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Thirty-Sixth Annual Spring Conference

Discernment Counseling



William J. Doherty, Ph.D.

April 30 – May 3, 2015
Westin Hotel
Jekyll, Georgia

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GAMFT Thirty-Sixth Annual Spring Conference

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES (Choose only one)

- ☐ Approved Supervision Refresher (5 Appvr. Sup hrs) \$ 90.00 _____
- ☐ #1 Telemental Health and Georgia MFTs (2 CE hours) \$ 40.00 _____
- ☐ #2 Twitter What? Technology Resources (2 CE hours) \$ 40.00 _____
& Best Practices for MFTs
- ☐ #3 The Use of Play Therapy in Family Therapy (2 CE Hours) \$ 40.00 _____
- ☐ #4 Facilitating Family Forgiveness (2 CE hours) \$ 40.00 _____

MAIN PRESENTATION (Price includes lunches)	Postmarked By April 15	Postmarked After April 15
Children, Families, and Trauma: A Relational Approach (10 CE hours)		
<input type="checkbox"/> AAMFT Clinical Fellow, Member or Affiliate Member	\$230.00	\$260.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	\$280.00	\$310.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Student (Include copy of student ID) or AAMFT Pre-Clinical Fellow or Associate Member	\$135.00	\$165.00
<input type="checkbox"/> AAMFT Retired Member	\$170.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-therapist/Non-practicing Spouse	\$170.00	\$200.00

VEGETARIAN FARE

- ☐ I prefer vegetarian lunches.

ADDITIONAL LUNCH RESERVATIONS FOR GUESTS

- ☐ Friday Total # _____ (# Vegetarian _____) each \$ 17.50 _____
- ☐ Saturday Total # _____ (# Vegetarian _____) each \$ 17.50 _____

SUNDAY ETHICS WORKSHOP

- ☐ The Complexities of Ethical Decision Making (3 Ethics hours) \$55.00 _____

CE FEE (Required for CE Certificate)

- ☐ Circle License(s) Held: MFT PC SW Psy \$ 10.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by April 25, 2015. No refunds can be given after April 15, 2015. Before April 15, refunds minus a \$25.00 administration fee will be granted upon notice of cancellation. For additional information call GAMFT at 404-261-1185 or visit www.gamft.org/conferences/spring-conference/.

Please mail this form and check payable to GAMFT to:
GAMFT Spring Conference – P.O. Box 29745 – Atlanta, GA 30359

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

The Westin Jekyll Island
To make a reservation call
(912) 635-4545

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Please reserve rooms as specified for:

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

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(Office)_____ (Home)_____

Number of people_____ Number of beds requested_____

Room Type (see
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Arrival Date_____ Departure Date_____

All reservations must be guaranteed by a credit card or a deposit for the first night's room rate:

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Deposit of \$_____ enclosed

Deposits will be refunded only if cancellation notification is given up to 14 days prior to arrival.

Reservations received after April 15, 2015 will be provided on space-available basis.

ROOM TYPE SELECTIONS:

Island View	\$184.00
Ocean View	\$204.00
Ocean Front	\$224.00
Coastal King Suite	\$325.00

Please call The West Jekyll Island Reservations Department at (912) 635-4545 to reserve a room.

Check-in time 4:00 p.m.

Check-out time 12:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

On behalf of the Conference Committee, we're excited to extend an invitation for you to attend the 36th annual GAMFT Spring Conference. Traditionally, the GAMFT spring conference is one of the most successful of the AAMFT divisional conferences. The program this year will provide a variety of topics for advancing clinical skills for professionals and will facilitate outstanding networking opportunities. Jekyll Island is a beautiful setting for reconnecting with other dedicated professionals and reinvigorating your passion for excellence in couple and family therapy!

Earlier this year I had the pleasure of visiting the site of this year's conference on Jekyll Island and take a look at the brand new Westin Hotel. During the trip I also took the opportunity to marvel at the amount of space the Jekyll Island Convention Center dedicated to our group for the conference. I was extremely pleased with the amount of space we have at our disposal and the close proximity to the beach from the Westin Hotel where we can meet, rejuvenate, and connect with colleagues across the state while learning from a nationally recognized speaker.

I'm very excited to have William Doherty presenting this year. Dr. Doherty is an educator, researcher, therapist, speaker, author, consultant, and community organizer. He's a Professor and Director of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program in the Department of Family Social Science, College of Education and Human Development, at the University of Minnesota, where he is also an adjunct Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health.

I am also delighted to tell you about the pre-conference workshops we've lined up... "Telemental Health and Georgia MFTs" – Richard Long, PhD, "The Use of Play Therapy in Family Therapy" – Trudy Post Sprunk, LMFT, LPC, RPTS, CPT, "Twitter What? Technology Resources & Best Practices for MFTs" – Joel Baker, LMFT and Jamie Steele, LAMFT, and "Facilitating Family Forgiveness" – Shatavia Thomas, DMFT, LMFT. An extra offering we'll be providing at this year's conference will be the 5-hour AAMFT Approved Supervisor 5-hour Refresher workshop on Thursday morning presented by Patricia Harwell, LMFT, Kathryn Klock-Powell, PhD, and Tequilla Hill, PhD, LMFT. If it is time to renew your credentials be sure to register for this opportunity to take care of this important refresher course.

Another great reason to attend our Annual Spring Conference is the Sunday ethics workshop. We will be offering 3 hours of ethics presented by Dr. Mellonie Hayes Mullins and Dr. Mary Carlson - following the main workshop on Sunday morning.

As always, the conference schedule is intentionally designed to maximize your learning opportunities and facilitate your enjoyment of the relaxed island setting. Continental breakfast and lunch are conveniently included on site for registrants.

Finally, on behalf of the entire GAMFT Board of Directors, we invite you to kick off your conference at the Friday evening cocktail party. Connect with old friends and make new ones at this casual and fun social. We look forward to seeing you at this year's conference and connecting once again.

Sincerely,

The 2015 GAMFT Spring Conference Committee

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, April 30, 2015

12:00 – 6:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION	Jekyll Convention Center
1:00 – 6:00 p.m.	SUPERVISION REFRESHER Patricia Harwell, L.M.F.T Kathryn Klock-Powell, Ph.D. Tequilla Hill, PhD, L.M.F.T	Jekyll Convention Center
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES	
	#1 Telemental Health and Georgia MFTs Richard Long, Ph.D.	Jekyll CC
	#2 Twitter What? Technology Resources & Best Practices for MFTs Joel Baker, L.M.F.T. Jamie Steele, L.A.M.F.T	Jekyll CC
	#3 The Use of Play Therapy in Family Therapy Trudy Post Sprunk, L.M.F.T, LPC, RPTS, CPT.	Jekyll CC
	#4 Facilitating Family Forgiveness Shatavia Thomas, L.M.F.T, D.M.F.T	Jekyll CC
5:15 – 6:00 p.m.	GAMFT Executive Committee Meeting	Westin Hotel
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	GAMFT Board Dinner	Westin Hotel
7:00 – 9:30 p.m.	GAMFT Board Meeting	Westin Hotel

Friday, May 1, 2015

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	MEDITATION HOUR	
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION and COFFEE	Jekyll CC
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	WELCOME Jennifer Gonyea, President	Jekyll CC
	INTRODUCTIONS Andrea Meyer, Vice-President	
	MAIN PRESENTATION Background, Common Mistakes with Mixed Agenda Couples Overview of Discernment Counseling William J. Doherty, Ph.D.	
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Intake procedures Orienting clients to Discernment Counseling First Session Protocol, part 1	Jekyll CC

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

**All sessions will be held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center.
All hotel accommodations will be at the West Jekyll Island.**

Accommodations are available at a discounted rate for conference participants at the Westin Hotel Jekyll Island – (912) 635-4545. The hotel reservations staff asks that you call and make your reservation or fax the reservation form enclosed in this brochure by April 15th. A block of rooms will be held for conference participants until then. **After April 15th, these rooms will be released to the general public and reservations will be taken on a space available basis.**

Other nearby accommodations includes:

1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom condominiums, homes and cottages	(800) 627-6850
Sea Gate Inn: Rooms, efficiencies, and 1 bedroom suites	(800) 627-6850
Epworth-by-the-Sea Retreat Center: Single and double rooms	(912) 638-8688

The Friday evening Cocktail Party will be held from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Hotel Jekyll Island Hotel. There will be a cash bar and light hors d’oeuvres will be served.

Books will be on display and for sale at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. Book sales are being offered by Charis Books and More of Atlanta.

CE hours are automatically Core hours for Georgia MFTs because this conference is sponsored by GAMFT. CE approval has been applied for from the Georgia Chapter of NASW and LPCA of Georgia. This conference meets the requirements of Area III Continuing Education for Georgia psychologists. GAMFT has been approved as a CE Provider by the Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling. 2 hours of APT CEs available for the preconference workshop. **Please be sure to add the \$10.00 CE fee on your registration form to obtain your CE certificate.**

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

In order to encourage student participation in GAMFT, and in order to provide a forum for students in Georgia’s MFT graduate programs to present papers and research to a broad professional audience, we offer student poster presentations as part of the conference. Proposals regarding research projects or non-research papers were solicited from Student Members of GAMFT, and submissions were reviewed blindly by a committee of readers. The poster presentations that were selected will be displayed during our Friday night cocktail hour and student presenters will answer questions and discuss their presentations. CE credit is also available for this portion of the conference to any attendees.

Call for Abstracts: GAMFT encourages dialogue and the sharing of information and knowledge within its membership. Toward that end, we invite all members to submit proposals for the 2-hour Pre-Conference Institutes and Student Members to submit proposals for Poster Presentations at the 2016 Spring Conference, to be held April 28-May 1. For more information, check the *GAMFT Newsletter*, contact the GAMFT office at (404) 261-1185, or look for the “Call for Presentations” handout in the conference folder that you receive when you register.

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The following deserve our appreciation for generously sponsoring this conference:

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, May 1, 2015

11:45 – 12:30 p.m.	LUNCH <i>Included in the conference fee.</i>	Jekyll CC
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	First session protocol, part 2 William J. Doherty, Ph.D.	Jekyll CC
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	COCKTAIL PARTY <i>Light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar</i>	Westin Hotel
	STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS (1.0 CEU avail) <i>Light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar</i>	
	❖ Please join us and mingle with fellow GAMFT Members and Students	

Saturday, May 2, 2015

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	MEDITATION HOUR	
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	ANNUAL GAMFT BUSINESS MEETING	Jekyll CC
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	COFFEE	Jekyll CC
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Working with Leaning Out Partners William J. Doherty, Ph.D.	Jekyll CC
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	BREAK	
10:15 – 11:45 a.m.	Working with Leaning In Partners William J. Doherty, Ph.D.	Jekyll CC
11:45 – 12:30 p.m.	LUNCH <i>Included in the conference fee.</i>	Jekyll CC
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Special Issues in Discernment Counseling William J. Doherty, Ph.D.	Jekyll CC

Sunday, May 3, 2015

9:00 – 12:00 p.m.	SUNDAY ETHICS WORKSHOP The Complexities of Ethical Decision Making Mellonie Hayes Mullins, Ph.D., L.M.F.T and Mary Carlson, Ph.D., L.M.F.T	Jekyll CC
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MAIN PRESENTATION

Discernment Counseling

William J. Doherty, Ph.D.

Discernment counseling is a way for couples to look at their options before making a final decision about divorce. It is most appropriate for couples where one partner wants to preserve and repair the relationship and the other is leaning towards ending it. Research shows that this kind of “mixed agenda” is common among couples approaching divorce, and there is a dearth of special services for them. It’s also a common (and difficult) presentation in couples counseling. Discernment counseling differs from regular marriage counseling in three ways: a) the goal is not to solve problems in the relationship, but to figure out whether the problems can be solved; b) the process involves mainly individual conversations with each partner, since they each have different needs and agendas, and c) it is always short term.



William J. Doherty, Ph.D. is a licensed marriage and family therapist, psychologist, and Clinical Member, Fellow and Approved Supervisor for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He received his Ph.D. in family studies from the University of Connecticut in 1978 and has served on the faculty of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Iowa and the University of Oklahoma before coming to the University of Minnesota in 1986.

Westin Jekyll Island & Jekyll Island Convention Center



SUNDAY ETHICS WORKSHOP (3 hours)

The Complexities of Ethical Decision Making

Mellonie Hayes Mullins, Ph.D, L.M.F.T

Mary Carlson, Ph.D, L.M.F.T

For all interested therapists.

Ethical decision-making can be complex, confusing, even sometimes frightening for therapists of all disciplines and all levels of experience. The therapist of today must be acutely aware of our liturgical vulnerability while remaining concerned about the needs and goals of our clients and families. For M.F.T.s, the factors which impinge on the therapeutic process are especially complex because we treat entire systems.

The ever-changing face of the American family is forcing us to broaden our thinking and become more flexible in our work. Thus, as therapists and supervisors, we are encouraged to be more vigilant of the most common ethical challenges and to examine carefully our own personal history as it affects our individual temptations.

Continued education and life-long supervision are ways we help therapists stay focused on the dangers of inappropriate behaviors and increase sensitivity to the ethical choices which will benefit clients, families, therapists, supervisors and supervisees. This program is designed to encourage safe and open discussions regarding the multiple and varied risks and the ways to reduce the possibilities of ethical choices which may be injurious to clients as well as therapists, supervisors and supervisees.



Mary Carlson has been an adjunct professor for over 30 years teaching graduate courses in Development and Psychology. She has published professional journal articles on adolescents and family communication. Mary was past president of the Metro Atlanta Chapter and past vice president of O.A.M.F. T. in charge of the Spring Conference for 4 years. Mary is an A.A.M.F.T. approved supervisor. She sees supervisees and clients in her private practice of over 25 years in Sandy Springs and Gainesville, GA.



Mellonie H. Mullins is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and AAMFT Approved Supervisor. She obtained a Master of Family Therapy Degree at the Mercer University School of Medicine, and a Ph.D. in Marriage and the Family from The Florida State University. Dr. Mullins has held faculty appointments at both Mercer University School of Medicine and Northcentral University. She currently has a private practice in Sandy Springs, GA, and conducts supervision and training locally.

#3. The Use of Play Therapy in Family Therapy

Trudy Post Sprunk L.M.F.T., LPC, RPT, CPT

For all interested therapists.

GAPT is a co-sponsor of this workshop 2 hours of APT CEs available

This workshop will provide marriage and family therapists and play therapists the opportunity to learn and experience the advantages of including children in family therapy using family play therapy techniques. Through the use of video, discussion, small group opportunities, and lecture, attendees will explore a variety of simple, easy approaches that integrate play therapy with family therapy.

The purpose of this two-hour workshop is to provide attendees an opportunity to explore and experience the value of family play therapy and the use of symbolic images.



Trudy Post Sprunk is an LMFT, LPC, RPT, CPT, and is EMDR Certified. She has been a psychotherapist since 1971 and has presented at local, national, and international conferences as well as radio and television. She is past president of APT and is cofounder and president of GAPT. Trudy's practice is at the Tucker Center for personal growth. In 2010 she collaborated with Liana Lowenstein in the writing of Creative Family Therapy Techniques.

#4. Facilitating Family Forgiveness

Shatavia Alexander Thomas, D.M.F.T., L.M.F.T

For all interested therapists.

What is forgiveness? Is it a cognitive, emotional process or a behavioral act? What are some common myths about forgiveness? What types of family conflicts relate to forgiveness? How do we help clients seeking to forgive? How do our personal and professional stances inform our work with clients? What are the benefits and challenges of facilitating forgiveness? This two-hour workshop will offer participants a chance to reflect upon and discuss these questions. The presenter will provide an overview of multiple models (including intergenerational styles of family therapy, humanistic approaches, faith-based models and cognitive-behavioral therapy). Self-of-the-therapist issues, including personal triggers and the role of theoretical orientations will also be addressed.



Shatavia Alexander Thomas is a licensed marriage and family therapist in Georgia and an AAMFT Approved Supervisor. She currently serves as a full-time faculty member for Northcentral University, a COAMFTE-accredited distance-based graduate program. She also owns and operates Dr. Shay Speaks, LLC. Her focus includes spirituality, grief, self-care, work-life balance, and couple/family concerns (including premarital, infidelity, separation/divorce, childhood behavior problems, family businesses, as well as sports and entertainment families).

PRE AND POST CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

SUPERVISION REFRESHER (5 hours)

Patricia R. Harwell, L.M.F.T., Approved Supervisor

Kathryn Klock-Powell, Ph.D, L.M.F.T., RPT-S

Tequilla L. Hill, Ph.D, L.M.F.T

For AAMFT Approved Supervisors.

This presentation is designed to meet the Five-Hour Refresher requirements for those who have earned the Approved Supervisor designation of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Standards and best practice recommendations found in recent supervision literature will be explored with particular attention given to legal concerns and ethical issues which may arise in the supervisory experience. Recognizing that Approved Supervisors possess a wealth of experience and expertise in providing Marriage and Family Therapy supervision, this workshop will provide ample opportunity for Approved Supervisors to interact and share their experiences with one another.

This workshop satisfies AAMFT guidelines as a five-hour course required for renewal of the Approved Supervisor designation.



Patricia R. Harwell has practiced Marriage and Family Therapy, taught Marriage and Family courses and supervised Marriage and Family trainees and therapists in the metro Atlanta area. In recent years, Pat has developed courses and training experiences in the art and skill of supervision including an AAMFT approved Foundations of Supervision course and a series of five-hour Supervision Refresher courses.



Kathryn Klock-Powell is the Program Director in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at South University. Kathryn is a licensed marriage and family therapist, registered play therapist, and has her doctorate in Child and Family Development from the University of Georgia. She is an approved supervisor for AAMFT and for APT since 2010. She has recently been appointed to the Georgia Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists.



Tequilla L. Hill is a licensed therapist in the state of Georgia and Florida. Tequilla has been working with individuals, couples, and families from various backgrounds for over a decade. She is the owner of Hill Psychotherapeutic Services. Dr. Hill received her Bachelor's Degree from Florida Atlantic University, Masters and Doctorate Degrees from Nova Southeastern University.

PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES (2 hours)

#1. Telemental Health and Georgia MFTs

Richard Long, L.M.F.T., Ph.D.

For all interested therapists.

This session will use lecture, discussion, case study analysis, and protocol development to stimulate participant thinking about how to deliver telemental mental health care that is both efficacious and ethically sound.

Online therapy is a door opener for many Georgian MFTs. The session is designed to explore the use of online therapy in their practice. This session provides a way to think about delivering therapy in ways that are the same and yet different from in-person therapy.

Objectives: At the completion of this session participants will be able to:

1. Compare and Contrast How other States Have Regulated Telemental Health
2. Identify and describe the purpose and provisions of GA's Telemental Health rule
3. Compare & Contrast Setting Boundaries in Cyberspace
4. Summarize Best Practices in Telemental Health Care
5. Examine a Telemental Health Care Case Study
6. Develop a Protocol for Providing Telemental Health Therapy



Richard (Ric) Long is Clinical Director of The Family Center of Columbus, a nonprofit United Way community mental health center in Columbus, GA. He is an AAMFT Clinical Fellow and Approved Supervisor. He is in the third year of his term as a Composite Board member where he was the primary author of Georgia's Telemental Health rule

#2. Twitter What? Technology Resources & Best Practices for MFTs

Joel Baker, L.M.F.T.

Jamie Steele, L.A.M.F.T

For all interested therapists.

This presentation is intended to introduce basic terminology and technological concepts in order to familiarize and ground attendees in the language which may be utilized over the rest of the weekend as well as in their therapy practice. The presentation will be interactive and highly tailored to the needs of the attendees through a flexible and interactive format. Specifically, we hope to work with attendees' level of knowledge in order to provide content and instruction in plain language and to provide helpful guidance regarding technology to those who

#2. Twitter What? Technology Resources & Best Practices for MFTs

Joel Baker, L.M.F.T.

Jamie Steele, L.A.M.F.T

For all interested therapists.

(continued)

register for the workshop. In addition to the "basics" described above, we will review different aspects of the possible uses of technology with an emphasis on the implications for specific use in MFT practice, including: an explanation of social media and the difference between platforms; how to create an online presence and what that means; finding research and CE opportunities online to stay current on research and maintain/build clinical skills and knowledge; practice-building using supporting infrastructure technology such as accounting and payment systems, electronic health & medical record software; online safety and etiquette; and a discussion of best practices of ethical issues.

Objectives:

1. Attendees will cultivate an understanding of basic technology terminology and concepts.
2. Attendees will develop a familiarity with ways technology may benefit their professional growth as a marriage and family therapist.
3. Attendees will demonstrate a critical lens for best practices and ethical Concerns regarding the use of technology in their practice.



Joel Baker is an LMFT in private practice both in Snellville and Midtown Atlanta. He serves on the board of the GAMFT as chair of the Membership committee. Joel received his Masters in Family Therapy from Mercer's School of Medicine and specializes in treating trauma and anxiety. In addition to his therapy practice, he has implemented the use of technology through electronic records and technology based practice tools in both small and large therapy practices.



Jamie Steele holds a Master of Family Therapy degree from the Mercer University School of Medicine and is an LAMFT in private practice in Midtown Atlanta. She has been involved in GAMFT through service to the Metro Atlanta Chapter and State Board in many capacities, most recently as Social Media Committee Chair for GAMFT. Jamie specializes in working with identity issues and nontraditional populations. She has a passion for advancing GAMFT through the incorporation of practical technology.