



VOL. 10, NO. 3

FEBRUARY 10, 2010

The eReview provides analysis on public policy relating to Canadian families and marriage.



Join us on March 11 for a [day long family policy conference](#). Register for the morning or afternoon alone, or come for the whole day at the early bird registration rate of \$99 prior to February 11. After February 11, the price is \$120.00.

Date: March 11, 2010

Place: Crowne Plaza, downtown Ottawa

[Click here for the day's schedule](#)

Come for our conference, and stay for the [Manning Centre for Building Democracy](#) annual networking conference.

[Register here](#) or email info@imfcanada.org with any questions.

Let's have a moment to state the obvious: Canadian families are busy. We drive kids to various lessons and school, we drive ourselves to and from work. We drive ourselves crazy, trying to add hours to the day.

Given this busy reality, reading the latest family research may not always be in the cards. That's where the Institute of Marriage and Family Canada steps in. **On March 11, 2010, we will gather exceptional researchers, decision makers, policy writers and laypeople together for our fourth annual conference.**

Dr. Brian Lee Crowley's most recent book, *Fearful Symmetry: The Fall and Rise of Canada's Founding Values*, delves into Canadian history and examines the crucial importance of families in creating a strong Canada. Dr. Crowley recently told an audience about how Canada came to be the blessed nation that it is: "I believe that if we are lucky, as I believe we are, it is because we have been endowed by our forbearers with a set of attitudes and beliefs, beliefs about individual freedom and responsibility, about the limits of government, about the rule of law, about the dignity of work and the centrality of family to social and economic life," he concludes. Dr. Crowley will highlight and explain the reasoning behind the centrality of family to Canada's great economic and social success at our conference this year. Too often, those interested in economics ignore the family and vice versa. Dr. Crowley will set the stage for the day, bringing these two groups together.

Dr. Wade Horn is no stranger to the attempt to renew families, this from his perch in government overseeing a \$47 billion dollar budget at the U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services. Our second speaker of the day, Dr. Horn will discuss how government can help and hinder families. This session will be of tremendous interest to those working on family-related policy in Canada, but also to those who wonder what goes on behind the scenes in creating policy. Dr. Horn was particularly involved in fatherhood initiatives south of the border. Given the growing ranks of lone parents, this is a pressing concern in Canada too.

Our third speaker, **Dr. Miriam Grossman**, became famous with her book, *Unprotected: A campus psychiatrist reveals how political correctness in her profession endangers every student*. At that time, the book was published by Anonymous, MD; Dr. Grossman feared a backlash as she took a stand against a wrong-headed, politically correct approach to sexual health. Dr. Grossman published another book in 2009 tackling the politicized nature of sex education. *You're teaching my child what?* is a foray into how we teach kids about sexuality. Given her years of experience working with students on campus, Dr. Grossman is not to be missed.

Finally, the day will be rounded out with a **panel presentation on child care**. Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada Diane Finley will share the substance of the Conservative vision for daycare; a representative of the federal Liberals will explain their support for a national daycare plan. Equal time and fair moderation will ensure both sides get ample opportunity to convince us why they are right.

Between these talks, Institute staff will give research updates and a taste of studies to come, along with a scrumptious lunch.

Family life is busy—if you can find time to attend this conference you'll be cramming a year's worth of research information into one day.