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PRESENTS**

**Doing Therapy
with Couples &
Families - Ethical
& Professional
Issues**



**Spring Conference for Clinicians
6 Contact Hours**
[satisfying annual CE ethics requirements]

with

Michael Gillette, PhD
Ethicist

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Erika Grafsky, PhD
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Friday, May 5th 2017

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**Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference
Center, Williamsburg, Virginia**

Registration

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Arrangements

The Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center is located at **6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg**. The registration desk opens at 8:30 a.m. The workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. Attendees must sign in. Certificates are awarded only on conference completion at 4:30 p.m. Free parking onsite. A discounted rate of \$129 per night is available. Phone the hotel directly at (757) 220 2250. Make reservations prior to 4/6/17 to receive this rate.

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Doing Therapy with Couples & Families – Ethical & Professional Issues

Systemically oriented therapists face multiple challenges in the contemporary context. With the changing dynamics in our society, the therapist is faced with increasing complexity of practice, having to navigate through: co-morbid clinical presentations, systemic formulations vs individually based diagnoses, unique familial and relationship structures, diverse cultures, law and regulation, health insurer requirements, and professional codes of ethics.

This conference will address some of the questions below, as well as others. Three experts will offer their perspectives and opportunities for dialogue: Dr Michael Gillette, PhD – ethics (3 hours); Ms Jaime Hoyle, JD – law and regulation (1 ½ hours); Dr Erika Grafsky, PhD – affirmative practice with LGBTQ+ clients (1 ½ hours).

- Who is the client? Is it the individual or the relational unit?
- How does the therapist decide who is the identified patient? How does this affect the identified patient and the system?
- How does the therapist reconcile labelling a symptom bearer when the dysfunction is theoretically/philosophically the system being 'treated'. And, what about when the dysfunction is the eco-system?
- What sort of clinical records should be maintained, and what should or should not be reflected in them?
- What are the implications when one party in the relational unit enters into a legal conflict with another party in the relational unit?
- What are the implications of the therapist working with clients from diverse cultures?
- What are the implications of the therapist not having traversed the developmental life experiences that clients have?
- How does one create an affirmative and inclusive therapy practice for LGBTQ+ clients?
- What are some of the ethical decisions therapists face around treating LGBTQ+ clients?

- How does one develop and maintain competencies needed to practice marriage and family therapy?
- What does the therapist do when their relationships are troubled? How does this affect working with couples and families?
- What is the therapist's framework for ethical decision-making?
- What are therapist errors that frequently lead to ethical complaints?
- How does the Board of Counseling balance protection of the public with rehabilitation of the practitioner?

About the Presenters

Michael Gillette, PhD, is a nationally recognized ethicist who has presented numerous keynotes and workshops on many applied ethics topics. He contracts with a wide range of healthcare organizations and other agencies to provide ethics case consultations and policy work. Dr Gillette graduated magna cum laude from Brandeis University and he earned his master's and PhD in philosophy at Brown University, where he wrote a doctoral dissertation on Paternalism in Psychiatric Medicine. He has taught at colleges and universities, published articles in the field of clinical ethics and received several teaching awards. Elected three times to the City Council in Lynchburg, Virginia, he also served two terms as Mayor. Dr Gillette is currently President of Bioethical Services of Virginia, Inc.

Jaime Hoyle, JD, is a graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law. She is the Executive Director of the Virginia Boards of Counseling, Psychology, and Social Work. She has served as Chief Deputy Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, and Senior Staff Attorney and Policy Analyst with the Joint Commission on Health Care.

Erika Grafsky, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Human Development and faculty affiliate of Women and Gender Studies and Health Sciences at Virginia Tech. Dr. Grafsky's scholarship is focused on the health and well-being of sexual and gender minority individuals and their families and affirmative therapy practices. She uses qualitative and mixed methods designs to understand the decision-making process around disclosing one's sexual orientation to family, as well as experiences following disclosure. She also studies the experiences of rural LGBT families. Dr. Grafsky has authored over 25 professional publications and is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy* and the *Journal of Family Psychology*.

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