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### Children's Studies First Hybrid Course!

Spring 2011 will be the introduction of the first Children's Studies hybrid course!

Children's Studies Assistant Professor Jeremy Porter will teach the first hybrid course, CHST 3130 (40): *Children of New York*. The course will be a combination of one day in the classroom and assignments to be completed online. The course will also involve projects students will be expected to complete in and around New York on various topics.

### Children's Studies Advisory Board Announcement

Dr. Victor Karunan, a member of our Children's Studies Advisory Board, has announced that he has been appointed Deputy Representative for UNICEF Malaysia, Brunei, and Singapore based in Kuala Lumpur effective January 2011. We at Children's Studies congratulate him and wish him well in his new position!

## Faculty Publications- Jeremy R. Porter



Jeremy R. Porter, Assistant Professor in Children's Studies and Department of Finance, Business, and Management has recently published his new book in 2010: *Tracking the Mobility of Crime: New Geographies and Methodologies in Modeling the Diffusion of Offending*. Published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing: United Kingdom.

The book is based upon an earlier work in 2008, which received a Postdoc/Graduate Student Paper of the Year Award presented by the American Statistical Association. Professor Porter also

has numerous publications and activities that are listed under his [Brooklyn College faculty profile](#).

## Children and the Law-

For anyone who plans to work with children and youth, are raising their own children, or has been a child themselves!



The *Children and the Law* course will be offered in Spring 2011 on Tuesday/Thursday from 3:40PM to 4:55PM. The course analyses the laws that affect children and youth, and how activism and social movements can help to change laws and attitudes.

This course opens up new potential career paths in child and youth related areas of child advocacy, social services, education, health and mental health, as well as the juvenile justice system.

*Children and the Law* covers topics such as the juvenile justice system, sexual exploitation, issues of abuse and neglect, foster care, emancipation, and delinquency.

These compelling topics are taught through discussions, guest lecturers, readings, films, and more. The course uses guest speakers as a mean to connect and teach students various topics and about careers involving children and the law. Former guest speakers include executives and representatives from organizations such as GEMS, Empire State Coalition, Community Mediation Services, and more.

*Children and the Law* will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and a general knowledge of aspects of law, ranging from family and social services to juvenile and criminal, as they apply to children and youth. This course is designed to introduce students to the role law plays in many facets of the lives of children, ranging from education to child welfare to juvenile justice.

This course fulfills the requirements toward the Children's Studies Major, Concentration, and Minor.

## Children's Studies Career Exploration Internship

The Children's Studies Program offers the CHST 4100 (95): *Internship in Applied Children's Studies* each semester. Students must have completed CHST 2100 (20), 3110 (30), or 3610 (31) or have permission from the program director to take the internship course. This course fulfills the requirements toward the Children's Studies Major, Concentration and Minor or as an elective for all other students.

What some of our Children's Studies graduates have to say about their CHST Career Exploration Internship experience:

"I'm 6 weeks away from the end of my first semester of law school... My internship with Judge Esther M. Morgenstern was an amazing experience. I sat next to Judge Morgenstern on the bench. I don't know how many people can say that they've sat next to a Judge on the bench while court was in session. It allowed me to see what being a lawyer encompasses and not a lot of people have that opportunity. It definitely assured me that the career I was interested in was right for me."

*-Biana Mashevich, 2009 Graduate, Children's Studies Career Exploration Internship: Judge Esther M. Morgenstern, Currently a Law Student at Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center*



"My internship played an instrumental role in my career development. It was more than a way to enhance my resume and expand my skill set. I learned more than any class could ever teach me. My internship provided great insight into what working with children will entail. I came away with a greater understanding and appreciation for educators. It was an invaluable experience that I will always treasure."

*-Nadine F. Myers- Guilloteau, 2009 Graduate, Children's Studies Career Exploration Internship: PS 230 working alongside Guidance Counselors, Currently a Graduate Student in the School Counseling Program at Brooklyn College*

"The Children's Studies Internship increased my passion for community based education and advocacy. The Children's Studies program has played a very crucial part in my education, dedication and commitment to youth. The program has inspired me to become active in policy changes."

*-Andrea Williams, 2008 Graduate, Children's Studies Career Exploration Internship: Center for Community Alternatives, Currently enrolled in Leadership in Community Based Education program at Bank Street School of Education*



"The Children's Studies Internship opened up a whole new world for me. Graduating Brooklyn College in May of 2009, I was on the path of becoming a speech pathologist; however my internship at Hebrew Academy for Special Children (HASC) was quite a lasting experience for me. After my first semester of graduate school last year I couldn't shake the feeling that speech wasn't where I belonged. I was given the opportunity to work as a Substitute Teacher's Assistant at HASC for the first half of this year and I absolutely loved it! I knew working with children with disabilities was really where my heart was. I am now in my second semester of graduate school at New York University where I am pursuing a dual master's degree in Early Childhood and Early Childhood

Special Education. If it wasn't for the Children's Studies internship I think it would have taken that much longer for me to realize my career path."

*-Ella Yadushlivy, 2009 Graduate, Children's Studies Career Exploration Internship: Hebrew Academy for Special Children, Currently a Graduate Student at New York University*

"The Children's Studies Internship was an experience that has opened my eyes as well as doors to many great opportunities. Through the internship I was able to see a different aspect on working with children, giving me an opportunity to work with them in an environment I would have never entered otherwise. It is a course that I truly recommend and am truly happy I took during my undergraduate education."

*-Yeva Shnaydman, 2010 Graduate, Children's Studies Career Exploration Internship: William O'Connor School, Currently works as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teacher's Assistant*





"I work at a non-profit that provides family services to people in crises. I'm the Human Resources Assistant there so I get to play both fields with the employees and interact with families in need. My internship was one of my most memorable and I thank you for all the advice and insight you gave me."

*-Yelena Zorina, Children's Studies Career Exploration Internship: Center for Community Alternatives, Currently works at a non-profit*

We are now preparing internships for the Spring 2011 semester. If you are interested in doing an internship in the Spring please email or call the Children's Studies office to set up an appointment. We can be reached at 781.951.3192 or email:

[eliseg@brooklyn.cuny.edu](mailto:eliseg@brooklyn.cuny.edu)

## Open House and Children First Club



On October 13, 2010 Brooklyn College held an Open House for incoming students. The Children's Studies Program was represented by members of the Children First Club Teresa Anderson, Jeanny Kim, and Deseree Prince. The Children's Studies students discussed the program and courses to incoming Brooklyn College Students who expressed interest in the program.

The Children First Club is your club; Children's Studies students interested in generating awareness of issues affecting children and youth!!!

The Club is looking for new members! For more information on how to get involved contact current members at:

[children1stclub@gmail.com](mailto:children1stclub@gmail.com)



## Children's Studies Website

The Children's Studies Program and Center website is updated frequently to include the most relevant and interesting information for our collaborators, colleagues, students, and all who have an interest in Children and Youth.

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