Alumni and Professional Development Day 2009

featuring keynote speaker:
Phyllis R. Silverman, Ph.D.
Scholar-in-Residence at Brandeis University Women’s Studies Research Center and Professor Emeritus at the MGH Institute of Health Professions

Event attendees are eligible for 3.5 CEUs

Friday, April 17
Main College Building, College Center
Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts
8:30 A.M.  REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M.  WELCOME
Stefan Krug ’80SW, Ph.D. (1994)
Dean, School of Social Work
Helen Drinan ’75LS, ’78SM
President, Simmons College

9:15 A.M.  KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Phyllis R. Silverman, Ph.D.
Focusing on the Family and Children’s Grief:
How Our Views Have Changed

PHYLLIS R. SILVERMAN, PH.D., is currently a scholar-in-residence at Brandeis University Women’s Studies Research Center and professor emeritus at the MGH Institute of Health Professions. She developed the idea of Widow-to-Widow which led her to advocate for mutual help among the bereaved. She was co-principal investigator and project director of the Harvard/MGH Child Bereavement Study. Her books include Never Too Young to Know: Death in Children’s Lives; Living with Dying: A Handbook for End-of-Life Healthcare Practitioners, co-edited with Joan Berzoff; and A Parent’s Guide to Raising Grieving Children co-written with Madelyn Kelly (March 2009).

The keynote is part of the Todd A. Saker Lecture Series, funded by the Todd A. Saker Development Fund established in 2006 with a gift from Linda Saker ’98 in memory of her son Todd.

10:15 A.M.  BREAK
ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS:

WORKSHOP ONE
Continued discussion with Phyllis R. Silverman, Ph.D.

WORKSHOP TWO
The Heart of Grief: Facilitating Creative Arts Expression in Grieving Children and Teenagers
Colleen Shannon, B.S., The Children's Room
Donna Sharff, L.M.H.S., M.A., Program Director,
The Children's Room

WORKSHOP THREE
Living After Murder Program: Providing Support to Families Through Traumatic Grief and Loss
Maria Agit L.M.H.C., B.C.P.C., Teresa Rae L.M.H.C., and Amy Bolinder, L.I.C.S.W., Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center, Roxbury, Mass.

WORKSHOP FOUR
Understanding the Bereaved Sibling
Patricia Dwyer, L.I.C.S.W., Pediatric Social Worker, Dana Farber Cancer Institute
Deborah Bond Berk ’77SW, L.I.C.S.W., Pediatric Social Worker, Dana Farber Cancer Institute

LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING
Remarks by Sonia Michelson ’85SW
President, SSW Alumni Board

AWARDS PRESENTATION

THE CHILDREN’S ROOM PERFORMANCE TROUPE

RECEPTION

Register by April 3! Registration fee: $45. To register online, please visit alumnet.simmons.edu. To register by phone, please call the Office of Alumnae/i Relations & Annual Giving at (800) 246-0573.

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