony Issenmann-USA</i>	Separating families is counterintuitive. However, research indicates that during times of intense emotional turmoil, intentionally separating parents and their young adult or adolescent children reduces entrenched and cutoff family relationships. This interactive presentation will provide an overview of current research and an opportunity to experience the benefits of separation.	Kona 2
Working with High-Conflict Co-parents in Family Therapy <i>M. Selenga Gürmen-Turkey</i>	Therapy with divorced/separated high-conflict clients is often a challenging task. This particular client system has different patterns and does usually require different structure than other client systems do. The current workshop offers different strategies and intervention tools that therapists can utilize in their work with high-conflict clients.	Kona 3
Mental health Services and Family Therapy in the United Arab Emirates <i>Rajeswari Natrajan-Tyagi-USA</i> <i>Saad Alkhanbashi-USA</i>	This presentation focuses on the current mental health and family therapy services in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The progress that the country has made in the last few decades, as well as the future needs and limitations the country is facing in the mental health field will be discussed.	Waikoloa 1
Yoga and Touch in Couple's Therapy: An Effective Way to Improve Intimacy <i>Jacqueline Tome-USA</i>	This interactive workshop will explore various techniques using Yoga and touch in couple's therapy to increase intimacy. The techniques may be applied for only one couple or in a group setting.	Kohala 4
<b>15:30-16:15 Workshops (45 Min)</b>		
Prevalence and Manifestation of Mental Issues in South Asians <i>Rajeswari Natrajan-Tyagi-USA</i> <i>Farhat Chaudhry-USA</i>	South Asians tend to approach their primary health care physicians for their mental health needs. Data regarding prevalence of mental health issues within this population is limited. Results from qualitative interviews with health care providers about prevalence and manifestation of mental health issues among South Asians will be presented.	Waikoloa 3
The Intersectionality of Culture: Systemic Treatment of Interracial Couples <i>Alexander Hsieh-USA</i> <i>Laradanielle Davis-USA</i>	Interracial couples have increased exponentially in the last decade. These couples experience various challenges. Therapists must navigate through the complexities of interracial couple relationships. This workshop presents the challenges interracial couples face, offers a crucial perspective to view culture, and suggests a treatment model from a multi-dimensional standpoint.	Waikoloa 2
MFT's Bridging the Medical Field: Facilitating Child Parent Relationship Training for Hospital Settings <i>Stacy Fogarty-USA</i> <i>Judith Williamson-USA</i>	Children admitted to long-term inpatient care are at risk for attachment injury due to decreased physical proximity. Child Parent Relationship Training is a therapeutic intervention implemented by parents to facilitate relationship connection and communication. Play allows children to express their feelings and unique reactions to stressful experiences.	Kohala 1
You Want to Bring Who? Utilizing Family Strengths to Enhance Substance Abuse Treatment <i>William Northey-USA</i>	This interactive session will focus on ways that families can be engaged in substance abuse treatment, which can range from providing information to families to utilizing interventions shown to decrease the problematic use of substances. Opportunities for case consultation and a discussion of challenges when engaging families will be included.	Kohala 2
Spirituality, the "Social Brain", and Family Therapy <i>Larry Freeman-USA</i>	This presentation offers a model for human spirituality that emerges from common existential issues of authenticity, interconnection, compassion, gratitude, and acceptance. Collaboration among a growth-oriented family therapy model, social brain science, and Five Element Chinese medicine guides specific interventions. Case examples will demonstrate the therapeutic benefits of this approach.	Kona 1
Couples Treatment for Intimate Partner Violence: An Experimental Survey of MFTs <i>Rebecca Cobb-USA</i>	This presentation describes an experimental study that investigated MFTs' decisions to work with clients individually or as a couple when they present with intimate partner violence (IPV). Discussion will highlight the need for continued education on IPV types, gender biases, and the importance of considering safety when making treatment decisions.	Kona 2



Physio-Relational Therapy <i>Lee N. Johnson-USA</i> <i>Richard B. Miller-USA</i>	Advances in assessing neurological and physiological processes have expanded observable relationship processes. However, family therapy theories have not integrated knowledge gained through these methods. This presentation will describe Physio-Relational Therapy—a theory that incorporates neurological and physiological processes in our understanding of intimate relationships and intervening in intimate relationships.	Kona 3
Using Gottman Method Couples Therapy Wisely and Briefly <i>Jeffrey White-USA</i>	This presentation will provide an overview of Gottman Therapy and what makes Gottman's approach unique. This paper will identify situations where couples therapy is optimally delivered in brief and intensive formats, as well as how Gottman's approach is historically connected to Systems Theory.	Waikoloa 1
Families & Health: A Biopsychosocial Approach to Treatment <i>Sarah Woods-USA</i> <i>Jacob Priest-USA</i>	This workshop will describe recent research findings linking close relationships and health, and the clinical implications for family therapists. An application of the Biobehavioral Family Model, a biopsychosocial approach to health, will be used to describe how to navigate therapy with families with an ill child or adult family member.	Kohala 4
<b>16:15-16:45 Recess Break</b>		
<b>16:45-17:30 Workshops (45 Min)</b>		
Gay and Lesbian Community Attitudes Towards Gay Parenting in the Czech Republic <i>Eva Smidova-USA</i>	The purpose of this presentation is to introduce so far the most comprehensive research of LGBTQ community attitudes towards gay parenting in the Czech Republic. The new democratic republic has experienced significant liberalization in this previously tabooed area. However children adoption by homosexual couples has not been legalized yet.	Waikoloa 3
The Importance Of Therapist "Use of Self" When Treating Addiction In Individuals Or Families <i>Teresa McLellan-Canada</i>	Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy offers a humanistic approach to addressing addiction and creates transformational change in individuals and their families. Participants will learn how important the use of self is for making genuine contact with both the individual and their family and stimulating the internal healing energy that promotes growth.	Waikoloa 2
Healing and Change Practices of Latin America: Ideas for Family Therapy <i>Leticia Gonzalez Pileski-USA</i> <i>Jason Platt-Mexico</i>	While family therapy was born within the United States, many theories focused on systemic change originated in other areas of the world. This presentation will highlight several important and creative Latin American originating approaches to healing and change that can complement and address limitations found in traditional family therapy practices.	Kohala 1
Chinese Families' Experiences of Multiple Family Group for Children diagnosed with Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder in Hong Kong <i>Erica S. F. Wan-Canada</i> <i>Joyce L. C. Ma-China</i>	Multiple Family Group for children with Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder was developed by the joint research project of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. This presentation presents the findings of a qualitative study on the experiences of these participating families and the implications for MFG research and service development.	Kohala 2
Educational System, Values, And Institutional Interactions Between Faculty And Students <i>Tatiana Glebova-USA</i> <i>Linna Wang-USA</i>	This presentation aims to stimulate a conversation about institutional policies and practices that may create tension between the modus operandi of U.S. educational system and professional values, multicultural focus of educational programs as well as some individual cultural norms and beliefs of diverse student body.	Kona 1
"It's Date Night – Let's Study": Romantic Relationships during Graduate Training in Psychology <i>Jay Burke-USA</i>	Graduate training in psychology can have a profound impact on romantic relationships. A general review of these effects will be presented, along with a discussion of common challenges and practical implications for maintaining romantic relationships while completing graduate training in psychology.	Kona 2

Harnessing The Power Of Family Dinners To Create Change In Family Therapy <i>Anne Fishel-USA</i>	A large body of research shows that family dinners are beneficial to the brain, body, and mental health of its members. The presenter will demonstrate many ways of harnessing the power of family dinner with tools from The Family Dinner Project and clinical interventions that bridge therapy and dinner.	Kona 3
Thematic Variations on the Experience of Sibling Death in Adulthood: A Systemic Exploration <i>R. Blaine Everson-USA</i>	This talk explores the grief and loss experience associated with the death of sibling in adulthood and offers new directions in the clinical approach to these issues within the practice of family therapy.	Waikoloa 1
Mindfulness and Acceptance with Children and Families <i>Diane Gehart-USA</i>	Mindfulness skills are used increasingly in therapy to enhance the wellbeing of a wide range of clients. This presentation will explore possibilities of using mindfulness and related Buddhist psychology principles with children, teens, and families, including a review of the evidence base and specific interventions for families.	Kohala 4
<b>Saturday April 2, 2016</b>		
<b>08:00 - 13:15</b>	<b>Registration Hours</b>	<b>Grand Promenade</b>
<b>8:30-9:15 Briefs (2 consecutive 20 minute presentations)</b>		
The Red Queen Hypothesis: Through the Looking Glass of Couples Therapy <i>Rachel Hughes-USA</i>	The Red Queen Hypothesis describes the evolutionary arms race between co-evolving species. This presentation will apply the hypothesis to couple therapy as a means to reduce burnout in high conflict couples.	Waikoloa 3
What Are You Hoping For Today? My Counselling Experience with Refugee/Immigrant Families in Single-Session Walk-In Therapy <i>Gina Ko-Canada</i>	I present my experience as a therapist working with refugee/immigrant families using the single-session walk-in model. Using autoethnography, I share three composite cases of working with these families and how they have used their resources to problem solve with their children around their social-emotional well-being.	Waikoloa 3
The Perceived Effectiveness of Person-of-the-Therapist Training (POTT) Model on Clinical Work <i>Florina Apolar Claudio-USA</i> <i>Jenny Limm-USA</i>	A grounded theory study was done to explore the perceived impact of Person-of-the-Therapist Training (POTT) Model on postgraduates' clinical work. Preliminary findings suggest that POTT impacts both the therapeutic process and the therapist's way of being. Recommendations for research, training, and clinical work will be provided.	Waikoloa 2
Use of Structural Family Therapy in Families of Children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Parents Suffering Stress in Hong Kong <i>Si Yang-Hong Kong</i> <i>Joyce Lai Chong Ma-China</i>	The purpose of the presentation is to explore the relationship of parenting stress and the parent functioning in families of children with ADHD from the clinical observations. The therapeutic methods in helping parents reducing parenting stress and empowering them to help will be discussed.	Waikoloa 2
Social Networks, Practices, and Grammars: Extending the IP scope <i>Tom Strong-Canada</i>	Adapting ideas from actor-network theory, social practice theory, Wittgenstein's language games, I build on Karl Tomm's IPscope, with a poststructuralist view of situated, patterned, and networked interactions. Focusing on social practices or grammars that can interactionally stabilize preferred and objectionable aspects of relating, I discuss associated interventions.	Kohala 1
Family Therapy In Japan; Systems Approach And Positive Circulation Therapy <i>Nobuhiko Asai-Japan</i>	Family therapy in Japan is often used for families whose children do not attend school--children who are called "Futoko" in Japanese. In this presentation, I will introduce "Futoko" as a culture bound syndrome and will share the Systems Approach and Positive Circulation Therapy in Japan.	Kohala 1
Psychostimulant Medication And Self-Concept Of School-Aged Children With Attention-Deficite Hyperactivity Disorder In A Chinese Context <i>Hannah Wai Ming Ho-China</i>	Psychostimulant medication is the most common treatment to children with ADHD but there is an ethical concern on its influence on self-concept of young children. This qualitative study aims at providing empirical evidence to this concern and it is conducted on Hong Kong Chinese school-aged children with ADHD.	Kohala 2

Drawing out the Feelings of Mental Health Stigma through Art in Multiethnic Communities		Kohala 2
<i>Ana Jimenez-Hami-USA</i>	Research has shown that an effective method for reducing mental health stigma is through the use of art. The purpose of this presentation is to discuss the effect of drawings, as an expressive methodology to reduce mental health stigma in society. We will present drawing from diverse multi-ethnic groups.	
A Project Management Framework That Can Be Used Effectively In Family Therapy		Kona 1
<i>Jacqueline Tome-USA</i>	This presentation will share a collaborative framework that works systemically and can be applied successfully with families. The main focuses will be on adaptability, empowerment and storytelling.	
From the Outside Looking In: Perceptions of Couples Therapy in Undergraduate Students		Kona 1
<i>Christina Branham-USA</i>	The objective of this presentation is to expand understanding and awareness of how couples therapy is perceived by non-professionals once they are exposed to discipline specific research and theoretical data in a one credit hour seminar. A summation of topics presented and student reflections will be presented.	
Taking A New Awareness Of Drug Addiction Relatives -Recomeço Family Program- São Paulo - Brasil		Kona 2
<i>Doralice Otaviano-Brazil</i>	This study aims to adapt the model CRAFT (Community Reinforcement in training in family support and prevention of chemical dependency) cognitive behavioral instrument used therapeutically by Recomeço program to systemic family model of care this work was developed in a suburb of the city of São Paulo.	
Using Master's Series Conversations as an Adjunct to Clinical Supervision		Kona 2
<i>Martha Laughlin-USA</i> <i>Lana Kim-USA</i>	This brief presentation will use videotaped examples to demonstrate how protected listening spaces are used as part of an innovative approach to clinical supervision. The presenters will discuss ideas for how faculty in MFT programs can implement this approach to provide advanced supervision and learning opportunities for MFT trainees.	
Adolescent Human Trafficking Victims in Juvenile Detention		Kona 3
<i>Ashley Davis-USA</i> <i>Desiree Seponski-USA</i>	The presentation highlights clinical issues of adolescent human trafficking victims in one juvenile detention center in the southwest United States. Clinical issues of dual-diagnoses, complex traumas, repeat offenses in the judicial system, and culturally responsive treatments including person-centered, DBT, psychoeducation, ITCT-A, TFCBT, and grounding will be covered.	
A Small Foster Care Program In Melbourne Making A Big Difference To Kids In Care		Kona 3
<i>Karen Walters-Australia</i>	Working with traumatised children who come into care is never easy but with a framework of care using Bowan Family systems Theory and Dan Hughes model of blocked care the foster carers assist the child to detangle their emotional attachment to their family.	
<b>9:30-10:15 Briefs (2 consecutive 20 minute presentations)</b>		
A qualitative study on parents' views regarding their experience as a participant in an evidence-based parent training program (Triple P)		Kohala 1
<i>Rima Habib-Canada</i>	This qualitative study aims to explore and understand the motives and the meaning of the experience of parental participation in the evidence-based parent training program, Group Triple P-Positive Parenting Program, an intensive and structured intervention deliver by a trained practitioner.	
Listen to Their Voices: Exploring Sibling Relationships within the Foster Care System		Kohala 1
<i>Armeda Wojciak-USA</i>	Little is known about ways to maintain sibling relationships for youth in foster care. This qualitative study interviewed, former foster youth, foster parents, and case managers, and asked questions related to their understanding and experiences of sibling relationships within the system. Findings and implications for clinicians will be discussed.	
Current and Potential Family Therapy Treatments for Eating Disorders in Canada: Looking for evidence based practices or for expanding the possibilities?		Kohala 2
<i>Monica Sesma-Vazquez-Canada</i>	In Canada, institutional treatments for eating disorders include family therapy within their multidisciplinary interventions. Despite the AAMFT presence in Canada that promotes a wide variety of family therapy models, it is the Family Based Treatment that dominates clinical settings. Current and potential family therapy approaches for eating disorders are discussed.	
The Practice Of Marital And Family Therapeutic Interventions In Saudi Arabia: Assumptions, Concerns, Barriers, And Needs		Kohala 2
<i>Reham Gassas-USA</i>	This study is a multiphase mixed-method study on mental health professionals and psychotherapists in Saudi Arabia. Lack of clinical training and proficiency in handling cultural and societal barriers hinders the utilization of mental health and marital and family therapeutic interventions.	

<p>A Clinical Experience: Working with Migrant Workers in their Backyard</p> <p><i>Kate Warner-USA</i> <i>Jennifer Lambert-Shute-USA</i></p>	<p>Idosta State University, Emory University, and Mercer University physician assistant and physiotherapy trainees and faculty visit the fields of South Georgia agri-businesses. There, teams provide integrated medical and mental health services to the migrant farmworkers, many of whom have never in their lives received medical or psychotherapeutic services.</p>	Kona 1
<p>Translation and Validation of the Arabic-Revised Dyadic Adjustment Scale</p> <p><i>Carolyn Tubbs-USA</i></p>	<p>This presentation reviews translation and validation of the Arabic-Revised Dyadic Adjustment Scale (A-RDAS). It highlights the challenges of creating a psychological language for an Arabic/Muslim population, as well as the cultural nuances of defining marital satisfaction in Arab marriages. It also shares results of the validation process.</p>	Kona 1
<p>Being A Mother Of A Mother: When Mothers Become Grandmothers</p> <p><i>Zipi Hochdorf-Israel</i></p>	<p>A study of the transition a woman goes through when thrust into the role of a grandmother. In-depth interviews analyze the changes with her daughter and other significant people in her life and changes in values.</p>	Kona 2
<p>A Post-traumatic Growth Model after Loss</p> <p><i>Raymond Chan-Hong Kong</i></p>	<p>Qualitative study of post-traumatic growth showed that victims reflected an experience of both primary and secondary losses. The traumatic event as a secondary loss triggered the pain of their primary loss which was in conflict with their core value. Cognitive reconstruction process took place when primary loss was recovered.</p>	Kona 2
<p>Ethical Challenges when Working with Families</p> <p><i>Aida Jimenez-USA</i></p>	<p>Working with families presents a unique set of ethical dilemmas when compared to individual treatment. Today's family therapist is working amidst changes in family structure, demographic changes, and new information and communication technologies. We will discuss some ethical concerns when working with families and with using technology in therapy.</p>	Kona 3
<p>Implementation And Evaluation Of A Family-Based Intervention Program For Children Of Mentally Ill Parents (Chimps) In Germany – A Randomized Controlled Multicenter Study</p> <p><i>Bonnie Filter-Germany</i></p>	<p>Children of mentally ill parents are at high risk for developing psychiatric disturbances. The family-based intervention CHIMPs aims at enhancing these children's mental health and health-related quality of life. Its effectiveness is evaluated in a randomized controlled multicenter trial comparing the intervention group with a control group.</p>	Kona 3
<b>10:30-11:15 Workshops (45 Min)</b>		
<p>Brief Group Visits for Overweight Pediatric Patients</p> <p><i>Kelly Rich-USA</i></p>	<p>Many children and adults do not perceive that they are overweight, and even those who do may not see it as problematic. This presentation reviews a low-intensity approach that helps children/parents identify and address the complex issues around weight and well-being.</p>	Waikoloa 2
<p>High-Conflict Post-Separation Parenting: De-escalating Volatile Patterns and Building New Directions</p> <p><i>Jeff Chang-Canada</i></p>	<p>High conflict post-separation parenting negatively affects children and adults. Family therapists may be conflicted between the needs of distressed children and risk management with difficult and potentially litigious parents. This workshop will help family therapists to de-escalate the volatile patterns and assist them to develop a new direction.</p>	Kohala 1
<p>Judicial training in Domestic Violence Issues : An Experience and Practices from the Ministry of justice in Saudi Arabia</p> <p><i>Nasser Aloud-Saudi Arabia</i></p>	<p>The effectiveness of training programs on the judges' awareness of domestic violence, the outputs of these programs and their importance in improving judges capabilities in the field of judicial decisions and reducing the problem of domestic violence in the community and the development of regulations and protection of the victim.</p>	Kohala 2
<p>Meeting of the International Editors and Publishers of Journals of Couple, Family and Divorce Therapy/Psychology, Part 2</p> <p><i>Fred Piercy-Piercy</i></p>	<p>In this meeting, editors of marriage and family therapy journals will meet to discuss issues specific to their journals and to the journal editing process. As in the past, this meeting is a chance to support and learn from one another. Journal publishers are also invited to attend.</p>	Kona 1
<p>Psychobiological Family Therapy: Ecological Psychiatry in Practice</p> <p><i>Larry Freeman-USA</i></p>	<p>Psychobiological Family Therapy (PBFT) resolves controversies between family therapy and psychiatry, and outlines a growth-oriented therapy affirmed by lessons of our "social brains". Psychiatric assessment and medication intervention become therapeutic tools promoting family growth. A comprehensive ecological model, PBFT encourages therapists to address the spiritual dimensions of their work.</p>	Kona 2

Insider Witness Practices: Performance Based Narrative Therapy

Kona 3

*Thomas Carlson-USA*

Insider Witness Practices represent a reimagining of narrative therapy that has been 20 years in the making. Under the careful guidance of narrative therapy cofounder David Epston, Insider Witness Practices draws upon performance based theory and practice to dramatically transform clients' experiences of their life stories.

**11:15-11:45 Closing Refreshment Break**

**11:45-13:00 Closing Plenary**

**Kona Ballroom**

Family Therapy: East Meets West

*Takeshi Tamura-Japan*

Family therapy practice needs to include wider cultural context. Social withdrawal or Hikikomori syndrome has been so widely spread among young people in Japan and East Asia for the last 30 years. It relates to the value of Eastern culture which emphasizes inter-dependence, group harmony and parent/child relationship all through the family life cycle. The solution of the Western culture is to achieve differentiation of the individual out of the enmeshed relationship. The Eastern culture produces alternative solution of connectedness and integration.

**13:00-13:15 Welcome to the 2017 World Family Therapy Congress and IFTA's 30th Anniversary**

**Kona Ballroom**

*John Lawless-USA*

Master of Ceremonies: John Lawless, IFTA Program Chair

*Ruth Casabianca-Argentina*

Welcome to the Congress: Ruth Casabianca, IFTA President

**13:15 Congress Ends**