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## The Adoption Initiative

### ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY IN COLLABORATION WITH MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

The 6th Biennial Adoption Conference  
OPEN ARMS, OPEN MINDS:  
THE ETHICS OF ADOPTION IN THE 21ST CENTURY  
October 14-16, 2010  
Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon  
Location: St. John's University, Manhattan

In keeping with our goal to create conferences that address adoption themes relevant to the training of mental health professionals as well as to the personal growth and understanding of adoption triad members themselves, our sixth conference will focus on issues related to ethics of adoption in the 21st century.

The 2010 conference theme will highlight emerging changes in the practice of adoption since the start of the new century. The topics presented will include consideration of ethics and also address openness (or the lack thereof) in adoption. We are particularly pleased to include attention to issues of search and reunion, third party reproduction adoption and openness to contact with donors and surrogates, GLBT adoptees and/or parents, contact between foster care providers and adoptive families, and clinical issues with various members of the triad, and open records legislation and adoption reform.

Keynote Speakers:  
David Smolin, J.D.  
Beth Hall  
Ruth G. McRoy, Ph.D.  
Joe Kroll  
Trevor Jordan, Ph.D.  
Susan Soon-Keum Cox  
Adam Pertman  
Sandra Patton-Imani, Ph.D.  
Susan Branco Alvarado, LPC, PLLC  
David Brodzinsky, Ph.D.  
Jeanne Howard, Ph.D.  
Susan Livingston Smith, MSSW  
Amber Stime, MSW  
Susan Caughman  
Amy Fjellman

The conference will take place in lower Manhattan at  
St. John's University  
Manhattan Campus  
101 Murray Street  
New York, NY 10003

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