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Reminder for CHST Majors Graduating Spring 2013

An important reminder for all Children and Youth Studies Majors planning to graduate at the end of Spring 2013. To take CHST 4900 (91): Professional Perspectives and Children capstone course, **you must make an appointment with the coordinator**, **Elise Goldberg**,

as soon as possible to discuss your schedule.

To set up an appointment, email Elise at eliseg@brooklyn.cuny.edu, call us at 718.951.3192 or stop by the office at 1304 James Hall.

Fall 2012 Faculty

Please welcome Mr. Patrick Guyer, M.A., who will be teaching our course **CHST 3630**: **Child Well-Being in a Global World**: **Focus on the United States** in Fall 2012. Mr. Guyer is a highly qualified young scholar with major experiences on child well-being and child poverty in the United States at the Social Science Research Council and with youth development research internationally as a consultant at the United Nations. Our congratulations go to Ms. Louise Moreira Daniels at UNICEF Headquarters in New York City, who taught this course in the past. She has just received a major UNICEF appointment to work in Mozambique. The Children and Youth Studies Program wishes to thank her for all her work and dedication to our program and our students!

We also have the Honorable William Scarborough, member of the New York State Assembly, joining us again to teach CHST 3320: Children, Public Policy, Advocacy and Legislation in New York States.

Dr. Gertrud Lenzer, Founding Director of Children's Studies, will be returning from her fellowship leave.

Our returning faculty include: Sruthi Atmakur, Ph.D. Candidate; Elise Goldberg, M.S.Ed.; Joseph Grochowalski, M.S., M.A. and Ph.D. Candidate; Irma Kramer, M.A.; Carla Lewis- Irizarry, M.P.A.; Anthoula Poulakos, M.A. and Ph.D. Candidate; and Charisa Smith, J.D., Esq.

Full-time faculty members: Dr. Gertrud Lenzer, Professor of Children and Youth Studies and Sociology, will be teaching CHST 2100W: Perspectives on Childhood, Katherine Hejtmanek, Ph.D., Assistant Professor will be teaching CHST 2120: Generation Next and CHST 4900: Professional Perspectives and Children and Jeremy Porter, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, will be teaching CHST 4200: Applied Research in Children's Studies in the Fall 2012 semester.

United Nations Invites Dr. Gertrud Lenzer to Geneva for Children's Rights Task Force

On June 18, 2012, for the purpose of discussing its Alternative Report, the Children's Studies Center for Research, Policy and Public Service of CUNY Brooklyn College was invited as one of three U.S. non-governmental organizations to attend the Pre-sessional Working Group meeting and appear before the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Gertrud Lenzer, Founding Director of the Children's Studies Center, attended and participated in the official Pre-sessional Working Group meeting and hearings in Geneva.

Dr. Lenzer and the Children's Studies Center were highlighted in a special feature on the Brooklyn College website, check out the link here.

Internship placements for Students taking CHST 4100 for Fall 2012

CHST 4100: Internship in Applied Children's Studies is a course that enables students who want to work directly or indirectly with children and youth to get experience in the multitude of interesting and varied careers available to them. Interns will have the opportunity to learn about professional child and youth-related careers that they may not have otherwise considered.

The internship is an exciting pathway for career exploration in a setting involving children and youth, including juvenile and family court, advocacy centers, non-profit organizations, legislative offices, media and the arts, and much more.

Our sites for Fall 2012 interns include:

- * Judge Morgenstern Integrated Domestic Violence (IDV) Court
- * NYC Dept. of Youth and Community Development
- * Safe Horizon advocacy organization working with families in crisis
- * Center for Community Alternatives (CCA) afterschool program working with

youth as an alternative to incarceration

- * YA Imprint of children's book publishing
- * Children's Museum of Manhattan
- * ArtStart artists working in schools in lower economic neighborhoods
- * YAI Preschool integrated classroom program for children with varying special needs
- * The Garden House School, premier private preschool
 - * Maimonides Medical Center

While it is too late to take this course in Fall 2012, students who are interested in taking the course in the Spring 2013 semester must make an appointment with the Instructor, Elise Goldberg, M.S.Ed, as soon as possible to begin reviewing possible sites for your internship, what kind of internship you want to do, and updating or helping you to create your resume and cover letter. To schedule an appointment email Elise at eliseg@brooklyn.cuny.edu or call the office at 718.951.3192.

MoMa: "Century of the Child: Growing up by Design"

A most exciting and unique exhibit for all Children and Youth Studies students:

Running from July 29th to November 5th, MoMA's ambitious survey of 20th century design for children is the first large-scale overview of the modernist preoccupation with children and childhood as a paradigm for progressive design thinking. The exhibition will bring together areas underrepresented in design history and often considered separately, including school architecture, clothing, playgrounds, toys and games, children's hospitals and safety equipment, nurseries, furniture, and books.

In 1900, Swedish design reformer and social theorist Ellen Key's book *Century of the Child* presaged the 20th century as a period of intensified focus and progressive thinking regarding the rights, development, and well-being of children as interests of utmost importance to all society. Taking inspiration from Key-and looking back through the 20th century 100 years after her forecast-this exhibition will examine individual and collective visions for the material world of children, from utopian dreams for the "citizens of the future" to the dark realities of political conflict and exploitation. In this period children have been central to the concerns, ambitions, and activities of modern architects and designers both famous and unsung, and working specifically for children has often provided unique freedom and creativity to the avant-garde.

For more information on the exhibit, check out the MoMa website!

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