

VaCP Information and Ideas Email

Information

On September 15 and 16, 2013, VaCP members have a rare opportunity to learn from some of the leading interdisciplinary voices on divorce: Julie MacFarlane, professor on the Faculty of Law of the University of Windsor and Stephanie Coontz, professor of history and family studies at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. The National Center for Family Law at the University of Richmond has put together an exceptional program on *The Divorcing Brain* featuring these internationally known experts as well as many other notable speakers who will stretch your understanding of the work we do.

There are many lenses to look through in the kaleidoscope that is divorce. In collaborative work, we are familiar with the emotional, legal and financial aspects of restructuring families. But there are also social lenses that determine those laws and spreadsheets, cultural lenses that impact how we feel about divorce, psychological lenses that construct our professional identity and scientific lenses that inform us about reactivity and creativity. All of these lenses affect both our lives and our clients' lives. The more we understand how they interact with each other through interdisciplinary conversations, the more flexible we become in our aptitudes and attitudes.

The Symposium will start on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. and will host a dinner reception at 6 p.m. that day with the speakers. Monday's schedule runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may register for both days for the cost of \$375 or for a single day: Sunday only \$140 plus \$40 for dinner reception or Monday only \$195. You may find further information on the website: law.richmond.edu/stateofthefamily.

Please join us.

Idea

And the great idea of this email is to come to one or both days of the Symposium with a colleague - or better yet with your entire practice group. Traveling together, sharing the same experiences (good or bad), and learning new information supports bonds of trust, vulnerability and friendship. Your practice group is a unique entity, unlike other networking organizations. You are building a new process together, thinking about your community and the needs of your clients, remembering old values and creating new opportunities to be a visionary as well as to be a team. The collaborative paradigm shift is not just a one-time event - it happens over and over again as you challenge yourself and your colleagues with new learning and experiences. It is worth the effort.