

Virtual IACP Forum: Beacon When We're Apart



We are stronger, TOGETHER. Which is why we created a virtual program, **Beacon When We're Apart**, to stay connected to our members around the world who won't be able to join us in person this October. Beacon when

We're Apart brings a taste of **IACP's 22nd Annual Forum: Lighting the Way Together** to you including speakers from every continent except Antarctica. This hybrid approach has been carefully planned by our board, staff, and planning committee to maximize the opportunities for connection, learning, and sharing for our whole community. You'll be able to log on any time of day or night to meet colleagues around the world, join our famous Saturday dance party, and hear some amazing Plenary speakers including this year's keynote, Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who will be joining us via Zoom from South Africa.

Below you will find the schedule of events for our virtual Forum. Please note, all times listed are in PDT. You can use worldtimebuddy.com to find your local time zone.

**VWS indicates Virtual Workshop*

- **Day 1, Thursday, October 28, 2021:**
 - **VWS #1 Shining The Light On Collaborative Case Process Design.** How many collaborative meetings do clients need? We have all heard stories of cases that run to 5, 6, 7 and more meetings. Over the last 12 years or so MELCA has designed its processes and procedures to give our clients the best chance of reaching agreements in 1 or 2 meetings. Using client experience as the starting point and adopting a project management approach, we have designed a process that keeps cases progressing and on track. Marguerite and Tricia will share what they have learned from running 500 cases and give tips on how to better manage your collaborative cases in an efficient and cost effective way.
 - 6pm-7:30pm PDT
 - Presenters: Tricia Peters, Marguerite Picard, and Anne Gifford
 - **VWS #2 The Collaborative Practice Journey in Asia.** This workshop will discuss the evolution and growth of Collaborative Practice in Singapore and Malaysia.
 - 8pm-9:30pm PDT
 - Presenters: Rajan Chettiar and Siu Lin Goh
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- **Day 2, Friday, October 29, 2021:**
 - **VWS #3 Online Dispute Resolution Tools for Collaborative Professionals.** Nowadays working online is a requirement. Consensual dispute resolution professionals were forced to adapt quickly and move their practice online without preparation. Now it's time to think about the challenges we must face like ethical principles, artificial intelligence (AI), information and communication technologies (ICT). Therefore, for the online dispute resolution process to be effective, the professional must understand its tools, as will be presented in this workshop.
 - 7am-8:30am PDT
 - Presenters: Mirailia Campos Oliveria-Telles and Felicia Zuardi Spinola Garcia
 - **VWS #4 Swiss-Style Neutrality: One-Coach Interdisciplinary Model For Families In Transition.** The role of the coach as a trusted partner (not competition) to the lawyers in the team is essential in enabling the couple to make optimal decisions for themselves and their children, offering them support for redefining the living and child care arrangements with attention to healing wounds, improving communication and developing new perspectives.
 - 9am-10:30am PDT
 - Presenters: Miriam Spiegel

- **VWS #5 Tips for Successfully Producing Interactive Trainings for Your Practice Group.** Quality online trainings can expand the reach and skill level of your practice group and create opportunities for practitioners where collaborative is just taking hold. With a focus on creating engaging, participatory trainings, you will learn about the tools, planning, administrative setup and strategies to help your program go smoothly.
 - 3:30pm-5pm PDT
 - Presenters: Alison Beck and Forest "Woody" Mosten
- **Opening Ceremonies: 6:15pm-10pm PDT**
- **Day 3, Saturday, October 30, 2021**
 - **VWS #6 "They said WHAT?" Microaggression and Its Impact on Collaborative Practice.** Opening the dialogue: introduction to microaggression. Responding to microaggressions from the perspective of: 1) the person affected by the microaggression; 2) the person making the microaggression; and 3) bystanders.
 - 9am-10:30am PDT
 - Presenters: Deborah Rayner, Antoinette Clarke, MSW, BSW, Grd Dip Soc Adm, Sondra Gibbons, BA, LLB, and M. Anne Vespry, B.A., LL.B.
 - **Stu Webb Lecture: Truth & Reconciliation: Healing Wounds.** Whether in personal life or in the larger society, we have wounds that block our ability to be the wonderful gifts that we are meant to be in the world. We too have inflicted wounds on others, and all these wounds can be healed. However, it takes courage and the willingness to speak and hear the truth. That first step to healing is so often the hardest. We are afraid to speak our truth for fear of judgment, rejection and anger. We are also afraid to hear truths that might question our images of ourselves. Yet the pain is only the first step, what comes after that is healing and wholeness. Using South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission is a starting place and model, in this presentation Naomi Tutu talks about how we can heal as individuals and as a society.
 - 11am-12:30pm
 - Presenter: Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu
 - **VWS #7 Say What You Mean: How Legal Drafting Messes With Meaning.** Words. Tone. Body Language. Action. This is how we make meaning as humans. As divorce professionals, we help our clients find meaning in their experience so that their family can transform in the healthiest way. Now, look at your last separation agreement and consider how the words align with the meaning of the "family transformed." Does it truly reflect what is meaningful to the clients, or does it mess with their meaning? Does it focus on engagement, or enforcement and fight? In this workshop you will be introduced to Conscious Contract, a way to reflect collaboration in contracts.
 - 2pm-5:00pm PDT
 - Presenters: Jacinta Gallant and Carmen Aja Ruiz
 - **VWS #8 The Leading Light: Challenges and Opportunities for Practice Group Leaders.**
 - 5:30pm-7:00pm PDT
 - Presenters: Adam Cordover, Selina-Jane Trigg, and Ross Evans
 - **Party, 7pm-10pm PDT**
 - **VWS #9 "War of the Roses" - What if it went Collaborative - the Power of Teamwork!** Using the backdrop of the noir film "War of the Roses," this presentation will explore interventions that may have changed the final outcome of the Rose's highly litigated divorce. "What if" it were possible to convert this divorce to the Collaborative Process? Exploring the use of an interdisciplinary team during some of the most emotionally difficult times, attendees will have the opportunity to design alternative interventions for the Rose family.
 - 9am-10:30am PDT
 - Presenters: Lana M Stern, Robert J Merlin, Marta Alfonso
 - **Closing Plenary: Trickster's Guide to Dancing with Demons: Underworld etiquette, whereby to be agents of cool response in a hot reactive world.** Let's convene all teachings that guide us to spiral out of polarity. "We strengthen whatever we oppose." (Ursula LeGuin) Myths, Fairy Tales, Detective Novels proffer pragmatic counsel, skills and strategy. (As does Star Trek and Groucho Marx.) The Art of Linguistic Aikido encourages our words, story, metaphor to be in accord with our dedicated hearts, so that we can "Find a way outa no-way." Spirals be Nature's Way of resolving conflict. So let's hurl liberating lightning at the closed circle, and spiral forth sane, reverent common sense into Group Mind.
 - 11am-12:30pm PDT
 - Presenter: Caroline Casey

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