



2016 World Family Therapy Congress — March 30 – April 2, 2016

IFTA's 24th World Family Therapy Congress: First Time in Hawaii

Highly experienced systemic therapists familiar with therapeutic needs around the world will keynote many of the sessions at the 2016 World Family Congress in Waikoloa Village, Big Island, Hawaii. Meeting at the Waikoloa Village Hilton Resort in Waikoloa, March 30 – April 2, 2016, hundreds of systemic therapists from over 25 countries will be attending the Congress. There is still time to register for the Congress right now.



KEY DATES FOR 2017 CONGRESS

- **May 1** - Call for Proposals
- **August 30** - Deadline for Proposals
- **November 30** - Early Registration Ends

New at this year's World Congress will be two Pre-Congress Workshops. The pre-congress sessions have been absent for a number of years, but this year there are two:



Judith Kellner

1. **Introduction to Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy (EFT)**

presented by Judith Kellner, MSW
Wednesday, 30 March 2016
10:30 AM- 4:00 PM
[More information here](#)



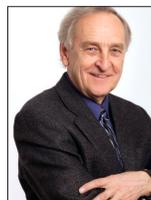
Takeshi Tamura

2. **International Case Consultation: Facilitating Culturally Competent Supervisors**

presented by Takeshi Tamura, M.D., and David McGill, Ph.D.
Wednesday, 30 March 2016
10:30 AM – 4:00 PM
[More information here](#)



David McGill



KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

The keynote presenters for the 24th World Congress include leaders are Karl Tomm (left) from Canada and Takeshi Tamura (right) from Japan. Dr. Tomm's Opening Plenary is entitled, "Bringing Forth Patterns of Interpersonal Interaction to Enable Therapeutic Change." Dr. Tommmwill speak on Thursday morning, March 31. Dr. Takeshi Tamura from Japan will speak on Saturday, April 2. His address is entitled, "Family vTherapy: East Meets West."

Many other featured speakers will present workshops include:

- Dorothy Becvar, "The Supervisor as Mentor"
- Jake Johnson, "Writing for Publication in Marriage and Family Therapy"
- Fred Piercy, Convener, "International Meeting of Editors and Publishers of Journals of Couple, Family and Divorce Therapy/Psychology"

[More information on other featured speakers can be found here.](#)

IFTA & SOCIAL NETWORKING



The use of social networking sites, LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter are part of the world and IFTA has group pages on them.

For IFTA members on Facebook (Facebook) there is an IFTA Group. To join, search "International Family Therapy Association." Once you are on the IFTA group page, click on the link to join. The list is moderated so once you make a request, the group moderator will approve you.

IFTA also has a LinkedIn (LinkedIn) group. Similarly, search for the "International Family Therapy Association" group and request to become a member. As a member of the IFTA groups you can send messages to other IFTA members and network with people from around the world.

If you have any questions about the site or the program contact the IFTA Secretariat (iftasecretariat@aol.com).



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FRIDAY NIGHT LUAU AT THE CONGRESS



EXPERIENCE Legends of Hawai'i, our Big Island Story, which brings to life the ancestral songs (mele) and dance (hula) that retell the epic stories of Hawai'i and her remarkable people. Come and savor this hearty celebration and feast at our Hawaiian Luau. Reserve the Show plus the Buffet or the Show only, [click here](#).

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28 September - 1 October

9th Conference of the European Family Therapy Association

INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMIC RESEARCH CONFERENCE



8-11 March, 2017
Heidelberg, Germany
Information

Second Announcement and First Call for Papers
International Systemic Research Conference
"Linking Systemic Research and Practice"

PLAY AT IFTA CONFERENCES!

Photographs of IFTA's World Family Therapy Congresses are available for viewing. There is an easy way to access the photographs on the web.

Click here and then scroll down and select Congress Photos. Select from among the choices under Congress Photos. Clicking on any of the years will take you directly to the conference photo site at: smugmug or flickr.



Enjoy seeing images from the past conferences in Panama City, Panama (2014), Orlando, Florida (2013); Vancouver, Canada (2012); Holland (2011); Buenos Aires, Argentina (2010), Portoroz, Slovenia (2009); Porto, Portugal (2008); Iceland (2006); Washington, D.C. (2005); Istanbul, Turkey (2004); Bled, Slovenia (2003); Porto Alegre, Brazil (2001). Copies of many of the images are also available through our IFTA photographer, Pamela R. L. Lessing (e-mail: Pam Lessing)

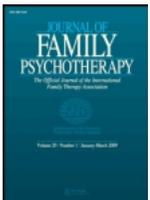
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2017 World Congress Website Open

You can find the 2017 Congress website at: <http://www.ifta-congress.org/>. The website will contain contains all of the information necessary for registration, abstract submission, and other details for 2017 Congress planning.

Proposal Site Open May 1 - Deadline is August 30

The deadline for the 2017 is again is the end of August in order to evaluate and respond to presenters earlier than in the past. If you are in an academic context, please be mindful that the deadline may occur before you return to school. Submit your proposal now!



Journal of Family Psychotherapy Online

Taylor and Francis' online site houses IFTA's Journal of Family Psychotherapy. The new site can be accessed at www.tandfonline.com. Please contact Taylor and Francis for any difficulties in accessing the JFP: onlineaccesshelp@taylorandfrancis.com.

Online Membership Renewal Tips

When renewing online, some members have had their credit card declined because of mistakes in entering the information. Click here for some helpful tips for online credit card applications.

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FEATURED PRESENTERS



Kiran Arora

Title: *The Confluence of Therapy, Culture, and Healing Practices*

Short: 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.



Rennee Singhs



Dean Busby and Jonathan Sandberg

Title: *What every therapist should know about attachment behaviors in couple relationships*

Short: 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.



Suzanne Hanna

Title: *Bullying and the Transparent Brain: Constructing Circuits of Biosocial Healing*

Short: 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.



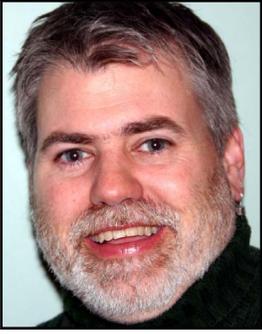
Marlene Watson

Title: *The Cross-Racial Therapeutic Relationship: Genuine or Fantasy*

Short: 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.



Argie J. Allen-Wilson



William Northey

Title: *You Want to Bring Who? Utilizing Family Strengths to Enhance Substance Abuse Treatment*

Short: 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.



Warwick Phipps

Title: *How to do an Interactional Pattern Analysis: Truly Relational Diagnosis*

Short: 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.



Desiree Seponski

Title: *Reflections of MFTs' Experiences in Recruiting Minority Clients*

Short: 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.



Volker Thomas

Title: *Filial Therapy with at-Risk Children in Turkey and the USA*

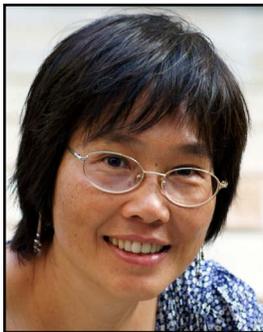
Short: This session presents an evidence-based approach to working with at-risk children and their families using Filial Therapy and Structural Family Therapy principles to improve child behavior and the parent-child relationship. Research and clinical experiences from Turkey and the USA will be offered.



Daniel Stillwell

Title: *MFT Spiritual Competency*

Short: 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.”



Joyce Ma

Title: *Paternal and maternal experiences in caring for children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in a Chinese context: Implications for family therapy.*



Martine Nisse

Title: *Change the broad lines: How create a new atmosphere to work with incestuous families*

Short: 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.



Diane Gehart

Title: *Mindfulness and Acceptance with Children and Families*

Short: 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.