

NCFM National Advisors

NCFM advisors are well established licensed professionals, authors, researchers, and activists who have made significant contributions related to the reduction of harmful gender based stereotypes; and, helping men, their children, their families, and the women who love them. Our organization is thankful for their continuing support and guidance. Please note that many of the advisors offer free or low cost initial consultations to NCFM members.

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Marc E. Angelucci is an attorney for the Men's Legal and Family Law Center in San Diego, California where he specializes in child custody, paternity and appellate advocacy. He also has experience in poverty law, mental health law, disability law, and construction litigation. He has a degree in Philosophy from U.C. Berkeley where he graduated as a phi beta kappa in 1996. In 1998, while a law student at UCLA Law, he became an NCFM member after seeing his friend physically abused for years by his wife and having no outreach or services to turn to because he was male. He formed the Los Angeles chapter of NCFM in the year 2001. In 2008 he won a landmark appellate decision against the State of California that held it is unconstitutional to exclude male victims of domestic violence from state-funded programs. The Southern Poverty Law Center's National Campaign for Tolerance made him an honoree of the Wall of Tolerance, co-chaired by Rosa Parks and Morris Dees.

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Lou Ann is a long term NCFM member. She was a founding member of the California based group Coalition of Parent Support (COPS). Lou Ann's interest lies in her passionate conviction that "the best parent is both parents." She is a strong advocate for presumptive equal physical and legal shared parenting when children's lives are disrupted by divorce or separation of the parents. She has been a member of the Washington, D.C. based international Children's Rights Council (CRC) which provides low cost or free child access centers throughout the United States, and other advocacy groups promoting "the best parent is both parents."

Lou Ann lives in San Francisco with her husband Larry. Lou Ann is a certified specialist by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization in Workers' Compensation law. She enjoys gardening, traveling, and dancing.



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I'm involved with NCFM because I support the organization's goals of being dedicated to the removal of harmful sex based stereotypes and discrimination against men, their children, families, and the women who love them. I am particularly interested in NCFM's work to help all victims of family violence.

Mr. Cook is the author of [*Abused Men-The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence*](#) (Praeger/Greenwood). His work objectively examines and explains relevant research results, the feelings and problems of interviewed victims, and provider and media response to the issue. He has examined scores of national and international domestic violence and family programs and evaluated their potential for helpful replication. "It reads like 1,000 Dear Abby letters...Fascinating...but it explains the many aspects of domestic violence. A wealth of material that could be helpful," **Dear Abby' Abigail Van Buren, Syndicated Columnist**. "The wife with a rolling pin is no joke, but a statistical fact...Cook shows at length, that the sexes have two contrasting strategies...By Cook's own standards, those of a journalist, this is a highly successful book."

-West Coast Review of Books

Mr. Cook holds a degree in Journalism from the University of Oregon. He has appeared on numerous national radio and television shows such as CNN, MSNBC, Fox News Network's "The O'Reilly Factor" & "The Crier Report", "The Sally Jesse Raphael Show", "The Montel Williams Show", "The Home and Family Show", Westwood Radio Network's Jim Bohannon and Dirk Van Shows, CBS radio, and more than 50 radio talks shows in cities around the nation. His articles have appeared in Employee Assistance Professional "Exchange" Magazine, The Oregonian, Deseret News, The Vancouver Columbian and other daily newspapers. He has contributed to these anthology books:

Opposing Viewpoints-Greenhaven Press; *Everything You Know Is Wrong* and *You Are Being Lied to*-Disinformation Press; and with co-authors in the distinguished academic publication, "The Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment." He has been quoted as an expert on male victimization in domestic violence incidents by The National Associated Press, Canadian Associated Press, "Medical Economics Magazine," "Law Enforcement Technology" and many daily newspapers. **"I highly recommend him as a speaker and the research he has done for your organization,"** James J. Londis Ph.D. Director of Ethics and Values Integration, Kettering Medical Center.



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Richard served in the United States Marine Corps from 1960 to 1964. He is a retired lieutenant from the Brockton, Massachusetts police department. He has a graduate degree in liberal arts from Harvard University and a second in criminal justice from Anna Maria College. He is a member of the International Honor Society of Historians and the American Society of Criminology. He is a college instructor for Quincy College at Plymouth, MA in Criminology, Criminal Justice and Domestic Violence. He is the vice president for Family Nonviolence, Inc. www.familynonviolence.com in Fairhaven, MA. He is an independent consultant for criminal justice domestic violence policies, procedures, and programs. He is the author of [*Domestic Violence: Facts and Fallacies*](#) by Praeger publishers and [*Domestic Violence Intervention, Prevention, Policies, and Solutions*](#) by CRC Press. He has written numerous articles for newspapers, journals, and magazines concerning the issue of domestic violence. His columns concerning domestic violence at policeone.com, and californiamenscenters.org/wordpress. He is a distance learner instructor in Introduction to Criminal Justice and Domestic Violence for the Online Police Academy and has a website at policewriter.com. He lives in Plymouth, Massachusetts with his wife the youngest of five children. He experienced domestic violence professionally for 21 years as a police officer and personally as a child and as an adult. In his retirement he continues to use his education, experience, and training to help the children, women, and men who have had to endure violence from those who profess to love them. He may be reached at rldavis@post.harvard.edu. "The reason I became an NCFM advisor is that I'll advise anyone who will listen..."



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Dr. Driscoll has produced several anxiety reduction training CDs, including "[Personal Shielding to Deflect Hostility](#)," "[Tame Test Anxiety](#)," and "Blast Past Road Rage."

He is especially interested in fatherhood and in stabilizing relationships. He has recently published "[You Still Don't Understand](#)," with Nancy Ann Davis (website: theOppositeSex.info). The authors identify substantial differences between men and women, explore their origins, and to suggest ways to bridge our differences.

Mr. Driscoll observes that human nature is innately chivalrous, supporting and protecting women while holding men accountable. Our chivalrous natures introduce qualifications on how men can and cannot succeed in attaining more equal rights. As sympathies ordinarily go toward women, most men find themselves on the losing end of arguments against women.

Instead, Mr. Driscoll believes, we must show that fair and equal treatment is in the best interest of men, women, and children, and that families and the broader community thrive when men are treated fairly and stay involved, but flounder when men are maligned and cast aside. Indeed, research shows that marriages are more stable and children are better off when men have more equal parenting rights.

"My parents divorced when I was about 12," notes Mr. Driscoll, "and my mother was extremely bitter and arranged things so that we had no contact at all with our father. I have forgiven her by now, but well after she died and not nearly soon enough. I must surmise that these rocky experiences helped instill in me a passion to figure out relationships and to preserve the children."

Richard Driscoll offers free consultation on ways to rise above chivalry and focus instead on benefits to family and community.

Mr. Driscoll lives with his wife and psychology partner Nancy Davis, and they have three grown children.



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Dr. Fiebert completed his undergraduate work at Queens College, NY in 1960 and received his Doctorate from the University of Rochester, NY in 1965. Since then he has been a professor at Cal State Long Beach, CA as well as the President of the Long Beach Chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) from 2001-2003. One of his areas of specialty is Gender Studies: Psychology of Male Roles.

Dr. Fiebert has written numerous scholarly articles including but not limited to (1) Men, women and housework: The Roshomon Effect. Men's Studies Review, 8(2), 6. (2) College students' perception of men as victims of women's assaultive behavior. Perceptual and Motor Skills, 82, 1-2. (3) Gender stereotypes: A bias against men. (1997). Journal: Journal of Psychology, 131, 407-410. (4) References examining men as victims of Women's sexual coercion. Sexuality & Culture, 4, (3), 81-88 and (5) References examining assaults by women on their spouses or male partners: an annotated bibliography. (2004). Sexuality and Culture, 8, (3-4), 140-177.

He has been a featured speaker at numerous conferences and workshops, as well as a trainer in certification programs for domestic violence industry professionals.

His research studies in progress include but are not limited to (1) Male Victimization: A program of research exploring male victimization in the areas of physical abuse and sexual coercion (2) Interracial Dating project: An examination of the attitudes toward interracial couples, and the personal and cultural factors that lead to interracial dating.

Dr. Fiebert has a long list of contributions as a journal and book reviewer, consulting editor, media consultant/expert guest, and has major citations in books and magazines.

In 2003 and 2004, he was selected as An International Scientist of the Year.

He is perhaps best known for his extraordinary work in developing and maintaining the [REFERENCES EXAMINING ASSAULTS BY WOMEN ON THEIR SPOUSES OR MALE PARTNERS: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY](#). As of March 17, 2009 "...his bibliography examines 247 scholarly investigations: 188 empirical studies and 59 reviews and/or analyses, which demonstrate that women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners. The aggregate sample size in the reviewed studies exceeds 240,200."



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It was Tom's work with traumatized men over the last 25 years that helped bring him in contact with NCFM of which he's been for over 10 years. This work gave him a clear picture of what is normally hidden from view; the hardships and discrimination that men face all too often when it comes to dealing with emotions and suffering. NCFM was the only national group that was chartered to address this sexism.

Tom Golden, LCSW is an author, speaker and psychotherapist. His book, [Swallowed by a Snake: The Gift of the Masculine Side of Healing](#) focuses on the unique ways that

men and boys heal from trauma and loss and has been acclaimed by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and many others. Tom has been teaching this material to mental health professionals around the world and has enjoyed presenting workshops in the United States, Canada, and Australia, having been named the "1999 International Grief Educator" by the Australian Centre for Grief Education and offering workshops in five Australian cities. His workshops are known to be entertaining and informative. Tom brings a gentle sense of humor and a gift for storytelling as he draws on his twenty-five years of practical, hands-on clinical experience in working with the bereaved. His work has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and U.S. News and World Report, as well as on CNN and CBS Evening News. In 1995 Tom created the internet's first interactive web page for grieving people webhealing.com and designed and started the world's first internet memorial page, the Place to Honor Grief. Both continue to function in supporting the bereaved.

Tom was recently appointed to the newly formed [Maryland Commission for Men's Health](#). He lives near Washington D.C. and enjoys gardening, hand drumming, photography and delights in his wife, son, and daughter.



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Pat is involved with NCFM because of her commitment to equal treatment. She has been involved in all aspects of the Domestic Violence Industry and early on realized that men are victims of domestic violence as well as women. Pat recently moved from Salinas, CA to San Diego, CA to help NCFM-SD with grant writing, developing programs, and conducting workshops.

While now in private practice Pat was, among other things since 1984, (1) Executive Director, Women's Crisis Center, Salinas, CA (2) Chief Executive Officer, [Antelope Valley, CA, Domestic Violence Council/Valley Oasis Shelter](#) (3) Executive Director/Founder, A NEW DAY, Inc. and (4) Executive Director, Emergency Shelter Program, Inc. Pat's full history is available here: [Pat's history](#).

Pat spent much of her career working to reduce relationship violence, sexual assault, and stalking as well as provide much needed services to those involved. Thanks to Pat's open heart, uncompromising belief in equitable treatment, and steadfast belief that all victims of domestic violence need services, the Antelope Valley shelter was the first shelters in the United States that accepted male victims of domestic violence and their children. Pat withstood incredible pressure to not serve male victims from ideologically driven domestic violence organizations linked through a powerful Los Angeles, CA consortium. Pat is a pioneer in the domestic violence industry, much of what is good therein can be attributed directly to her dedication and perseverance.

Patricia will provide a free 30 minute initial consultation to NCFM members having difficulty with some non legal aspect of relationship violence.

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Dr. Perritt was introduced several years ago to NCFM by a friend. Since then Dr. Perritt has been an active NCFM member and is Co-founder and Board Member of the Kentucky/Tennessee chapter.

Dr. Perritt is a native of Akron, Ohio. She left Akron at age 17 to attend college in Athens, Ohio at Ohio University. After graduation she worked as a social worker in welfare programs and psychiatric hospitals. Then she moved to Lexington, Kentucky where her first spouse was pursuing his doctorate in business administration. She was working as a rehabilitation counselor then and completed her Masters and Doctorate in Psychology. Dr. Perritt held several positions at the university including Director of Continuing Education in Allied Health and Director of Research and Marketing for a tele-course program. As a professor she taught Ethics and Psychology for students pursuing degrees in various health professions. Her prior areas of research have been Ethics and Patient Education for the elderly. Dr. Perritt still supervises Psychology students part-time. She is currently in private practice working with most populations and consulting with people with Social Security disability issues. Her most recent research has been related to men and depression, domestic violence, and child custody; and, she conducts seminars or makes presentations on related issues. [Click anywhere on this line to visit Dr. Perritt's Facebook Page.](#)

Dr. Perritt will provide a free initial consultation to NCFM members.



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Al is an equal rights attorney in San Diego, California, specializing in representing men who are targeted by businesses' sex-based promotions, often innocuously labeled "Ladies' Night" or "Ladies' Day." He represented the prevailing plaintiffs, including several NCFM members, in the landmark California Supreme Court case of *Marc Angelucci v. Century Supper Club* (2007) 40 Cal.3d 24. *Angelucci* concerned a Los Angeles supper club that charged

men a \$20 cover charge, but let women in free, and frisked men for weapons, but not women, before entering. The California Supreme Court unanimously reversed rulings by a unanimous Court of Appeal and trial court, which both held that disfavored groups had to first assert their right to equal treatment to the offending business in order to have standing to file a discrimination claim under California's Unruh Civil Rights Act.

Al holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University in Environmental Science. For fourteen years he designed and sold water treatment and pollution control equipment in Southeast Texas. After prevailing as a plaintiff in three lawsuits—two against former employers that would not pay him his sales commissions after leaving their employ, and one against his car insurance company for accusing him of torching his car, Al decided he was going to beat them and join them by attending law school at California Western School of Law. He is a member of both the State Bar of California and the State Bar of Texas.

Al will provide free consultation to NCFM members who experience discrimination in public accommodation.



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Mr. Ronan married a foreign woman who then falsely accused him of domestic violence so she could invoke provisions of the Violence Against Women Act to gain citizenship. The courts refused to hear testimony or accept evidence from over 20 character witnesses on his behalf, including medical doctors, psychologists, social workers, clergy, and even his previous wife. Some of his character witnesses were harassed and terrorized. Mr. Ronan says that, "I am a member of NCFM because the organization is committed to the eradication of such gender biased injustice". Mr. Ronan has an excellent reputation, is a leader in his areas of interest, and very concerned that our system of (in) justice favors political correctness over truth. Mr. Ronan has dedicated his life to helping others as demonstrated by the following partial list of credentials and accomplishments:

- Diplomat of the [American Psychotherapy Association](#) (APA) 2005, Joining William Glasser, MD, Bill O'Hanlon, MS, Jeffrey Zeig, PhD, Arnold Lazarus, PhD, etc.
- [American Academy of Medical Hypnoanalysts](#) (Diplomat Candidate, Board & Clinical Member)
- [American Society of Clinical Hypnosis](#) Certification 1987
- [National Board for Certified Clinical Hypnotherapists](#) 2003, Certified Diplomat in Clinical Medical Hypnoanalysis, Certified Fellow in Clinical Medical Hypnoanalysis, Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist
- [International Medical & Dental Medical Hypnoanalysis Association](#): Certified Hypnotherapist, ADD & Hypnosis Therapist
- [National Guild of Hypnotists](#): Certified Hypnotherapist
- [American Psychotherapy & Medical Hypnosis Association](#): Certified Clinical Member
- American Board of Medical Hypnoanalysis, Registered, Certified Hypnotherapist, Special Recognition Award 2005
- Instructor of Psychology for Metropolitan State University, National American University, Rasmussen College, Normandale Community College, Minnesota School of Business

For a complete background including information about Mr. Ronan's published papers and book "[The Psychological Autopsy of Elvis](#)" Also see, "[Voice of America Immigration Fraud Victims – Fighting for Truth and Justice](#)".

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Dr. Stephens completed medical school in 1967 at National University of Ireland, Galway. His postgraduate work in Psychology was completed in New York in 1977. Dr. Stephens is affiliated with [Cabrini Medical Center](#) and [Gracie Square Hospital](#).

Special areas of interest and expertise in addition to general psychiatry are child & adolescent psychiatry with special interest in attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, parent/child relationship development through teaching communication skills, adult depression and underlying attention deficit disorders and working with men in psychotherapy. Dr. Stephens served on the [American Psychological Association Committee on Children](#).

Dr. Stephens suffered through his own bitter divorce and custody fight beginning in 1996. His ex-wife alienated his children from him, and he was denied joint custody of his 12-year-old. Dr. Stephens has been a crusader for mens' and fathers' rights since then.

He has worked as a psychiatric and court-appointed expert in divorce cases. He co-founded the NCFM-NY chapter.

While attending a 2004 Massachusetts Medical Society Conference on Men's Issues Dr. Stephens posed the question "What is misandry?" Only a few hands went up. When he asked about the meaning of misogyny there was a universal understanding that it represented a hatred of or denigration of women. Dr. Stephens early realized that the mental health needs of men would remain largely neglected until this disparity in understanding the genders was balanced.

Dr. Stephens was lead plaintiff in the Holstein v. Magellan class-action suit aimed at managed care antitrust practices was settled favorably for all mental health professionals in the U.S. Dr. Stephens, "I have taken the position in my lawsuit that there has been a criminal conspiracy to defraud the public and patients. Mental health providers are dealing with a conscienceless class of business people."

As a member of the [Mens' Health Network](#) Dr. Stephens served on the advisory board of "[Your Head: An Owner's Manual](#)" which developed to help others understand and overcome male depression, anxiety, and stress. The advisory board is a group of men and women-psychiatrists, physicians, psychologists, public health experts, social workers, and advocates for men's health-working together toward the common goal of improving the health, longevity, and quality of life for men and their families from all walks of life.



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Mr. Svoboda is the senior board member of and Public Relations Director for the National Coalition For Men, the world's oldest and largest non-profit devoted to educating the world about the harm done to men and boys by gender discrimination. Steven is NCFM's book reviewer and his articles are available through our bi-monthly newsletter Transitions. Current editions of Transitions are available by snail mail to only NCFM members. However, you may read some of Steven's excellent book reviews in back issues of Transitions by clicking here: [Transitions Back Issues](#).

Mr. Svoboda's day job is as a patent lawyer.

J. Steven Svoboda is the founder of California-based organization, [Attorneys for the Rights of the Child](#). As an attorney, Svoboda is involved in educating and litigating on behalf of [genital integrity](#) issues. He is a strong opponent of [male circumcision](#). He also works as a patent lawyer. His publications include "A Rose By Any Other Name: Rethinking the Similarities and Differences between Male and Female Genital Cutting,"

forthcoming in *Fearful Symmetries: Essays and Testimonies Around Excision and Circumcision*, edited by Chantal Zabus (Rodopi, 2009); Van Howe R, Svoboda JS, "Neonatal pain relief and the Helsinki Declaration," *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 2008; 36: 803-823; "[Prophylactic Interventions on Children: Balancing Human Rights with Public Health](#)" (*Journal of Medical Ethics* 2002), and "The Limits of the Law: Comparative Analysis of Legal and Extralegal Methods to Control Child Body Mutilation Practices" (2001). He has published over 150 reviews of books relating to men, boys, and gender. For eight years, he wrote a column for *Everyman* magazine titled, "Gender, Law, and Society," which he renamed after his first child's birth, "Gender, Law, and Fatherhood." He is co-author, with Warren Farrell and James Sterba, of the gender studies textbook, "Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men?" (Oxford University Press, 2007).

He was interviewed on [Penn and Teller](#)'s television program [Bullshit!](#) on [Showtime](#), where he explained his view of some of the legal aspects concerning male circumcision in the United States.

He is also the founder of the Bus Stop Co-op, a [vegetarian organic cooperative](#) in [Berkeley, California](#).

He is a performance artist and a tournament chess player rated as an expert (the ranking below master) by the United States Chess Federation. His wife is a pediatrician. They have two children, a boy and a girl. Mr. Svoboda speaks and writes fluently in Spanish.