



AAC's 29th International Conference

Wednesday, March 26 -
Saturday, March 29, 2008
Portland Downtown Waterfront Marriott
1401 SW Naito Parkway
Portland, Oregon 97201

Adoption in the Global Community: Redefining Kinship in the 21st Century

Thursday, March 27 Adoptive Families Day: AAC welcomes families formed through domestic and international adoption, including transracial adoptions, and families parenting children through assisted reproduction and donor conception.

Sharon Roszia, MS, BSW - *More Than Global: The Ever-expanding Constellation of Adoption!*

Adoptive/Foster Parent and Youth Program - Workshops addressing significant issues in adoption, including identity and attachment, plus a specially designed series of workshops for youth

Friday, March 28 Professionals' Day

Dr. David Brodzinsky, PhD - *Lifelong Development Issues for Adopted People and Their Impact on Best Practices and Policies*

Kevin Campbell - *Family Finding: Strategies Being Used Around the Country to Find Lifelong Supports for Children and Young People in America's Foster Care System*

Saturday, March 29 Celebrate Measure 58: 10-year Anniversary of Access to Information for Oregon Adult Adoptees

Barbara Bisantz Raymond, MS, BS, Author of *The Baby Thief* - *Adoptive Mother/ Author Discovers the Truth About Adoption*

Alison Larkin, Author/Comedienne - Join AAC for a Comedy Treat! "*Knock! Knock!*" "*Who's There?*" *How My Adoption Turned Me into a Stand-Up Comic*. Internationally acclaimed comedienne Alison Larkin entertains and reads from her hilarious, poignant new novel, *The English American*, coming from Simon and Schuster in March '08. In her book Larkin draws from her experiences as an adopted English woman who finds her birth parents in America, and weaves them into a compulsively readable work of fiction.

The AAC is comprised of individuals, families and organizations committed to adoption reform. We represent those whose lives have been touched by adoption or other loss of family continuity. We promote honesty, openness and respect for family connections in adoption, foster care and assisted reproduction. We provide education for our members and professional communities about the lifelong process of adoption. We advocate legislation that will grant every individual access to information about his or her family and heritage.

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