

CONSTANCE R. PERRY AND DAIN PERRY

Constance Perry was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. For more than twenty years, she managed, designed and implemented programs for at-risk youth and adults at the municipal, state and national level. Constance developed expertise in technical assistance, staff training, community planning and evaluation through her association with Brandeis University at the Center for Youth and Communities of the Heller Center. She also designed and implemented a series of technical assistance and training services created to support local capacity building.

For twelve years, Constance was a self-employed national consultant specializing in training, facilitation and on-site consultation to community organizations providing services to their residents. She has extensive national experience conducting case management training and technical assistance to federal grantees and community based organizations working with case management staff and managers of community organizations. In addition, she has worked on projects funded by the U.S. Departments of Labor, Education, Housing and Urban Development, and Juvenile Justice.

Dain Perry grew up in Charleston, South Carolina. He recently retired after a 30 year career as a Financial Representative with the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network (NMFN) in Boston. He is a past President of the Boston Estate Planning Council and was named Boston Estate Planner of the Year in 1999. Prior to joining NMFN he was deputy director of the Massachusetts Council on Crime and Correction (MCCC), and Acting Director of the Crime and Justice Foundation (CJF), both private non-profit community groups which promoted reform in the criminal justice system.

Prior to joining MCCC Dain worked with Marsh & McLennan, a large international insurance brokerage, in Boston, New York and Caracas, Venezuela and then served as Insurance Manager of the Massachusetts Hospital Association. He is a past President of the Boston Jaycees where he played a leadership role in opening membership in the all-male organization to women, and served several years on the Professional Advisory Committee of The Boston Foundation. He attended the U S Naval Academy. In 1978 he created the Massachusetts Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation which annually hosts a leadership seminar for high school sophomores.

Dain and Constance traveled in 2002 and 2003 with the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts to the Holy Land, Palestine and Israel, to witness for Palestinian Christians and engage in dialogue with Palestinian and Israeli leaders.

In 2008 they were honored to receive the first annual SCI Idealist Award, given by Social Capital, Inc., in Boston, for "their deep commitment to social justice." SCI's mission is to strengthen communities by connecting diverse individuals and organizations through civic engagement initiatives.

In the summer of 2001 Dain joined filmmaker Katrina Browne and eight other cousins filming a documentary movie, *Traces of the Trade: A Story From the Deep North*, about their ancestors, the DeWolf family of Bristol RI, the foremost slave-traders in American history. While following the route of the Triangle Slave Trade, from Bristol to Ghana to Cuba, they explored the impact of slavery on America and its ongoing legacy of racism. The film premiered at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival, was aired on the PBS series Point of View (POV) in 2008, won the Henry Hampton Award for Excellence in Film in 2009, and in July 2009 was nominated for an Emmy Award for historical research.

Constance and Dain both retired early to allow time to travel the country screening the film before civic, school, college and church groups and facilitating conversations on racism and racial reconciliation. Over the years they have conducted over 225 screenings, in 30 states and 115 cities, before over 17,000 people.

They are both active in the Episcopal Church and have served on a number of committees and boards. Constance is currently on the Board of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. Dain has served on the vestry at their church, Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston. They were married in 2006, live in Charlestown, MA, and have an adult son.