



What people are saying about the 2009 FOSI Conference

“It’s been exciting to see how, in such a short time span, this meeting has become the global “go to” event for those interested in contributing to a safer internet experience for all. ... Suffice it to say, if you are interested in helping drive the conversation about Family Online Safety, the FOSI conference is your mandatory destination.”

- Ask Marian-Symantec Blog, Marian Merritt

“In many ways, last week’s third annual Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI) conference in Washington, D.C. was a groundbreaking event. Except in this case, it was notable not for something it did but rather for something it didn’t do. It didn’t spread fear.”

- TheOnlineMom.com, Monica Vila

“I spent part of last week in Washington, D.C., attending a gathering that turned out to be a watershed moment in the 16-year history of online safety education.”

- San Jose Mercury News, Larry Magid

“During these economic hard times, many people came together to share important information. It was not a dog and pony show, and for that I’m grateful. I am most impressed that Stephen Balkam had the vision and the determination 3+ years ago to turn an idea into a full-fledged, international organization of very smart people, sharing a common goal.”

- eModeration blog, Rebecca Newton

“The best conferences examine a question from a variety of viewpoints, and ultimately provide a narrative for the audience. The FOSI ’09 conference did just that...and more. Add to that your ability to gather together such a large audience to listen to – and engage with – such a stellar lineup of panelists and you’ve certainly delivered on FOSI’s promise of being the real convener of the online safety community.”

- NCTA, Dave Pierce

“The lineup of speakers was extraordinary: a Senator; senior executives from companies like Verizon and Comcast; several state Attorneys General; President Obama’s Deputy Chief Technology Officer; and dozens of heavy hitters like Adam Thierer (Progress & Freedom Foundation) and Larry Magid (ConnectSafely).”

- Sexual Intelligence Blog, Dr. Marty Klein



Tweets about the conference

“#fosi09 conference was hands down, the best I’ve been to in yrs. @StephenBalkam @kimscardino sammy, all FOSI folk, kudos!”

- Crisp Thinking (@CrispThinking)

“@StephenBalkam #Fosi09 beyond the flawless organization, every single session had a great mix of experts and thought provoking content!”

- TheOnlineMom (@TheOnlineMom)

“Had great time at the annual Family Online Safety Inst conference. It’s like Consumers Electronics Show for child safety <http://sn.im/t3278>”

- Adam Thierer (@AdamThierer)