



INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN VALUES

“For Children’s Sake”

A Summit on Marriage and Family

The Supreme Court of Georgia
Institute for American Values

Loudermilk Conference Center
Atlanta, Georgia
November 19 and 20, 2008

For attendance at the Summit, the State of Georgia has awarded

- **8 hours** of continuing **legal** education credit, including 1 hour of ethics (sessions accredited for CLE have an asterisk next to the title)
- **13 core hours** of continuing education credit for **marriage and family therapists**
- **13 related hours** of credit for **social workers** and **licensed professional counselors**

Register online at www.getmarriedstaymarried.org

Fee: \$125 for those seeking continuing education credits; \$75 for all others

Two documentaries produced by the Institute for American Values, *Between Two Worlds: The Spiritual Lives of Children of Divorce* and *Hardwired to Connect*, will be screened throughout the Summit.

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

8:00 - 8:20 Registration

8:30 - 8:50 Welcome

Leah Ward Sears, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia

David Blankenhorn, President, Institute for American Values

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- 9:00 - 10:00 *De Facto Parenthood and Child Well-Being**
Robin Fretwell Wilson, Washington & Lee University Law School
- 10:05 - 11:05 *The Crisis in Marriage Law: Its Origins and Its Impact**
Katherine Shaw Spaht, Louisiana State University Law Center
- 11:10 - 12:10 *The Ethics of Collaborative Law**
Avarita Hanson, Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
Lauren Alexander, The Law Office of Lauren Alexander
Marsha Schechtman, The Law Office of Lauren Alexander
Paula Frederick, Deputy General Counsel, State Bar of Georgia
- 12:15 - 12:45 Break
- 12:45 – 2:00 Lunch
The Administration on Children, Youth, and Family's Work with Georgia's Children and Families
Joan Ohl, Commissioner, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- 2:00 - 3:30 Concurrent Sessions I
- Session 1: *Planning and Launching a Community Marriage Initiative* (until 5:00)
Georgia Family Council
- Session 2: *Spiritual But Not Religious: How Families Shape the Faith of Today's Young Adults*
Elizabeth Marquardt, Institute for American Values
Norval Glenn, University of Texas
Chuck Stokes, University of Texas
- Session 3: *The African American Marriage Crisis: A Vision for Change*
Linda Malone-Colon, Hampton University
Obie Clayton, Morehouse College
This session will be repeated at 8:30 am on Thursday.
- Session 4: *Protecting Children and Our Liberty**
Tom Rawlings, Director, Georgia Office of the Child Advocate

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3:30 - 5:00 Concurrent Sessions II

Session 1: *Planning and Launching a Community Marriage Initiative*
Georgia Family Council

Session 2: *Social Science and the “Family Wars”*
Norval Glenn, University of Texas

Session 3: *The American Way of Death: Aging, Death, and Dying in an Era of Family Fragmentation*

Teresa Cooney, University of Missouri
M. Christian Green, Emory University
Amy Zeittlow, Hospice of Baton Rouge
Elizabeth Marquardt, Institute for American Values
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Session 4: *Reconceiving the Family**

Robin Fretwell Wilson, Washington & Lee University Law School
Katherine Shaw Spaht, Louisiana State University Law Center

5:00 - 5:30 Break

5:30 – 7:30 Dinner

*The Future of Marriage: A Conversation**

David Blankenhorn, Institute for American Values,
and author, *The Future of Marriage*
Jonathan Rauch, Brookings Institution, and author, *Gay Marriage*

Thursday, November 20, 2008

8:30 - 10:00 Concurrent Sessions III

Session 1: *Is Religion an Answer? Marriage and the Problem of Fatherhood*

Brad Wilcox, University of Virginia
Mark Regnerus, University of Texas

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Session 4: *National Trends in Domestic Relations Law**

John Mayoue, Warner, Mayoue, Bates & Nolen, P.C.

10:15 - 11:45 Concurrent Sessions IV

Session 1: *Why Families Can't—or Don't—Save, and What to Do About It*

Eunice Rogers, National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions

Alex Roberts, Institute for American Values

Session 2: *The Impact of Anti-Thrift Institutions on Family Life*

Les Bernal, Stop Predatory Gambling

Jeff Dew, University of Virginia

Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, Institute for American Values

12:00 – 2:00 Lunch

What Ails the Middle Class?

Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, Institute for American Values

2:00 Adjourn

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