

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Terry Ostler, Ph.D.** Since 2003, Dr. Ostler has been an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana. Prior to that, she was first Assistant and then Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Illinois in Chicago for ten years. Dr. Ostler is also a licensed clinical psychologist. Her research has focused on parent-child attachment relationships across the lifespan, developmental psychopathology, individuals with major mental illness as parents, children of parents with major mental illness and substance use problems, and children in foster care. Currently, she is studying the mental health functioning of children of parents who abuse methamphetamine, attachment in children living in foster care, and parents with major mental illness. She has published numerous articles and chapters, as well as a book on mental illness and parenting ability and one on families and methamphetamine use. She is currently working on the role of maternal reflective capacity as a possible strength that mothers with depression may bring to the parenting role.

## FACULTY

**Jason Allen**, is the General Manager of Occupational Drug Testing, LLC, leading a team that provides all aspects of substance abuse testing including drug free workplace, forensic, and personal testing. Jason has more than 13 years of experience in court-related testing. Before ODT, he spent five years as a collector at Secon of New England, where he managed the process for court testing, conducting collections, and handling a narcotics detection dog.

**Beth Crawford, J.D.**, is the current president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. She is the Assistant Judicial Case Manager for the Hampshire Division of the Probate and Family Court in Northampton, Massachusetts.

**The Honorable Edward F. Donnelly** is an Associate Justice of the Middlesex Probate and Family Court. A graduate of Boston College Law School, Judge Donnelly was appointed to the bench in 1998. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Donnelly worked for the Middlesex Probate and Family Court in a variety of capacities, including as Coordinator of the Client Trust Fund Project from 1983 to 1987 and as an Assistant Register from 1989 to 1998. He is a member of the Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations and of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Inn of Court.

**Paul R. Duffy, Ph.D.**, is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Arlington. He frequently serves as a guardian *ad litem* conducting custody and visitation evaluations for the family court. He lectures to professionals on the assessment of complex substance abuse issues in custody evaluations. He was chief psychologist of the Addictions Service and consultant to the Children and The Law program at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is a consultant with the Comprehensive Family Evaluation Center at Tufts Medical Center and a clinical Assistant Professor at Tufts Medical School.

**Jennifer Sevigny Durand, J.D.**, is an associate in the Boston law firm of Schmidt & Federico, P.C., where her practice focuses on all areas of domestic relations and family law. She is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. She is a member of the BBA Family Law Steering Committee and serves as Secretary for the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC. She was named a Rising Star in the area of family law in the November 2008 and November 2009 editions of *Boston* Magazine, New England Super Lawyers.

**Claudette B. Pierre, Ph.D.**, is a clinical psychologist in private practice and a Research Assistant Professor at Boston University. She conducts custody evaluations for persons going through high conflict divorce, sexual abuse evaluations in the context of high conflict divorce and has a particular interest in mental health issues in the context of divorce litigation. Dr. Pierre's research focuses on depression in children and families and on the effects of divorce on children. She has received grants from NIMH, including currently co-investigating the development of a family treatment model for depressed children. She is currently the President of the Massachusetts Association of Guardians Ad Litem .

**The Honorable Joseph F. Johnston** is a Circuit Justice on the Juvenile Court. He was appointed to the bench in 2001 and sits primarily in Lynn and Dedham. He was a sole practitioner from 1986-2001, working in both the Probate and Juvenile Courts. He is a graduate of New England School of Law and was a former Asst. Chief Probation Officer in the Dorchester District Court.

**David Medoff, Ph.D.**, is a licensed psychologist in private practice specializing in forensic psychological assessment. He also holds dual academic appointments at Suffolk University and at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Medoff is a Designated Forensic Psychologist and is a Certified Juvenile Court Clinician Mentor I and II. Dr. Medoff is the President-Elect of Massachusetts AFCC.

**Sophia C. O'Brien** is the Chief Probation Officer at the Middlesex Probate and Family Court. She has been employed in a variety of probation roles in the Trial Court since 1982. Ms. O'Brien has extensive experience as a trainer with the Trial Court and she has been a panelist in various conferences, workshops, and seminars. Ms. O'Brien is a licensed social worker. Prior to her Trial Court employment, she was a social worker specializing in substance abuse and family issues.

**Katherine S. Nemens, J.D.**, is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. She is the Supervising Attorney for the Clubhouse Family Legal Support Project, which is co-funded by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and the Massachusetts Bar Foundation. The Project represents low-income parents with mental illness in custody and visitation cases, primarily in the Probate and Family Court. She was a 2005-2006 Boston Bar Association Public Interest Leader and is a regular presenter/trainer for the Clubhouse Project at numerous regional and national conferences. In 2008, she chaired and presented at a Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education program entitled "Representing the Legal Services Client with a Mental Illness."



## The Compromised Parent: When Good Enough Isn't

Friday, April 30, 2010

Regis College  
Wellesley Street  
Weston, Massachusetts

### Keynote Speaker:

**Terry Ostler, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor  
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### Author:

Ostler T. (2008). Assessing Parenting Competency in Individuals with Mental Illness. Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co., Inc. Baltimore, MD. Haight W., Ostler T., Black J., & Kingery L. (2008). Families and Methamphetamine Misuse: The Case of Rural Illinois. Oxford University Press: New York.

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Registration prior to April 15, 2010  
 Mass. AFCC Member \$150  
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Registration on or after April 15, 2010  
 Mass. AFCC Member \$165  
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**The Compromised Parent: When Good Enough Isn't****April 30, 2010****Regis College, Weston, MA**

FRIDAY, April 30, 2010  
 8:00 AM  
 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:20 AM  
 Introductory Remarks  
*Beth Crawford, J.D.*, President,  
 Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC  
*Peggie Ward, Ph.D.*, Conference Chair

8:30 – 10:00 AM  
**Allegations of Impaired Parenting:  
 Mental Health Issues**  
*Terry Ostler, Ph.D.*

10:00-10:15 AM:  
 Q&A

10:15 – 10:30 AM  
 Break with Refreshments

10:30 – 11:45 AM  
 Panel Discussion  
*Hon. Joseph Johnston*  
*Claudette Pierre, Ph.D.*  
*Katherine Nemens, J.D.*  
*David Medoff, Ph.D.*, Moderator

11:45 AM -12:15 PM  
*Jason Allen, Toxicologist*

12:15-1:15 PM Lunch is provided  
 Comments:  
*Beth Crawford, J.D.*  
*David Medoff, Ph.D.*, President-Elect,  
 Massachusetts Chapter of AFCC

1:15-2:45 PM  
**Allegations of Impaired Parenting:  
 Substance Abuse Issues**  
*Terry Ostler, Ph.D.*

2:45 – 3:00 PM  
 Q&A

3:00-3:15 PM  
 Break with Refreshments

3:15 – 4:30 PM  
 Panel Discussion  
*Hon. Edward Donnelly*  
*Jennifer Durand, J.D.*  
*Paul Duffly, Ph.D.*  
*Sophia O'Brien, C.P.O.*

4:30 – 5:00 PM  
 Q&A

5:00 PM  
 Conference Ends

**DIRECTIONS**

Regis College  
 235 Wellesley Street  
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**North on Rt. 95/128.** Exit 24 to Rt. 30 west. Continue approx. 2 miles to right onto Wellesley Street. Regis is on the left.

**South on Rt. 95/128.** Exit 26 to Rt. 20 west. Continue approx. 2 miles to left onto Wellesley Street. At fork, bear right. Regis will be on the right.

**Mass Pike West.** Exit 15 to Rt. 30 west. Continue approx. 2 miles to right onto Wellesley Street. Regis is on the left.

**Mass Pike East.** Exit 14 to Rt. 30 west. Same as above.

**Rt. 30 East** from Framingham/Natick. Rt. 9 to Rt. 27 North to Rt. 30 east to Wellesley Street on left. Traffic is heavy on Rt. 30 in the morning.

**FREE PARKING**

**The conference will be held in room 202 of College Hall, the building at the head of the drive at the main entrance.**

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

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