

MCFM's 16TH ANNUAL
**FAMILY
MEDIATION
INSTITUTE**

DECEMBER 8, 2017 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Conference Center at Waltham Woods
860 Winter Street, Waltham, MA

REGISTER EARLY — MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE 105!

Early registration: received by November 20th
MCFM members \$195, non-members \$235

Late registration: received after November 20th
MCFM members \$215, non-members \$255

***Costs include written materials & a buffet lunch
with ample vegetarian options.***

Limited scholarship assistance is available on written request.

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
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ACCEPTED CREDIT CARDS:
VISA / MASTERCARD / DISCOVER / AMEX

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If notified of cancellations on or before December 7, 2017, MCFM will refund the applicable registration fee less the cancellation fee of \$50. No refunds will be granted after December 7, 2017. Substitutions are permitted at any time. The cancellation will be acknowledged but refunds may not be issued until after the Institute.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In addition to our faculty, MCFM gratefully acknowledges the enormous efforts of Laurie Udell, Les Wallerstein, Barbara Kellman, Vicki Shemin and Fran Whyman, without whose contributions this Institute would not have been possible.

THE MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL ON FAMILY MEDIATION, INC.
PRESENTS ITS 16TH ANNUAL

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MORNING AGENDA

8:30 - 8:45 AM Registration
8:45 - 9:00 AM Welcome & Light Refreshments

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

9:00-10:30 AM Keynote Speaker
Aline Zoldbrod, Ph.D.

**From the Bedroom to the Mediation Room:
What Sex Therapists Want Mediators to Know**

We will learn how to talk about intimacy and sex with our clients and when a referral to a sex therapist might be appropriate. We will also hone our skills in detecting and facilitating a discussion about this difficult issue.

10:40-12:30 PM
Jonathan E. Fields, Esq.
Family law: The Year in Review

A review of the recent case law and court procedures affecting family mediators, including a brief review of the highlights of the new child support guidelines

BUFFET LUNCH
12:30 - 1:30 PM

Various lunch items including ample vegetarian options.

New This Year: We welcome **new mediators** to sit at tables reserved for them (and more experienced mediators). Please let us know if you would like this opportunity so we make sure to have enough seats set aside.

**MCFM's 13th annual presentation of the
John A. Fiske award for excellence in mediation.**

EARLY AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

1:40 -3:10 PM

THREE STYLES OF MEDIATION: ROLE PLAYS

**Mediators: Jeanne Cleary, M.A., Rachel Goldman, Esq.
and Michael Leshin, Esq., MCRP**

Moderator: Barbara Kellman, Esq., MSW

**Role Players: Vicki Shemin, Esq., LICSW, ACSW,
and Alex Jones, Esq., MSW**

Three experienced mediators will each mediate when there is a lie involved. Each style of mediation, transformative, evaluative and facilitative will be demonstrated. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and understand why each mediator took the path that he or she did.

LATE AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

3:15 - 4:45 PM

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES VIRTUAL 21ST CENTURY COMMUNICATION

Jennifer Hawthorne, Esq.

A highly interactive workshop where we will discuss all sorts of challenges including one party's use of social media, children's use and new partner's use. It would be most helpful if you could email your scenarios at least ten days prior to the Institute to Laurie Udell at lsudellesq@aol.com. If you do not email ahead of time, you can bring your issues and Jennifer will try to add them to the list of different pitfalls that can arise with the use of social media. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to weigh in with their own opinions as to how the mediator might deal with the issue a different way when social media issues arise in the mediation room.

MCFM INSTITUTE FACULTY

Jeanne Cleary has been facilitating difficult and transformative conversations for over 35 years, and provides relational and couple psychotherapy, mediation, Collaborative Law Coaching, and consultation for families in transition/divorce in her private practice. Jeanne is an adjunct faculty at University of Massachusetts, Boston McCormack Graduate School of Conflict Resolution. She is a long time student of mediation and continues to be passionate about human potential through relational engagement.

Jonathan E. Fields is a founding partner of Fields Dennis & Cooper LLP where he practices exclusively in family law both as an attorney and mediator, and has been practicing law for more than 25 years. His firm has been ranked as one of Boston's Top Tier Family Law Firms in the U.S. News & World Report's Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2016 Edition. He was also a member of the 2017 Massachusetts Child Support Guidelines Task Force. Jon is a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Rachel Goldman is a partner at Grindle Robinson LLP in Wellesley, Massachusetts. She specializes in collaborative family law, mediation, conciliation, and settlement negotiation. She is listed in the book "Best Lawyers in America" and Boston Magazine's "Top Women Attorneys in Massachusetts" and has been named a Super Lawyer in the areas of Family Law and Family Law Mediation. Rachel is a Board member and past President of the Massachusetts Collaborative Law Council. She frequently teaches and presents to professional groups and the public about divorce law, collaborative practice and mediation.

Jennifer Hawthorne is a mediator and collaborative attorney practicing in Southborough. She is the owner of Hawthorne Law and Mediation and is Of Counsel to Skylark Law and Mediation. She has been an MCFM board member since 2016. Jen is also the co-Chair of the MCFM Publishing Committee. When not working, she enjoys spending time with her family and is actively involved in her children's school.

Alex Jones is a partner at Brick, Sugarman, Jones & McBrien, LLP. He practices in all areas of domestic relations, ranging from serving as a mediator to the litigation of domestic relations proceedings at both the trial and appellate levels. Alex has also been appointed by various justices of the Probate and Family Court to serve as a Guardian ad Litem, parent coordinator and a discovery master. He is a graduate of Boston College Law School and Graduate School of Social Work

Barbara Kellman is the current president of MCFM. She holds an MSW from Boston University and a J.D. from the University of Michigan. She is a partner in the firm Sneider Kellman, P.C. in Chestnut Hill. Barbara has used her ADR skills in the past as General Counsel of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Counsel to the Mass. Board of Registration in Nursing. She has mediated employment and other business cases and now focuses her practice on family law and mediation.

Michael Leshin is a family law attorney and mediator at the law firm he and Julie Ginsburg (now retired) founded in 1998; Ginsburg & Leshin, LLC in Wellesley. He has been certified as a divorce mediator by MCFM, and in 2013 he received MCFM's John Adams Fiske Award for Excellence in Mediation. He is listed in the Best Lawyers in America for Family Law (2006-2018) and Family Law Mediation (2007-2018). He is the author of the Massachusetts Family Law Sourcebook, published annually by MCLE.

Vicki Shemin, a partner at Fields and Dennis LLP, has been consistently recognized as a "Top Ten Attorney in Family Law in Massachusetts" and as a "Top Rated Lawyer: Women Leaders in the Law." With 38 years of combined clinical and family law experience, Vicki offers clients an array of dispute resolution options including mediation, collaborative law, consultation and coaching, settlement negotiation, Category V parenting coordination, guardian ad litem evaluative opinions, premarital and postnuptial agreements.

Aline Zoldbrod is a Boston based licensed psychologist, and AASECT certified sex therapist and Diplomate and the author of three well-regarded, commercially published books about sexuality and relationships. She has lectured locally, nationally and internationally about sexuality, couples and relationships.