
AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

HOSTING 3 MAJOR EVENTS IN JANUARY 2016

AUT is proud to host the following events, which we believe will be of interest to psychologists:

ANSWERING THE CALL: BUILDING AN ADOPTION-COMPETENT MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

Professional Development (Post-conference) Workshop – 13 January 2016

Speaker: Debbie Riley LCMFT; CEO, Center for Adoption Support and Education, Maryland, USA.



In the late 1960s, New Zealand had the highest rate of adoption in the Western world. Over the next few decades, as domestic adoptions steadily decreased, an increasing number of New Zealanders turned to international adoption to form their families. The result: a country with an extremely large population of people whose lives have been directly touched by adoption, many of whom will, at one time or another, seek out mental health services. This workshop is for clinicians and practitioners who work with individuals or families involved in adoption or foster care. Participants will learn about the latest research supporting the need for adoption-competent therapists; adoption-competent mental health services; how to identify the complexities of grief, loss, and identity formation for adopted or fostered youth; and effective treatment strategies to use with adopted or fostered children, adolescents and families.

Click [here](#) to register, or visit <http://www.icar5newzealand.com/post-conference-workshop.html>

THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ADOPTION RESEARCH (ICAR5) – 7 to 11 January 2016

ICAR5 seeks to use global, current, and interdisciplinary evidence-based knowledge to improve the lives of adopted persons, the families that both relinquish and adopt them, as well as those involved in other modern family forms. With 11 confirmed keynote speakers from the USA, Europe, Singapore and New Zealand, along with researchers and professionals from around the world, ICAR5 offers New Zealand practitioners and researchers a rare opportunity to meet the experts, exchange research findings, share cross-disciplinary perspectives, debate the modern family landscape, and set the future research agenda.



Click [here](#) to register, or visit <http://www.icar5newzealand.com>

REDEFINING FAMILY CONFERENCE: GROWING FAMILIES THROUGH ADOPTION, DONOR CONCEPTION AND SURROGACY – 13 to 14 January 2016

This conference is for people who have used – or are thinking of using – donor conception, surrogacy, adoption, or foster care to form their families. For the first time ever, researchers, practitioners, lawyers, and other professionals from the four fields will all come together as speakers and attendees. Most importantly, this conference is a unique opportunity for anyone—parents, offspring, and other interested persons, to share their stories as presenters, and to learn more about what it's like to be, to support, and even to create, modern families.



Click [here](#) to register, or visit <http://www.redefiningfamilyconference.co.nz>