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CALIFORNIA ADOPTION CONFERENCE

Keynote Speaker



Amanda Baden PhD received her doctorate in counseling psychology from Michigan State University and she is currently a Professor in the Counseling Program at Montclair State University in Montclair, New Jersey. Dr. Baden has both personal and professional experience with adoption. She was adopted from Hong Kong and raised in a transracially adoptive family. Her experiences both personally and professionally have led her to focus her research and clinical practice on adoption triad members, transracial/international adoption issues, racial and cultural identity, and multicultural counseling competence. Dr. Baden has written extensively on adoption issues including having created a model of identity for transracial and international adoptees called the Cultural Racial Identity Model. She is one of the editors of the book entitled, *The Handbook of Adoption: Implications for Researchers, Practitioners, and Families* (Sage Publications). Dr. Baden served as the co-chair of the Biennial Adoption Conferences held by the Adoption Initiative at St. John's University in New York City for 16 years. In 2005, Dr. Baden was chosen by her Congressman, Jerrold Nadler, and the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute as an Angel in Adoption. Dr. Baden served as a Senior Fellow for the Donaldson Adoption Institute, an independent adoption research and policy organization. She is currently on the Advisory Board for the Rudd Adoption Research Program at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She also serves as a Board Member for the New York State Board of Psychology. She is on the editorial boards of the journals, *Adoption Quarterly* and *Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless*. Dr. Baden's clinical specializations include counseling adoption triad members, transracial adoptees, and individuals having multiracial backgrounds. She lives in New York City and is a licensed psychologist with a clinical practice in Manhattan.

Workshop Presenters & Facilitators



Laura Anderson, Ph.D. is a licensed clinical psychologist who has worked with children, adolescents and their families for more than twenty years. Dr. Anderson has a long history of completing trauma-informed assessments for children ranging in age from 3-18. Additionally, Dr. Anderson has worked primarily in school settings throughout her career. As a member of school-based teams, Dr. Anderson has seen first-hand the benefits of, and dilemmas related to, psychological assessments of adopted children. She feels strongly that thorough assessments, completed by knowledgeable and adoption-sensitive evaluators, can be extremely helpful for families and beneficial for youth at home and in school.



Mikyö Black is a transracial adoptee. She is a certified Yoga and Meditation Instructor since 2005 and certified Massage Therapist since 2004. She also has training in working with the body and trauma through Martial Arts and Ayurveda. She has been working with a humanitarian Buddhist Non-profit since 2005 and has over 20 years of experience working in childcare. She is currently completing a degree in Communication Studies.



Laura Callen is the Founder and Director of the Adoption Museum Project, a social change organization that uses culture to create greater justice in adoption. In six years, Laura has guided the Adoption Museum Project in developing over 20 projects: exhibitions, events and explorations. This work has also created a new network of people that share an interest in adoption, culture and social change. Laura is an adopted person. She lives in Berkeley, CA. In her work with the Adoption Museum Project, Laura has designed content and programming for adoptive parents, first/birth parents, adopted people and other members of the adoption kinship network.

