

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30th, 2009

8:45-9:00 Opening remarks and welcome

- Dean Richard Barth, UMB SSW
- Dean Phoebe Haddon, UMB School of Law

9:00-10:00 Keynote Speech: TBA

10:15-12:45 Panel I Discussion: International Conventions that Affect Child Welfare in the US

- Howard Altstein, Professor, University of Maryland-Baltimore, School of Social Work Faculty
- William J Bistransky, Chief of Adoption Unit, Office of Children's Issues, USDOS
- Tina Ji, Director of International Programs, The Barker Foundation

Moderator: Jana Singer, UMB School of Law Faculty

2:00-5:00 Panel II Discussion: Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act and Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

- Howard Davidson, Director, ABA Center on Children and the Law
- Mikiko Stebbing, Accrediting Entity Liaison, Office of Children's Issues USDOS
- Jennifer Goldstein, ICPC Coordinator Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Olga Nassif, Children's Services Supervisor/International Liaison Unit, Riverside County Department of Social Services

Moderator: Kathleen Sacco, Consultant

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31st, 2009

9:15-12:15 Panel III Discussion: Best Interest Determinations: Current Tools and Applications

- Andrew Elvin, Chief Executive, ISS-UK
- Kristen Guskovict, Assistant Director for Safe Haven Field Coordination, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
- Maria Woltjen, Director, Immigrant Children's Advocacy Project, University of Chicago School of Law
- Maureen Sweeney, University of Maryland School of Law Faculty

Moderator: Caroline Burry, UMBSSW Faculty

1:30-4:30 Session IV-Working Session: Practical Considerations: Creating a Domestic BID

Moderators: Kristen Guskovict, Kelly Ryan, Maureen Sweeney