

Cults, Conversion, Science & Harm

AFF 2001 Annual Conference

When: Friday & Saturday, May 4-5, 2001

Where: New York City Area
Holiday Inn at Newark, New Jersey Airport

Program:

Thursday, May 3, 2001 (Pre-Conference Events)

- **Workshop for Former Group Members** (10:00 - 5:00; with optional evening session)
Coordinator: Carol Giambalvo; Joseph Kelly; Wendy Ford Wolfberg, M.Ed.
- **Workshop for Families and Friends** (10:00 - 5:00)
Coordinator: Livia Bardin, M.S.W.

Friday, May 4, 2001

- **Cults, Conversion, Science, and Harm** (Michael D. Langone, Ph.D.)
- **Cults, Culture, and Human Rights** (Randy Kandel, Ph.D., J.D.)
- **After the Cult: Spiritual Issues** (Craig Branch, Coordinator)
- **Social Influences on Youth** (Dean Borgman, M.A., CAGS)
- **Cults Around the World** (Mike Kropveld, Coordinator)
- **Problems in New Catholic Movements** (Peter Malinoski, Ph.D. Candidate, Coordinator; Ray Dreitlin, Ph.D.; Fr. Michael Duggan, Ph.D.; Fr. James LeBar)
- **Cults and New Religious Movements: Sociological Perspectives** (Stephen Kent, Ph.D. and Benjamin Zablocki, Ph.D., Coordinators)
- **Releasing the Bonds: Empowering People to Think for Themselves** (Steven Hassan, M.Ed., LMHC.; Discussants: David Clark; Linda Dubrow, Ph.D.; Steve Dubrow-Eichel, Ph.D., ABPP)
- **Conversion Experiences: Positive Accounts** (Joseph Szimhart, Coordinator)
- **Sociological Research: An International Perspective** (Jean-Francois Mayer, Ph.D.)

Saturday, May 5, 2001

- **Cult Members Reflect on The Family's Experience** (Livia Bardin, M.S.W., Coordinator)
- **Cults and New Religious Movements: Psychological Perspectives** (Rod Marshall, Ph.D. and Peter Malinoski, Ph.D. Candidate, Coordinators; Lois Kendall, B.Sc., Jodi Aronoff McKibben, M.S., Ph.D. Candidate, Jonibeth Whitney, M.A., Ph.D. Candidate)
- **Cults and the Law: Practical Issues** (Marcia Rudin, M.A., Coordinator; Robin Boyle, J.D., Randy Kandel, Ph.D., J.D., Herbert L. Rosedale, Esq.)
- **Cults: A Thirty-Year Retrospective** (Margaret Thaler Singer, Ph.D.)

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Registration Form

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All rates are per person. Registration includes conference fee only. All meals are optional. (Less expensive meals are available in the hotel restaurant.) **Attendees need to make their own hotel reservations** and pay the hotel directly for their rooms and non-conference meals. **Ask for the special AFF room rate**, which will only be guaranteed through April 19th (\$89.99 plus tax per night; 973-589-1000; see back for directions). Enter appropriate amounts for registration fees and optional meals on the right and total at the bottom. (Your contributions will help us give discounts and "scholarships" to people needing financial assistance.) **NOTE:** See discount columns for early registration fees. Don't forget credit card information at the bottom. Fax, mail, or e-mail this form to AFF, P.O. Box 2265, Bonita Springs, FL 34133 (fax: 941-649-2267; e-mail: aff@csj.org).

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	Registration Two-Day (Friday & Saturday)	\$140	\$170	\$200	
	Registration: pre-conference ex-member workshop (Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; optional evening program 7:00 - 9:30 pm)	\$45	\$60	\$75	
	Registration: pre-conference family workshop (Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm) <i>Coping with Cult Involvement: A Handbook for Families and Friends</i> is a required text for the workshop. Attendees may purchase the book at the workshop (\$27) or contact AFF about purchasing it in advance.	\$55	\$70	\$85	
	One-Day Registration. Check Day: Friday [] Saturday []	\$80	\$100	\$120	
	Thursday Lunch			\$ 20	
	Thursday Dinner			\$ 35	
	Friday Lunch			\$ 20	
	Friday Dinner			\$ 35	
	Saturday Lunch			\$ 20	
	Saturday Dinner			\$ 35	
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- **Governmental Responses to Cults** (Michael Kropveld, Coordinator)
- **Conversion Experiences: Negative Accounts** (Lorna Goldberg, M.S.W., Coordinator; Maureen Griffo, Mary O'Connell)
- **Developing Accountability Mechanisms in Cults** (Benjamin Zablocki, Ph.D. and Stephen Kent, Ph.D., Coordinators; Dianne Casoni, Ph.D., Janja Lalich, Ph.D.)
- **Born and Abused in Cults** (Carey Bowen, Coordinator; Arnold Markowitz, M.S.W., C.S.W.; Rev. Robert Pardon)
- **Thought Reform Consultation** (David Clark, Carol Giambalvo, Joseph Kelly, Patrick Ryan, Hana Whitfield, Jerry Whitfield)
- **Methodological Recommendations Regarding Scientific Research on Cults** (Jodi Aronoff McKibben, Ph.D. Candidate; Discussants: Arthur Dole, Ph.D.; Peter Malinoski, Ph.D. Candidate; Benjamin Zablocki, Ph.D.)
- **Keynote Address: Conversion in Aum Shinrikyo**
Robert Jay Lifton, M.D.

"Coordinators" are organizing programs for which all speakers may not have been identified at time of printing.

Presenters

Livia Bardin, M.S.W., Psychotherapist, Clinical Social Worker, Washington, D.C.

Dean Borgman, M.A., CAGS, Associate Professor of Youth Ministry, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Robin Boyle, J.D., Assistant Legal Writing Professor, St. John's University School of Law

Carey Bowen, Thought Reform Educator, Olympia, WA

Craig Branch, President and Director, Apogetics Resource Center

Dianne Casoni, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Criminology, University of Montreal

David Clark, Thought Reform Consultant; AFF Video Education Committee Chair, Philadelphia, PA

Arthur Dole, Ph.D., ABPP, Emeritus Professor of Education, University of Pennsylvania

Linda Dubrow, Ph.D., Psychologist, RETIRN (Re-entry Information & Referral Network).

Steve Dubrow-Eichel, Ph.D., ABPP, Psychologist and Co-director of RETIRN, Philadelphia, PA

Ray Dreitlein, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at Kean University, Instructor at Rutgers University Center for Alcohol Studies. Private practice in psychotherapy, Berkeley Heights, NJ.

Fr. Michael Duggan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at St. Mary's, College in Calgary and priest of the Diocese of Calgary, Alberta

Carol Giambalvo, Director of Recovery Programs, AFF; Thought Reform Consultant, Flagler Beach, FL

Lorna Goldberg, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., New Jersey Institute of Psychoanalysis

Maureen Griffo, Board Member, reFOCUS, New York City

Steven Hassan, M.Ed., LMHC, Director, Freedom of Mind Resource Center, Cambridge, MA

Randy Kandel, Ph.D., J.D. Assistant Professor of Law, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

Joseph Kelly, Thought Reform Consultant, Philadelphia, PA

Lois Kendall, B.Sc. (Hon), Doctoral Candidate; Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College; England.

Stephen Kent, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Mike Kropveld, Executive Director, Info-Cult, Montreal, Canada

Janja Lalich, Ph.D. Lecturer, Department of Sociology, California State University, Chico

Michael Langone, Ph.D., Executive Director, AFF; Editor, *Cultic Studies Journal*

Fr. James LeBar, priest of the Archdiocese of New York

Robert Jay Lifton, M.D. Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology and Director, Center on Violence and Human Survival, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Graduate Center, City University of New York

Peter Malinoski, Ph.D. Candidate, Ohio University, Meridian Psychological Associates, Indianapolis, IN

Arnold Markowitz, M.S.W., C.S.W., Director, Cult Hotline & Clinic, Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, New York City

Rod Marshall, B.A. (Hons), Ph.D., Senior Lecturer in Psychology and Head of Human Sciences, Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College, England

Jean-Francois Mayer, Ph.D., University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Jodi Aronoff McKibben, M.S., Ph.D. Candidate, Ohio University, Research Scientist, University of Maryland, Baltimore

Mary O'Connell, former member Soka Gakkai, New York City

Rev. Robert Pardon, Co-Director/Administrator, New England Institute of Religious Research, Lakeville, MA

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Marcia Rudin, M.A., Founding Director, International Cult Education Program

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Wendy Ford Wolfberg, M.Ed. Boston, MA. Author of *Recovery from Abusive Groups*.

Benjamin Zablocki, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University

The Facility

Holiday Inn North (**160 Frontage Road, Newark, NJ 07114**) is conveniently located in northern New Jersey close to the Newark Airport, a short distance from New York City. In addition to an array of function rooms, the hotel includes newly renovated guest rooms and lobby, copy/facsimile services, complimentary copies of *USA Today*, hair dryers, iron & boards, and coffee makers in guest rooms, same day valet dry cleaning services, onsite fitness center, gift shop, and car rental facilities, remote color TV with pay per view and premium channels, and the Hunt Room Restaurant and Rothschild's Lounge on premises. Ask for the special AFF rate of \$89.99 plus tax when you call to make your reservations (**973-589-1000**; fax: 973-589-2799). The special rate may not be available after April 19th, and other functions may result in a shortage of rooms. So register early!

Directions.

New Jersey Turnpike: Take Exit 14, then take the 2nd right (Frontage Road).

I-78 or Route 24: Take Exit 58B (Frontage Road).

Routes 1 & 9 North: (from South of Airport) follow 1 & 9 (local) to blue sign marked Frontage Road.

Routes 1 & 9 South: (from North of Airport) watch for airport sign. Take Frontage Road exit on immediate right.

Route 22: Take 1 & 9 North, local lanes, to Frontage Road.

Garden State Parkway South: Take Exit 140A to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North; local lanes to Frontage Road.

Garden State Parkway North: Take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (Frontage Road).

Transportation. Free airport shuttle leaves approximately every 10 minutes from Station E at Newark Airport. Cab fare from the airport to the hotel is approximately \$12.



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