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Guest Speakers in Children's Studies Spring 2011 Courses!

Many of our courses incorporate

Guest Speakers into their schedules; this semester our "Professional Perspectives and Children", "Children and the Law", and "Child Abuse and Neglect" courses have many distinguished speakers.

"Professional Perspectives and Children (CHST 4900)" is the capstone course for the Children's Studies Bachelors of Arts degree. This course uses guest speakers as a means to inform students on the multitude of careers available working with or for children and youth. Some of the guest speakers for this semester include:

- Melba Butler, Principal, Butler Consulting Group
- Honorable Esther Morgenstern, Judge, Supreme Court Justice, Integrated Domestic Violence in Court
- Sarah Wallendjack, President, Women in Children's Media
- Natalie Williams, Co-Director, Garden House School
- Joseph McLaughlin, Director, Youth Programs, Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services

Guest Speakers in the "Children and the Law (CHST 3310)" course include:

- Representatives for GEMS
- Margo Hirsch, Executive Director, Empire State Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth
- Harry Berberian, Director, Education Policy, Planning and Practice
- Mark Kleiman, Executive Director and Founder, Community Mediation Services

Website Updates

As always, we are updating our website often and adding new features. We recently added a 'Career'

Prospects' page on the Children's Studies
Website. This page will give students an idea of what careers are available to them after graduating with a Major,
Concentration, or Minor in Children's Studies and inform them on what we are doing to help better qualify them for these positions.

Please check our website regularly for new information!

 Sam Dulberg, Esq., Private practice representing children and families

Guest Speakers in the "Child Abuse and Neglect (CHST 3620)" course include:

- Panel of parent organizers with former ACS involvement from the Child Welfare Organizing Project
- Jeffery A. Butts, Director, Research and Evaluation Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Check the 'Distinguished Guest Speakers in the Children's Studies Program' section of our website for updates on speaker schedules and previous speakers in Children's Studies courses.

"Children's Studies Distinguished Speakers Series Gives Students Professional Insight"

Brooklyn College released an <u>article</u> on January 28, 2011 discussing the Fall 2010 course "Special Topics: Children, Government, and Public Policy in New York State," taught my Honorable William Scarborough.

Legal Professions Networking Night, March 17th 6pm-8:30pm

On Thursday, March 17th, the Office of Undergraduate Studies and the Magner Center will be hosting the first Brooklyn College Legal Professions Networking Night for current students and recent graduates who have an interest in working in law-related areas. This event gives students the opportunity to speak with successful and experienced alumni who work in law. Students must register for the event through the WebPortal. The networking event will be held in the Georgian Room of Boylan Hall.

Foreign Policy Association- Career Training

Throughout March, April, and May, Foreign Policy Association with American Foreign Service Association will be holding numerous seminars in New York City. These seminars will be beneficial to those who are interested in working internationally and is an excellent opportunity to network with professionals. The seminar topics include: Careers in International Development, Landing a Job at the United Nations.

For more information on the seminars and to register go to The seminars cost \$65 for non-members, but if you search around campus you may be able to find financial assistance to cover this fee.

Job Offerings- Sunnyside Community Service

Sunnyside Community Services (SCS) is seeking an Activity Specialist for its "Literacy Through the Arts" 6 week program. Responsibilities of the Activity Specialist include:

planning, implementing, highlighting and documenting "art based service learning experience" for 30 English Language Learners in grades 6 to 8. This is a temporary position that will last approximately 9 weeks.

Applicants must have experience working for programs that serve youth, have knowledge of youth development principles, the ability to infuse art and literacy into instruction, cleared background check and fingerprints indicating ability to work with youth, strong leadership, mentoring, and team building skills, and experience running interactive programming. A Bachelor's degree is preferred, but not required, as is fluency in Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese), Korean, or Bengali.

If you are interested in applying for this position, contact Elise Goldberg at 718.951.3192 or eliseg@brooklyn.cuny.edu to set up an appointment for assistance with placement.

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