

Concerned United Birthparents (CUB) is pleased to announce its

2018 CUB ANNUAL RETREAT



Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, Safety Harbor, FL (near Tampa)

Friday, October 5th – Sunday, October 7th, 2018.

The annual CUB retreat is for birthparents, adoptees, adoptive parents, family, friends, therapists, social workers, researchers and all members of the adoption triad/constellation to meet, learn, grow and heal. Please join us. For more information, visit: www.cubirthparents.org.

CUB is pleased to confirm our two keynote speakers: Ann Fessler and Rickie Solinger

Ann Fessler: Visual artist, filmmaker, and author, Ann Fessler's work deals with the stories of women and the impact that myths, stereotypes, and mass media images have on their lives and intimate relationships. She brings the hidden history of adoption into the public sphere. Her film, *A Girl Like Her*, combines the voices of the women with footage from the era—including educational films about dating, sex and "illegitimate" pregnancy, and newsreels about adoption—that reflected and shaped the public's understanding of unwed pregnancy and surrender.

FESSLER will give a keynote presentation on Friday, October 5, 2018 at 10:00AM

Rickie Solinger Independent historian, curator, and lecturer focusing on reproductive politics, race and class, and motherhood. Among the first to coin the term "reproductive politics" in the 1970s, Solinger writes about the legal, political, religious, social, ethical, and medical dimensions of these hotly contested issues, still just as complex and controversial today as they were then. Solinger is the award-winning author of *Wake Up Little Susie: Single Pregnancy and Race before Roe v. Wade*; *Beggars and Choosers*; *Pregnancy and Power*; *Reproductive Politics*; co-author: "Reproductive Justice: An Introduction"

SOLINGER will give a keynote presentation on Saturday, October 6, at 10:00AM

Additional invited speakers include:

Liz Latty: Adoptee, writer, educator, and activist working on adoption and child welfare.

Karen Smith Rotabi: PhD, Researcher focusing on adoption, family support and child protection.

Macy Oosthuizen, LCSW, Founder, Florida Adoption Connections Truth & Support.

Renee Gelin, Founder & President of Saving Our Sisters, a family preservation focused organization.

Emily Upton, Moderator of the Facebook group Adoption: Facing Realities

***Special Event: Renowned "Living Mirror Playback Theater"** will perform Saturday evening!

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Reserve your space now!