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Jon Aaronson, Ph.D., LPC

For over 25 years as a Family Court Counselor and private practitioner in Dane County (Madison) Wisconsin, Dr. Aaronson has conducted custody/access evaluations and mediation, co-parent therapy, collaborative family law coaching and child advocacy, and parent coordination. He provides training on aspects of high conflict divorce, including child alienation and domestic violence, to other mental health professionals, childcare workers, advocacy counsel, and to Guardians *ad Litem* for the Wisconsin State Bar. Dr. Aaronson received a Bachelor's degree from Harpur College (SUNY-Binghamton) and his Master's from Michigan State University, both in Political Science. In 1986, he earned a PhD in Counseling and Guidance from UW-Madison.



Michael Carolla, MFT

Michael Carolla, MFT, is the Executive Director for Touchstone Counseling Services in Pleasant Hill, California. In addition to his anger management and domestic violence treatment programs, he has developed with his staff a "families in divorce" counseling and mediation system. This program is intended to help individuals and families in high conflict divorce situations to establish new functional family systems in the changing family structure. Mr. Carolla speaks regularly to psychotherapists, family court professionals and others on the challenges of working with high conflict couples, and on a variety of topics related to child custody and family violence, including post-separation and divorce interventions such as "wraparound" visitation. Some of his intervention strategies are outlined in his chapter included in *Family Interventions in Domestic Violence: A Handbook of Gender-Inclusive Theory and Treatment*, edited by John Hamel and Tonia Nicholls (Springer, 2007).



Karen D. Cohen, M.S., MFT

Karen D. Cohen, L.M.F.T, CGP, is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who has been in practice since 1987. At her private practice in Pasadena and Sherman Oaks, California, she works with clients diagnosed with issues of trauma, alcohol and chemical dependency, dual diagnosis, affective disorders, anxiety and personality disorders. She is a certified group psychotherapist and facilitates multiple intergenerational family group treatment in both inpatient and outpatient settings. She has presented workshops and training seminars on multi-intergenerational family group treatment to mental health professionals and graduate school programs. Ms. Cohen is a co founder for Americans for Elder Care Reform, and the current director counseling programs for Project SISTER, a sexual assault crisis counseling programs for survivors of childhood sexual assault. For 17 years she was a clinical program director for an outpatient drug and alcohol treatment program, and has facilitated numerous groups for adult and adolescent males and females suffering from substance abuse or dependence who have also been either victims and/or perpetrators of family violence and childhood sexual assault.



Philip Cook

Philip Cook is a noted journalist who has received awards for his reporting from the Associated Press and the Professional Journalism Society among others. His work objectively examines and explains relevant research results, the feelings and problems of interviewed victims, and provider and media response to the issue. He has examined scores of national and international domestic violence and family programs and evaluated their potential for helpful replication. His presentations on the subject of male abuse victims have received high praise from a diverse spectrum of society such as "Dear Abby", leading domestic violence experts, attorneys, physicians, law enforcement, and numerous mental health professionals. He has served as a founding board member of Stop Abuse for Everyone, an organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Mr. Cook has appeared on numerous national radio and television shows such as MSNBC, Fox TV's "The Crier Report," "The O'Reilly Factor," The Sally Jesse Raphael Show," "The Montel Williams Show," "The Home and Family Show," and numerous talk radio programs. He is the author of the pioneering book, *Abused Men: The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence* (Praeger, 1997). His articles on domestic violence have been published in several publications, including the Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment and the book, *Family Interventions in in Domestic Violence: A Handbook of Gender-Inclusive Theory and Treatment* (Hamel & Nicholls, 2006).



Christina M. Dalpiaz, MS

Christina Dalpiaz is a certified Victims' Advocate and Founder as well as Executive Director of CHANCE (Changing How Adults Nurture Children's Egos), a nonprofit agency based in Denver, Colorado. Herself a survivor of domestic violence, she is an international speaker and was voted Child Advocate of the Year in 1998 by the Aurora Family Violence Response Team. She is the author of several peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, as well as the nationally-recognized book, *Breaking Free, Starting Over: Parenting in the Aftermath of Family Violence* (Praeger, 2004). Her dedication to helping families is actually a second career; Dalpiaz previously served in the U.S. Naval Reserves and retired as a Lieutenant Commander.



Lt. (ret.) Richard L. Davis

Richard L. Davis is a retired police lieutenant. He has a graduate degree in liberal arts from Harvard University and another in criminal justice from Anna Maria College. He is a member of the International Honor Society of Historians and the American Society of Criminology and an adjunct instructor for Quincy College at Plymouth, MA. Lt. Davis is also the vice president for Family Nonviolence, Inc. (www.familynonviolence.com) in Fairhaven, MA, and the author of the books *Domestic Violence: Facts and Fallacies* (Praeger, 1998) and *Domestic Violence: Intervention, Prevention, Policies, and Solutions* (Taylor & Francis, 2008). Many of his articles have appeared in newspapers, journals, and magazines concerning the issue of domestic violence and its intersection with the criminal justice system. Lt. Davis has online columns concerning domestic violence at www.policione.com, and www.nycop.com. He may be reached at rldavis@post.harvard.edu.



Sarah L. Desmarais, Ph.D. Cand.

Sarah L. Desmarais, M.A., is a Ph.D. Candidate in Law and Forensic Psychology at Simon Fraser University. With a background in social and applied cognitive psychology, her broad research focus is on factors affecting decision making in varying forensic contexts. Specific topics of interest include decision making in the context of intimate partner abuse and the legal system, as well as the assessment and management of risks in psychiatric patients. Since 2005 Sarah has been a research associate with the Forensic Psychiatric Services of the BC Mental Health and Addiction Services. There she is involved in a multi-site implementation and research program for a structured professional judgment scheme which provides clinical guidelines for the assessment of risks through consideration of client strengths and needs (*START*; Webster et al., 2004). She is also Project Manager for an international research team whose focus is to reduce violence associated with violence perpetration, victimization, and self-harm among persons with mental disorders. Sarah is completing her dissertation which examines factors affecting the perceived credibility of intimate partner abuse reports, specifically investigating whether the observed phenomena are context-specific or instead may be characteristic of behavioral reports more generally.



Claudia Ann Dias, MSC, JD

Claudia provides education and training in the fields of substance abuse, family violence, cultural awareness, sexual harassment and communications skills to both public and private sectors. She has taught at the high school, community college and university level. She has provided a PC 1000 Drug Diversion Program and a Domestic Violence Intervention Program for offenders, and provides a 52-week program for Child Abuse offenders. Her program at Changing Courses in Sacramento, California has been featured on the newsmagazine 20/20 and on Oprah for her work with perpetrators, male and female, of family violence. She is a frequent guest lecturer at colleges, universities and law schools throughout the country. She is an expert witness on the subjects of family violence and substance abuse. She is currently working on a training video focused on family violence. She is an attorney, with mediation in family law being her primary focus.



Donald Dutton, PH.D

Donald Dutton received his Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Toronto in 1970. After receiving training as a group therapist at Cold Mountain Institute, he co-founded the Assaultive Husbands Project in 1979, a court mandated treatment program for men convicted of wife assault. He has published more than 100 papers and several books, including the *Domestic Assault of Women* (UBC Press, 1995), *The Batterer: A Psychological Profile* (Basic Books, 1995), and *The Abusive Personality* (Guilford Press, 2002). *The Batterer* has been translated into French, Spanish, Dutch, Japanese, and Polish and Dutton has frequently served as an expert witness in civil trials involving domestic abuse and in criminal trials involving family violence. He is currently professor of psychology at the University of British Columbia. His latest work, *Rethinking Domestic Violence* (UBC Press, 2005), includes an examination of how the gender paradigm developed in domestic violence research and policy. His other recent books include a review of recent research on personality disorder, developmental neuroscience and intimate abusiveness (*The Abusive Personality*, 3rd ed., 2006), and an explanation and the psychology of genocide and military massacres (*Transformations to Evil: State Initiated Violence*, Praeger, 2007).



Nicola Graham-Kevan, BSc, Ph.D.

Dr Nicola Graham-Kevan is an associate fellow of the British Psychological Society as well as a fellow of the International Society for Research on Aggression. She is the founder and president of the International Family Aggression Society. Dr Graham-Kevan has a PhD (title: "Violence and Control in Heterosexual Relationships"), MSc Forensic Psychology, and a BSc in Psychology with Law. She works at the School of Psychology, University of Central Lancashire, UK. Dr Graham-Kevan has been researching partner violence risk factors for over 10 years and has published in journals such as *Violence & Victims*, *Aggressive Behavior* and *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. She has also contributed two book chapters to J.Hamel and T.Nichols (Eds) *Family Interventions in Domestic Violence*. She can be contacted by email at ngraham-kevan@uclan.ac.uk, or by post at The School of Psychology, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, Lancashire, UK.



Stanley Green

Victims' Resource Advocate Stanley Green is the first male survivor of domestic violence to have given the opening keynote address at a professional conference on family violence. Mr. Green also participated in the first workshop on male survivors of domestic violence conducted at a professional conference in New York City. Mr. Green has appeared on ABC News 20/20, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and numerous regional and international television and radio shows, including an interview by Television de Nacional de Chile and a radio interview by Beverly Anderson-Manly, the former First Lady of Jamaica and former delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Mr. Green has testified nine times before the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women, which is co-chaired by the U.S. Attorney General and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and was awarded a scholarship by the Office on Violence Against Women to attend the Symposium commemorating the tenth anniversary of the passage of the Violence Against Women Act. Mr. Green has served on the Legislative Committee of the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs and has conducted gender-issues trainings for the U.S. Army Academy of Health Sciences, the YWCA, Native American tribal government and training entities in the U.S. and Canada, and family services programs in the U.S. and Canada.



John Hamel, LCSW

John Hamel, LCSW, a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, has been a court-certified Batterer Intervention Provider since 1992, headquartered in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. His clinical services include family violence assessments and treatment programs for abusive men, women and families. Mr. Hamel has provided consultation and training to mental health professionals, batterer intervention providers, victim advocates, attorneys and law enforcement, and serves as an expert court witness in criminal and family law courts. His articles on partner violence have appeared in *Violence and Victims*, the *Family Violence & Sexual Assault Bulletin* and *International Journal of Men's Health*. Mr. Hamel is the author of *Gender-Inclusive Treatment of Intimate Partner Abuse: A Comprehensive Approach* (Springer, 2005), and co-editor, with Tonia L. Nicholls, of *Family Interventions in Domestic Violence: A Handbook of Gender-Inclusive Theory and Treatment* (Springer, 2006). He is currently editing a new book, *Domestic Violence Therapy: A Casebook for Mental Health Professionals*, to be published by Springer in 2008.



Janet R. Johnston Ph.D.

Janet Johnston is a professor in the Department of Justice Studies, San Jose State University. For almost three decades, she has specialized in counseling, mediation and research with high-conflict, litigating divorcing couples and their children with special attention to domestic violence, child abduction and alienated children. Developing multi-disciplinary partnerships with the court and a continuum of services within the community for divorcing families and their children is also one of her special interests. She has published more than 60 papers, co-authored two books (*Impasses of Divorce* and *In the Name of the Child*), two treatment manuals (*High Conflict, Violent and Separating Families* and *A Safe Place to Grow*) and a book of therapeutic stories for children (*Through the Eyes of Children*). Often a featured speaker, she has presented at hundreds of scientific and professional meetings for mental health professionals, attorneys, judges, and court administrators throughout the USA, Canada, Australia and Europe. Jan Johnston has also been the recipient of a number of honors for distinguished service, research and outstanding scholarship from the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts (2007; 2000; 1996; & 1993), from the Academy of Family Mediators (2000) and from San Jose State University (2007).



Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Ph.D.

Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Ph.D., is a Psychology Professor at the University of South Alabama. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Brown University and her Master's and Ph.D. degrees in Clinical Psychology from the University of Oregon. She completed her clinical internship at the Palo Alto VA/Stanford Medical Center, and a two-year NIMH funded fellowship in marital violence at SUNY-Stony Brook. Her research focuses on gender, intimate partner violence, and at-risk adolescents. She has published over 70 empirical papers and book chapters on these topics in journals including *Violence and Victims*, *Journal of Family Violence*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Journal of Family Psychology*, and *Psychology of Women*. For the past three years, she has been developing, implementing, and disseminating data on a domestic violence prevention/relationship enhancement program she designed called *Building a Lasting Love*. She has targeted the program toward high-risk pregnant teens and adjudicated male youth.



R.L. McNeely, Ph.D., JD.

R.L. McNeely, Ph.D., JD, is a professor of social welfare at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and a practicing attorney. His published books as well as peer-reviewed journal articles have focused upon issues of work and family, aging and race, and on numerous aspects of domestic violence. His work in the field of domestic violence inspired a NBC documentary, "Of Macho and Men," and he has appeared on CBS Morning News discussing domestic violence as a human issue, rather than a women's issue. R.L. McNeely is also a Research Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America. He has testified before Congress on the issue of domestic violence, serves as a domestic violence consultant for the U.S. Army and, as an attorney, has successfully represented individuals falsely accused of domestic violence.



Greg Merrill, LCSW

Greg Merrill served as the Director of Client and Advocacy at Community United Against Violence, a San Francisco community-based organization serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, from August of 1996 until January of 1999. In this capacity, he oversaw a 24-hour hotline and counseling and advocacy services and authored several national reports on same-gender domestic violence. From February 1999 until January 2005, Mr. Merrill served as the founding Social Work Supervisor for the UCSF Trauma Recovery and Rape Treatment Center at San Francisco General Hospital. Providing outreach, clinical case management, and brief psychotherapy to victims of interpersonal violence, this center won the National Public Health Association's Safety Net Award in 2004. Since July of 2000, Mr. Merrill has taught continuing education for the National Association of Social Workers in the area of domestic violence. Over 2,000 social workers in California have completed his course. He lives in Oakland with his domestic partner, Roger, and their 5 year-old son, Charles.



Linda G. Mills, B.A., J.D., M.S.W., Ph.D.

Linda G. Mills is professor of social work, public policy and law at NYU, where she also serves as Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and University Life. Dr. Mills' research focuses on trauma, violence and recovery. She is the author of numerous scholarly articles and books in the field of domestic violence, including *Killing Her Softly: Intimate Abuse and the Violence of State Intervention* which was published in *Harvard Law Review* in 1999, and *Insult to Injury: Rethinking our Response to Intimate Violence* published by Princeton University Press in 2003. Her forthcoming book on intimate violence will be published by Basic Books in Spring, 2008. Dr. Mills is the director of NYU's Center on Violence and Recovery, which she founded in 2004 to study violence and to develop alternative research-based interventions. In connection with this effort, Mills is currently the Principal Investigator on a National Science Foundation study evaluating two treatment programs in Nogales, Arizona: Batterer's Intervention Program and Peacemaking Circles (a restorative justice treatment program for domestic violence crimes--the first of its kind in the country). Dr. Mills' work is often featured in the popular press, including the *New York Times Magazine*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today* and *Glamour*. She has also appeared on *Oprah*, *O'Reilly Factor* and on the *Geraldo Rivera* show.



Marlene Moretti, Ph.D.

Dr. Moretti is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia and an expert in the field of developmental psychopathology with a keen interest in adolescence. Her research focuses on the importance of parent-adolescent attachment as a determinant of mental health and social well-being. She currently leads a multi-site Canadian Institutes of Health Research program on adolescence, gender and aggression and has published extensively in the fields of developmental psychopathology, social-clinical psychology and intervention. Dr. Moretti serves on a number of government committees promoting the development, training and delivery of effective intervention and advancing mental health policies to support youth and their families. She is a coauthor of the book, *Girls and Aggression: Contributing Factors and Intervention Principles* (Kluwer-Plenum, 2004), and co-wrote the chapter, "Parental Attachment and the Self from a Systemic Perspective," included in *Clinical Applications of Attachment Theory* (Guildford, 2003). She also co-wrote "Family Lessons in Attachment and Aggression," a chapter included in *Family Interventions in Domestic Violence* (Springer, 2007).



Rick Muller

Concerned about gender discrimination in the family court system, Rick Muller has conducted research on restraining orders in Sacramento County, described in an article co-written with John Hamel, Tonia Nicholls and Sarah Desmarais, currently under review. He is a graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara where he earned a B.A. in Environmental Studies in 1976 and is certified by the California Association of Building Energy Consultants as a professional energy plans examiner. In his current position as Energy Resources Specialist, he works for the California State Architect's Office located in Sacramento, California where he specializes in the use and interpretation of computer performance modeling of buildings. Rick is currently involved in researching and assessing proposed environmental design grant criteria for "high performance" public schools and community colleges. In 2003, he prepared a peer-reviewed article concerning the incorporation of construction waste diversion in large-scale construction projects, "The Capitol Area East End Office Complex: a Case for Construction and Demolition Waste Diversion," available on the California Integrated Waste Management Board's web site.



Myrna Murdoch

As a Commissioner for Fatherhood for the State of Hawaii, Myrna helps promote father friendly programs. A strong advocate for mediation and alternate dispute resolution, Myrna has presented internationally in Canada, Belgium and the U.S. for the Association of Conflict Resolution and Family Mediation Canada in the Hawaiian art of mediation, Ho'oponopono, sharing this Hawaiian technique of alternate dispute resolution with a globally diversified audience. Myrna was a driving force in the formation of SR40, the Hawaii Legislative task force created to investigate the misuse of legal interventions available to the Family Court, including the long-term use of interventions such as temporary restraining orders; the selection, use, and accountability of custody guardians ad litem and other personnel; the use of acceptable national standard of care for the best interests of the children and families in Family Court; and other issues that impact the timely and fair resolution of cases. She can be reached at (301) 559-3120.



Lee Newman

Mr. Newman is happily married with an adult son and daughter as well as a 13 year old grandson. He raised his children from his first marriage as a single parent during most of their childhood, while remaining self-employed to tailor his schedules to theirs. After many years developing and running his varied businesses he tried his hand at management within a large international company and found that it was not where he felt he was "making a difference." In 2000 he decided to join AmeriCorps in an effort to use his skills while he determined if his desire to pursue a degree in Behavioral Science after over 30 years was still a viable choice. At the end of his service and as a result of his experiences in AmeriCorps as a Domestic Violence Advocate in 2002, he developed The Violence Intervention Program, which soon became the NH Chapter of Stop Abuse for Everyone. After 4 years with SAFE he was asked to become the Executive Director of the organization.



Tonia Nicholls, Ph.D.

Tonia Nicholls obtained a Ph.D. with a specialization in Law and Forensic Psychology from Simon Fraser University in 2002. The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research funded her three-year postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Psychiatry, University of British Columbia and the BC Institute Against Family Violence. Currently, she is Senior Research Fellow at the Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission, BC Mental Health & Addiction Services. Tonia's primary affiliate is BC Mental Health and Addiction Services where she was recently appointed an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry. Her scholarly work has earned her "Brain Star" awards from the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health, and Addictions (Canadian Institutes of Health Research), the American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Professional Contribution by a Graduate Student, and the Canadian Psychological Association President's New Researcher Award. Nicholls is the author of several peer-reviewed journal articles, and is co-author with Donald Dutton of the groundbreaking paper, "The gender paradigm in domestic violence research and theory: The conflict of theory and data," which appeared in *Aggression and Violent Behavior*. She also has published two books, including co-editing with John Hamel *Family Interventions in Domestic Violence* (Springer, 2007).

**Patricia Overberg, MSW**

Ms. Overberg began working with victims in the early 1960's through a program of the Providence, RI School System. She found that many of the children who had emotional, academic and acting out problems came from violent homes, and she worked primarily with their mothers. During that time, Ms. Overberg went back to school and got her bachelors degree. From there she went to Miami, attended Barry University and worked with the elderly, many of whom were being battered by their children. After graduating with an MSW, she drove to California with the goal of living and working in different parts of the state, which she says she has "pretty well accomplished." After working with the mentally ill at a YWCA, she then spent the remainder of her career working with family violence, sexual assault, rape and stalking victims. From 1984 to presently, she has had positions as the CEO of various organizations, including the Valley Oasis in Lancaster where she opened the first and only shelter for battered men in the country. She is now working with an agency in Salinas which was first called the Women's Crisis Center and is now known as the Central Coast Crisis Center, and advertises that it serves all ages, genders and families in need.

**Erin Pizze**

Erin Pizze was born 1939 in China. After being captured by the Japanese, she left with family on the last boat out of China in 1942 and lived in the Middle East prior to her arrival in England in 1946. In 1971, Erin opened first refuge specifically dealing with all victims of domestic violence. She is the author of *Stream Quietly or the Neighbours Will Hear*, the first book on domestic violence, published in 1974. In 1979, she came to the United States at the invitation of the US government, embarked on a Salvation Army sponsored tour of 21 cities to help set up shelters for victims of domestic violence. Erin moved to the United States in 1982, to open a shelter and lecture on the subject of family violence. During this time, she also wrote and published novels. She continued to work with domestic violence victims when she moved to Italy in 1987 and was the Guest of Honour at the 1994 Rome International Conference of Supreme Court Judges. In 1997 Erin returned to England and continued her career as a journalist and novelist, and more importantly to work for victims of domestic violence. That same year, she was the honoured guest at a luncheon on Capital Hill in Washington, DC, sponsored by Congresswoman Lindy Boggs. Erin has spoken to numerous men's domestic violence victim groups. More recently, in March 2007, Erin opened first Arab refuge for victims of domestic violence in Bahrain.

**Moises Prospero, Ph.D.**

Moisés Próspero, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor at the Utah Criminal Justice Center, College of Social Work, University of Utah. He has worked in the field of domestic violence for over 15 years as a service provider and researcher. Presently, he is a researcher that investigates international family violence, mental health, help-seeking behaviors and violence intervention programs. His studies have been published in leading peer-reviewed journals, such as the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Journal of Family Violence*, and *Violence and Victims*. He can be reached at moises.prospero@socwk.utah.edu, or at (801) 587-7666.

**Amy Slep, Ph.D.**

Amy M. Smith Slep, Ph.D. is a Research Associate Professor at Stony Brook University on Long Island, New York. Dr. Slep is an expert on partner violence and child abuse. She is especially interested in understanding connections and distinctions between partner and child abuse; anger escalation and de-escalation in families; prevention of partner and child abuse; and developing empirically-supported definitions of maltreatment. She has received over 17 federal grants and published over 40 journal articles and chapters. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and lives on Long Island with her husband, two sons, and her two Newfoundland's.

**Murray Straus, Ph.D.**

Murray Straus, Ph.D., is the Professor of Sociology and founder and Co-Director of the Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire (since 1968). He has previously taught at the Universities of Minnesota, Cornell, Wisconsin, Washington State, York (England) Bombay (India), and the University of Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). Dr Straus received his Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1956. Dr. Straus is the author or co-author of more than 200 publications on family violence. He has held office in several scientific societies, including President, Society For the Study of Social Problems (1989-90); President, Eastern Sociological Society (1991-92. and Vice President 1976-77); President, National Council on Family Relations (1972-3); Member of the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (1971-73); Chairperson of Task Force on Corporal Punishment of the American Psychological Association Division 37, 1992-94. Dr. Straus has been honored with the Ernest W. Burgess Award of the National Council of Family Relations for outstanding research on the family in 1977; American Sociological Association award for contributions to undergraduate teaching in 1979; Distinguished Contribution Award, New Hampshire Psychological Society, 1992; Citizen Of The Year, National Association of Social Workers, NH chapter, 1994; and Research Career Achievement Award, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, 1994. Dr. Straus is also the author or co-author of over 200 articles on the family, research methods, and South Asia; and fifteen books. Among the most well-known of his books are: *Beating the Devil Out of Them: Corporal Punishment In American Families* (Lexington/Jossey-Bass, 1994); *Physical Violence in American Families: Risk Factors and Adaptations to Violence in 8,145 Families* (Transaction Press, 1990); *The Dark Side of Families: Current Family Violence Research* (Sage, 1983); and *Behind Closed Doors: Violence in the American Family* (Doubleday, 1980).