

A national symposium sponsored by the Campaign for U.S. Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Georgetown University Law Center, Juvenile Justice Clinic:

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC):

Why It is Time to Ratify



June 1-2, 2009

THE GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Program Book

Agenda at a Glance

Monday, June 1

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Registration

Location: McDonough Hall, Hart Auditorium Lobby

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Opening Session

Location: Hart Auditorium

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Panel 1: Needs, Rights, and the Human Family

Location: Hart Auditorium

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Keynote Session

Location: Hart Auditorium

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Panel 2: Supportive Environments for Children

Location: Hart Auditorium

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Panel 3: Health

Location: Hart Auditorium

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Break

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Panel 4: Education

Location: Hart Auditorium

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

Location: Hotung Building, Sports and Fitness Lobby

Tuesday, June 2

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Registration

Location: McDonough Hall, Hart Auditorium Lobby

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Opening Session

Location: Hart Auditorium

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Panel 5: Special Protection Measures

Location: Hart Auditorium

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions/Working Lunch

Location: McDonough Hall

Classrooms 201, 202, 203, and 206

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Panel 6: Participation

Location: Hart Auditorium

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Youth Panel

Location: Hart Auditorium

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Closing Session

Location: Hart Auditorium

Symposium Agenda– June 2

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., Registration

Location: McDonough Hall, Hart Auditorium Lobby

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Opening Session

Location: Hart Auditorium

- Speaker:** **Kul Chandra Gautum**
Former UN Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive
Director of UNICEF
- Speaker:** **Yanghee Lee, Ph.D.**
Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Panel 5: Special Protection Measures

Location: Hart Auditorium

- Youth Voice:** **Abbey Flynn**
2009 CRC Essay Contest Winner
- Moderator:** **Tim Briceland-Betts**
CWLA, Government Affairs
- Panelists:** **Howard Davidson, J.D.**
American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law
- Robin Kimbrough-Melton, J.D.**
Clemson University, Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life
- Wallace Mlyniec, J.D.**
Georgetown University Law Center, Juvenile Justice Clinic
- Kimberly Svevo-Cianci, Ph.D.**
Child Rights and Protection Consultant

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Breakout Sessions/Working Lunches

SESSION 1: DRAFTING AND ENACTING CRC CITY AND STATE RESOLUTIONS

Location: McDonough Hall, Classroom 201

- Conveners:** **Joshua Cooper, Ph.D.**
Four Freedoms Forum and Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights
- Bernardine Dohrn, J.D.**
Northwestern University Law School, Bluhm Legal Clinic and Children
and Family Justice Center

SESSION 2: INCORPORATING THE CRC INTO CURRICULA

Location: McDonough Hall, Classroom 202

- Conveners:** **Eileen Ihrig, MSW**
Tulane University School of Social Work
- Gertrud Lenzer, Ph.D.**
The City University of New York, Brooklyn College,
Children Studies Program and Center

Symposium Presenters

prevention of child maltreatment, and for the development of neighborhood strategies for reducing substance abuse and preventing violence. Professor Kimbrough-Melton is active in scholarship on children's spiritual and religious development and related issues of human rights. She teaches in the area of human rights. Professor Kimbrough-Melton received her B.S. from Southern Methodist University and J.D. from the University of Nebraska.

Gertrud Lenzer, Professor of Sociology and Children's Studies at Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center of The City University of New York, is the Founding Director of the Children's Studies Program and Center. In 1991, under her leadership, Brooklyn College became the first academic institution to develop an interdisciplinary liberal arts Children's Studies program. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) provided the overarching framework for this new interdisciplinary field. Courses on the CRC and human Rights of Children have been taught every semester since the early 1990s. Professor Lenzer has participated in national and international meetings and publications on the CRC. The Children's Studies Center has spearheaded legislation for the establishment of an Independent Office of the Child Advocate in New York State. Earlier this year, she established the ChildRights Working Group of New York to work toward the implementation of the OPSC in New York State. On a regular basis, the Children's Studies Center Child Policy Forum of New York provides a platform for discussion of topics pertinent to the CRC. Professor Lenzer has been a member of the Campaign for the Ratification of the CRC since its inception. In 1991, she founded the Sociology of Children as a new field and Section of the American Sociological Association, and she was designated as its Founding Chair. Professor Lenzer received the national 1997 Lewis Hine Award in Honor of Outstanding Service on Behalf of Children and Youth of the National Child Labor Committee. During her career, she has been the recipient of such distinguished fellowships as the American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship in American Studies, a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship in the Humanities, a fellowship at the National Humanities Center, and a Research Fellowship at the Rockefeller Bellagio Center, Italy. In addition, she was selected as the first American scholar and the first woman to deliver the 12th Auguste Comte Memorial Lecture at the London School of Economics.

Phyllis Magrab, Professor of Pediatrics, is a well-known Child Psychologist and Director of the Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development (GUCCHD), a component of the Department of Pediatrics that brings together policy, research, and clinical practice for the betterment of children, youth and their families, especially those with special needs. For over 30 year, Dr. Magrab has provided service, conducted research, shaped policy, and trained other future professionals on behalf of vulnerable children and their families. She has had extensive international experience related to developing services and policies for children, especially children with special needs. Currently, among her many international activities, she holds a UNESCO Chair to collaborate with UNESCO on their Education For All initiative that is integrally tied to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Robin Sakina Mama is a Professor and Dean of the School of Social Work at Monmouth University of which the MSW program has two concentrations: Clinical Practice with Families and Children, and International and Community Development. Dr. Mama teaches the field practicum seminar for the International and Community Development concentration in the MSW program where students have the option to go overseas and complete their field internship. International internships include: Ghana, Bangladesh, Southern India, Chile, Mexico, and Hong Kong. Her teaching and research interests are in human rights, field education, international social development, and international social work. Since 2001, Dr. Mama has been a representative of the International Federation of Social Workers at the United Nations in New York City. In her role as the IFSW representative, she serves as a member of the NGO Committee on Mental Health, the NGO Committee on the Family, and the NGO Committee on the Status of Women. For the last 5 years, Dr. Mama has been the Co-Chair of Social Work Day at the United Nations, a half-day conference at the UN that brings social work students, faculty and practitioners to the UN to learn about UN initiatives that are important to social work. She is also the North American Editor of *Social Work Education: The International Journal*. Dr. Mama has written/edited two books: *From Hate Crimes to Human Rights: A Tribute to Matthew Shepard*, with Dr. Mary Swigonski and Dr. Kelly Ward and *Breaking Out of the Box: Adventure-Based Field Instruction*, with Dr. Kelly Ward. In addition, she has written numerous articles for social work journals, including "Social Work At the United Nations", published with three of her IFSW colleagues. Dr. Mama received her MSW and Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research as well as Master of Law degree from the same institution.



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