The Calgary Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Education Foundation is pleased to offer a clinical seminar

**DIVORCE AND ITS PATHOLOGIES:**  
**A Psychoanalytic Perspective**

**Featuring**  
Arthur Leonoff. Ph.D., C. Psych., FIPA  
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The clinical seminar will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm, at the  
Rockyview General Hospital 10th floor, Room 10331  
Calgary, AB

**REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 60 PARTICIPANTS**

It is a presumption that divorce is a remedy for an ailing marriage or union. To be sure, breakups are a part of life and beyond the hurt of initial rupture and subsequent mourning this would seem to be the case. For some, however, divorce seems almost impossible and the addition of children adds another deep layer to this now greatly expanded pathological category.

We might profitably conclude that the capacity to divorce is a developmental achievement and, in this regard, high conflict and its clinical manifestations including severe alienation represent a failure to divorce. Instead of breaking up, such ex-couples cling through conflict and hatred, undo parent-child separation by pulling their children into ever more regressed entanglements with them and severely compromise the inter-parental space that allows children to go back and forth between homes. Understandably, such pathological developments in divorce create major mental health risks for children and adults alike. Along this tortured path, they draw in a myriad of societal resources including mental health professionals, police, child protection agencies and family and criminal courts.

Based on his recent book, *The Good Divorce: A Psychoanalyst’s Exploration of Separation, Divorce & Childcare*, Dr. Leonoff will explore such pathologies of divorce in order to understand them more deeply and point the way to healing strategies to address them. As such, the focus will be clinical with numerous examples highlighting the themes and complex psychodynamics that describe individuals and families ensnared in divorce pathology.

**Learning objectives** for participants in this in-depth seminar include:

1. To explore the psychological correlates of healthy and pathological divorce including the inherent value of conflict and even hatred in restoring emotional autonomy;
2. To study the meaning and roots of high conflict in the light of divorce failure;
3. To explore the societal scourge of parental alienation and other such severe manifestations of pathological divorce;
4. To afford an opportunity to get beneath the usual social science rhetoric and examine in-depth clinical examples of divorce pathology including runaway conflict and the refusal to visit;
5. To create a sharing opportunity for participants to offer their own case examples in order to broaden understanding of how to deal effectively with individuals and families in the divorce context.

This presentation will include a 40 minute discussion period.

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For further information please contact Michelle Seghers at [info@cppef.ca](mailto:info@cppef.ca) or Dr. Elizabeth Wallace at [emw.md@telus.net](mailto:emw.md@telus.net).  
Participants are invited to continue networking after the seminar at 1600 Bier Haus at Glenmore Landing.
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