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Children and Youth Studies Faculty Family Member Passing

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we share with you the passing of Honorable Herbert Kramer, husband of Irma Kramer, a long-time and dedicated member of the adjunct faculty in the Children's Studies Program and in the Department of Sociology at Brooklyn College.

Judge Kramer passed away on Sunday, October 29th, 2012. Honorable Herbert Kramer was a justice of the Kings County Supreme Court of New York. He received his B.A. degree from the City University of New York at Brooklyn College in 1959 and his J.D. degree from the New York University Law School in 1964.

Anyone interested in sending condolences, please contact Children and Youth Studies at 718.951.3192 or email us at eliseg@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

Letter to Students on the Devastation Left From Hurricane Sandy

Dear Children and Youth Studies Students,

Hurricane Sandy was one of the largest storms to hit the East Coast in decades. We at Children and Youth Studies express our concern for you and your families after all of the devastation caused by Sandy. We have been hearing from many of our students about the losses and hardships they and their families have been enduring these last few weeks.

We have made numerous inquiries at Brooklyn College and also inquired with our Student Affairs Office. We learned that there is a Student Assistance and Referral Office (SAR), specifically designated to help students in the aftermath of the hurricane. They told us to direct students to specifically the Petrie Emergency Fund

on their website and that we should even direct students to their office so they can help students fill out the applications. The BC News recently posted an article entitled, "Weathering the Storm", where they listed certain funds and vouchers that students can obtain through the Petrie Emergency Fund. To view the BC News article, [click this link](#). To visit the SAR website to find the fund application and guidelines, [click this link](#). Their office is at 2113 Boylan Hall. You can also call them at 718-951-5352 or email them at studentSAR@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

So please, in case this is helpful to you, do use whatever assistance Brooklyn College can offer. And also be so kind as to spread the word to other students you know and who might be in need of help. You can contact us at 718.951.3192 if you need help.

We hope all of you are safe and warm. Do stay in touch and let us know about your well-being!

With our very best wishes,

Cordially,

Professor Gertrud Lenzer and Elise Goldberg

There are extensive resources available from The City University of New York central office. Here is the link:

<http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/sa/GeneralInfoResources.html>

Brooklyn College also has a webpage, [Hurricane Sandy Alerts and Information](#), where students can find information on aid including personal counseling, emergency funds and campus food assistance.

Visitors from the University of Bialystok, Poland

From October 16th to the 23rd, the Children and Youth Studies welcomed Professor Jolanta Sztachelska and Magister Karolina Szyborska from the University of Bialystok, Poland. In March 2012, Professor Lenzer was invited as keynote speaker at the first conference on Children's Studies at the University of Bialystok, Poland entitled, "Children's Studies as an Interpretative Perspective." The conference, in its "Call for Papers," referred to Brooklyn College as the founder of Children's Studies in 1991. Professor Lenzer was the only foreign speaker and representative of Children's Studies Programs from any country.

During their visit, Professor Sztachelska and Magister Szyborska presented in three CHST courses: CHST 2100: Perspectives on Childhood with Gertrud Lenzer, CHST 2120: Generation Next with Katherine Hejtmanek and CHST 3110: Human Rights of Children with Irma Kramer. Their presentations included talks about literature for children, literature for the Internet generation, children's rights and the ideas and writings of Janusz Korczak.



From left to right, Magister Karolina Szymborska, Professor Gertrud Lenzer, Professor Jolanta Sztachelska and Professor Katherine Hejtmanek.

Children and Youth Studies Job Opening: College Assistant Position

The Children and Youth Studies Program is seeking a College Assistant (CA). The candidate must be detail oriented, have excellent writing and communication skills, some experience working on website maintenance, and have the ability to learn how to use new computer programs. The duties of the CA include but are not limited to providing assistance to administrative staff and faculty, support the responsibilities of the program, updating our website, maintaining and updating our social media outlets (Facebook, etc.), and drafting a monthly e-newsletter. The candidate should also be comfortable using Microsoft Office, specifically Microsoft Access. For more information on the position, call Elise Goldberg at 718.951.3192 or email her at eliseg@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

Children First Club Toy Drive!

The Children First Club is once again holding a holiday toy drive with the Million Father's Club, organized by adjunct professor, Assemblyman William Scarborough. [The Million Father's Club](#) is an organization dedicated to the empowerment of father's residing in New York City and was established to encourage and facilitate more involvement and support of single, married, widowed and surrogate fathers in the lives of their children.

Boxes have been given out to departments all over the Brooklyn College campus to collect new and gently used toys to be given out to families during the Million Father's Club's Annual Christmas Party around Christmas. Donations will be collected until Thursday, December 13th. (Please do not gift wrap donations.)

If you would like to donate but cannot locate a donation box, you can drop them off in the Children and Youth Studies Program office at 1304 James Hall. To get more information on this event, the Children First Club or to find out about upcoming meetings and events, e-mail board members at children1stclub@gmail.com.



Toy donations, club members and volunteers from the 2011 Holiday Toy Drive.

Universal Children's Day and Petition to Ratify the UNCRC, November 20th, 2012

In 1954, the General Assembly recommended that all countries institute a Universal Children's Day to be observed as a day of worldwide solidarity and understanding between children. The date, November 20th, marks the day on which the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Rights of Children in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in 1989.

On November 16th, 2007, the Children's Studies Center for Research, Policy and Public Service organized their second *Child Policy Forum of New York* to provide a platform for public dialogue on the importance of the United States ratification of the CRC. As of 2007, the CRC was ratified by 193 countries and while the United States was a crucial participant in the decade-long drafting process, as of today, Somalia and the United States remain the only two nations who have not ratified this treaty.

The Campaign for the U.S. Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Children's Studies Center for Research, Policy and Public Service are asking everyone to sign a petition to urge newly re-elected President Barack Obama to submit the CRC to the Senate for ratification. To sign the petition, [click this link](#).

To celebrate Universal Children's Day, the Children and Youth Studies Program, the Children's Studies Center and the Children First Club will be running various films throughout the day related to the CRC in the Children and Youth Studies office. To view the films or see what you as students can do, visit the office at 1304 James Hall.

To find out more about the Campaign for the U.S. Ratification of the CRC, [click this link](#). To learn more about our Children's Studies Center second Child Policy Forum of New York, [click this link](#).

Fall 2012 ASA Children and Youth Newsletter

The most recent work from the Children's Studies Center for Research, Policy and Public Service was featured in the Fall 2012 issue of Children and Youth News from the American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on the Sociology of Children. To view our recent work, [click this link](#).

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