Working with parents who hate their former partners: Recent insights and strategies

Seminar on Wednesday 27 September 2017, 3-5pm Peter Baume Bldg 42a, Level 2, Rm 2.01

'High-conflict' divorce cases have been consistently identified as difficult, complex, time consuming and costly. They place great strain on individuals, practitioners and courts, as well as on the family law and child support systems more generally.



Presenters will explore (a) 'interparental hatred' as a key relationship dynamic driving some high-conflict cases; and (b) several strategies for professionals working with parents in the grips of entrenched hatred.

Expert speakers:

Dr Steven Demby is a clinical psychologist in independent practice in New York. Steven specialises in child custody evaluations, parenting coordination, and mediation of parenting plans.

Professor Lawrie Moloney is a practising psychologist, family therapist and family mediator. Lawrie is well known locally and internationally, and has published more than 200 articles, chapters, books and reports, many of which are in the area of children, parenting and separation.

Banu Moloney is a Lecturer at The Bouverie Centre and La Trobe University. Banu has over 40 years' experience as a family therapist with expertise in working with children and adolescents in the context of their families.

Associate Professor Bruce Smyth is with the ANU Centre for Social Research and Methods. Bruce is in the final stages of a study of high-conflict post-divorce shared-time families. This study is funded by an ARC Future Fellowship.