

Symposium 2011 Opening Adoption:

REALITIES, POSSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES

Dates: September 23 & 24, 2011

Location: University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia

KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

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Opening a dialogue in our community about the many facets of adoption

Presenters and attendees will have opportunities to discuss, from multiple viewpoints, adoption as a lifelong process. We do not intend for this symposium to only discuss open adoption nor to only

discuss adoption from a positive or negative perspective. We will have a wide range of perspectives to give a full view of the complexity of the issues and to allow attendees an opportunity to consider adoption from another perspective other than their own.

Attendees are expected to be adoptees, first/birth parents, adoptive parents, adoption professionals, therapists, researchers, educators, media professionals, advocates, attorneys, policy makers and legislators.

- Family Values & Openness: Confronting and Accepting Differences
- Open Adoption: Perspectives of an Adoptive Mother and Her Daughter
- The Modern Family: Exploration of the Relationship Between Openness in Adoption and Openness in Sexual Orientation
- Adoptees Grow Up
- Tips from the Trenches: Finding Middle Ground in Open Adoptive Parenting
- Significant Yet Other: Loving Someone in Open Adoption
- How To De-Freakify Open Adoption
- Planning for Openness: Supporting the Adoption Triad with Negotiation and Dispute Systems Design
- Understanding the Drama Triangle: The Interagency Process and Emotional Reactivity in Adoption
- Open Adoption in an Online World
- Married to Adoption
- Adoption as an Open Book
- Open Adoption: An Examination of Birth Mother's Experiences
- Preparing Parents As Their Child's Advocate in Donor Conceptions: the Telling of Their Story
- Adoption Competent Clinical Practice and Openness in Adoption
- Openness Options When Building a Family Through Third Party Reproduction
- International Adoption: The Journey to Raising A Secure & Resilient Child
- Older Child Adoptions: Opening Their Truth
- Under the Microscope: Adoption Practices During the Baby Scoop Era Pertaining to Surrendering Mothers
- My Birth Mother Friendened Me!: How Families Can Manage Contact from Facebook & Other Media
- Open Adoptions in a Global World
- The Love that is Possible: A True-life Story of a 19 Year Open Adoption
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