We invite you to join your fellow colleagues during a special One-Day-Only WAMFT Spring Conference; held on April 7, 2014 at Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee, WI. Why only one day? Your WAMFT Board of Directors thought it was in your best interest to adapt the Spring Conference schedule; affording you the time to attend both the WAMFT Spring Conference and the AAMFT Annual Conference held this coming year in Milwaukee on October 16-19, 2014.

About the Presenter:

Evan Imber-Black, PhD, is Director, Center for Families & Health, and a Senior Faculty Member at the Ackerman Institute for the Family in New York City. The Center for Families & Health delivers training, consultation, and systemic therapy for families who have one or more members with a chronic or life-threatening illness. She is a Professor & Director of the Marriage & Family Therapy Program at Mercy College. She maintains a private practice in Couple & Family Therapy. She is also a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY. Where she was previously the Director of the Family & Group Studies Program, providing systemic training to psychiatric residents. In addition, she was the Founder & Director of Einstein’s Urban Institute for Families & Family Therapy and provided live supervision for front-line mental health workers in clinics and hospitals.

Dr. Imber-Black is past editor of Family Process, (2004-2011), the major scholarly journal in family systems research & family therapy; and past president of the American Family Therapy Academy. She is recipient of AFTA’s Award for Distinguished Contribution to Family Therapy Theory & Practice and American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy (AAMFT) Award for Cumulative Contribution to Marriage & Family Therapy.

Evan is one of the most highly regarded and inspiring presenters, weaving her vast clinical experience and case illustrations into her valuable practice framework. Throughout her internationally recognized career, Dr. Imber-Black has made major contributions in thematic areas that cut across different models of practice, including Families and Larger Systems, Family Rituals and Family Secrets. She is the author of over 50 original papers, and several books, including: The Secret Life of Families, Secrets in Families and Family Therapy, Rituals for Our Times (with Janine Roberts), Rituals in Families and Family Therapy (with Janine Roberts and Richard Whiting), and Families and Larger Systems.

Married to Lascelles Black, MSW, LMFT, Evan is most proud to be the grandmother of Josie, 15; Lois, 12; and Zane, 11, who have helped her to know that generativity is the core value she wishes to bring forth in her work and in her relationships.
About Dr. Imber-Black’s Presentation:

Will Talking Make It Worse?
Creating Family Conversations
In the Context of Chronic & Life-Shortening Illness

Serious chronic or life-threatening illness of a family member can cause family-wide emotional freezing. Unspoken feelings of fear, uncertainty, ambivalence, guilt, shame or resentment go underground, and tensions related to taboo and secrecy surface. As painful conversations become unavailable, so, too, do opportunities for celebration, joy, and transformation.

Relationships suffer as family members grow out of sync with one another – an ill parent feels stuck in the present, with no vision of the future; a well spouse imagines the future alone but cannot speak of it. Children experience anxiety and confusion in a context of the unexpressed and unknown.

This workshop will demonstrate how to help family members begin talking with one another more openly, examine their own values and beliefs related to illness taboos, and work together to deal with the emotional and medical consequences of serious illness. The power of meaningful rituals, including the dynamic interaction of rituals and secrecy, to heal and transform relationships will be highlighted. We will thread the experience of illness in the therapist’s own family-of-origin and current family as we examine effective therapy.

Conference Schedule & Details

Sunday, April 6, 2014
Pre-Conference Functions

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  WAMFT Council of Past Presidents Dinner (by invitation)
7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  Wine & Cheese or other Hospitality Event

Monday, April 7, 2014
Keynote Presentation
Featuring Dr. Evan Imber-Black

8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.  Registration
8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  WAMFT Annual Business Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  Keynote presentation
12:00 noon - 1:30  WAMFT Awards Luncheon & Poster Presentations
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Keynote presentation continues
A reservation form for the 2014 Spring Conference appears on the following page.

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WAMFT 2014 Annual Conference
April 7, 2014

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