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Dr. Gertrud Lenzer Featured in Winter 2013 CUNY Salute to Scholars Magazine

Salute to Scholars, a CUNY magazine, highlights Professor Gertrud Lenzer in an article titled, "A Transformative Voice for Children's Rights" in the Winter 2013 edition. The article covers a brief look at Professor Lenzer's interest in the rights of children stemming from research done on the working conditions of children in 19th-century England at the University of Leicester in 1967 up to her present day work as a professor and the founding director of the Children and Youth Studies Program and the Children's Studies Center for Research, Policy and Public Service at Brooklyn College.

To read the article, [view the attached pdf](#).

"Children and Youth Studies Program Presents Fall Distinguished Speakers Series"

New York State Assemblyman Honorable William Scarborough's Children and Youth Studies course CHST 3320: "Children, Public Policies, Advocacy and Legislation in New York State's" speaker series was highlighted in the BC News. AM Scarborough along with the Children and Youth Studies Founding Director Dr. Gertrud Lenzer developed this course. It is now in its fourth consecutive year and is an "intrinsic part of the syllabus" that gives students the opportunity to discuss such issues as education, foster care, the juvenile justice system, the child protective system and mental health.

Pictured below (left to right) is Assemblyman William Scarborough, this semester's first speaker, Commissioner Ron Richter and Children and Youth Studies Founding Director, Dr. Gertrud Lenzer. Ron Richter, who spoke on Thursday, September 27th, is the

Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services in New York.



[To view the article in its entirety, click this link.](#) To find information on distinguished speakers we've welcomed in the past, check out our [distinguished guest speakers page](#).

Guest Speakers in Our Children and Youth Studies Program

Two of our Children and Youth Studies courses are incorporating a series of distinguished guest speakers this semester.

The capstone course for our Children and Youth Studies major, CHST 4900: Professional Perspectives and Children, is one of those two courses. The class is being taught this semester by Professor Katherine Hejtmanek. Guest speakers for the course include:

- * Katherine Eckstein, Director of Public Policy, The Children's Aid Society
- * Sherry M. Cleary, Executive Director, NYC Early Childhood Professional Development Institute, CUNY
- * Ellen Fried, Esq., Adjunct Professor, CUNY School of Law
- * Terry M. Perlin, Ph.D., Consultant, Medical Ethics, Visiting Professor of Pediatrics, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Research Fellow, Scripps Gerontology Center, Miami University (Emeritus)

Assemblyman William Scarborough, who has joined us for the fourth consecutive year, is teaching CHST 3320: Children, Public Policies, Advocacy and Legislation in New York State and the speakers for this course include:

- * Ron Richter, Commissioner, Administration for Children's Services
- * Hon. Cathy Nolan, New York State Assembly Committee on Education
- * Gena Diacomanolis, Senior Director, Child Advocacy Centers, Safe Horizon
- * Jamel Robinson, President and CEO, Jamel Robinson Child Welfare Reform Initiative
- * Hon. Jeff Klein, New York State Senate
- * Kaitlyn Monte, Miss New York State 2012
- * Simonia Borwn, Child Care Policy Analyst, New York State Assembly
- * Dermot Smyth, Queens Chair, United Federation of Teachers
- * Gerard Wallace, President, NYS Kinship Navigator

To view any changes to these lists or to see former guest speakers, view our [distinguished guest speakers page](#) on our Program website.

High-Level Panel Discussion on Prevention of and Responses to Violence Against Children Within the Juvenile Justice System

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) on Violence Against Children, Marta Santos Pais, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Office of the High-Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) organized a high-level panel discussion on October 8th, 2012. Chaired and supported by the governments of Thailand and Austria, this event aimed to strengthen the protection of children from violence against children within the juvenile justice system and to prevent the occurrence of incidents of violence against children. Speakers included Ms. Anne Brita Normann, Senior Adviser at the Norwegian Ministry, Ms. Elda Moreno, head of the Gender Equality and Human Dignity Department, Council of Europe and Mr. Phelan Wyrick, Senior Advisor in the US Department of Justice. To view the full article, [click this link](#).

SRSG Marta Santos Pais and Dr. Phelan Wyrick - who had been delegated by the U.S. Department of Justice to represent, as Luncheon speaker, U.S. Attorney General Holder's national initiative of Defending Childhood from Violence - participated with many other esteemed speakers at our Children's Studies Center's 20th Anniversary National Consultation event, Social Justice for Children: To End Violence Against Children. This event was held at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York on November 4, 2011. The event aimed at drawing attention to the prevalence of all forms of violence against children and their maltreatment in the United States. Discussions touched on the critical dimensions concerning the widespread use of violence against children, and ways of effectively preventing it from occurring in various situations, including in the home, in schools, in child protection systems, in juvenile/criminal justice systems, in health and mental institutions and in other social settings.

To find out more information about our Center's National Consultation including videos, transcriptions and outcomes, visit our [National Consultation website](#).

Brooklyn College Fall 2012 Internship and Job Fair!

Friday, October 19th from 11:30am to 2:00pm, the Magner Center for Career Development and Internships is hosting an Internship and Job Fair on the 6th Floor of the Student Center. Come meet over 70 employers recruiting for full-time and internship positions. Bring plenty of resumes and come dressed to impress in business

attire!

To register to attend the event, click on the Career Tab in the Brooklyn College web portal. If you don't have a resume or need help fixing yours up, visit the Magner Center in room 1303, James Hall. For more information on the event, [see the attached pdf](#).

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