6th CRITICAL MULTICULTURAL COUNSELLING & PSYCHOTHERAPY
PRE-CONFERENCE, CONFERENCE & LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
TO SUMAN FERNANDO

June 6-8, 2011
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TRANSRACIAL PARENTING INITIATIVE
Support for Adoptive and Foster Families

TRAINING PROGRAM
A 10-hour comprehensive training program will help participants:
- Identify individual strengths and areas where more support is needed
- Feel empowered to advocate for self, child and family
- Relate on experiences “through the eyes of the child”

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
Unit 1: Explore challenges and issues in transracial foster care, adoption and family development
Unit 2: Examine race, culture & privilege for parents, children and extended family members
Unit 3: Learn tools, strategies & recommendations to help navigate your unique journey of transracial parenting
Unit 4: Reflect on transracial parenting outside of Canada Training DVD

TAKE-AWAY RESOURCE
- Designed to help participants engage and reflect on their transracial parenting journey
- Testimonials

[Board with additional content]
If Once—You Have Slept on an Island

If once you have slept in an island,
You'll never be quite the same again,
you may find in loved-places hidden,
you may find the air is sweeter,
you may even find the sea is more blue,
and the sky not so blue.

You may hear the whispering of the wind,
You may hear the song of the waves,
You may hear the sound of the sea,
You may see the stars shining bright,
and you may see the moon shining bright,
and you may see the sun shining bright,
and you may see the earth shining bright.

And you may hear the voice of the sea,
And you may hear the voice of the wind,
And you may hear the voice of the waves,
And you may hear the voice of the sky,
And you may see the earth shining bright,
And you may see the moon shining bright,
And you may see the sun shining bright.

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And you may hear the voice of the waves,
And you may hear the voice of the sky,
And you may see the earth shining bright,
And you may see the moon shining bright,
And you may see the sun shining bright.
context of homogeneity

Intermarried couples, children of mixed
parentage & psychosocial well being
Lifetime Achievement Award for Culture, Race and Mental Health

Presented to
Dr. Suman Fernando
June 7, 2011
RACE* AND CULTURE ISSUES IN MENTAL HEALTH & THOUGHTS ON IDENTITY
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THOUGHTS ON IDENTITY
*Problems with current mental health practices in the UK.

*Illness representations are still dominated by the medical model even in mental health, smuggled in through the Trojan horse of evidence-based medicine.
Thank you for attending!