

The Rutgers-Camden Center for Children and Childhood Studies,
Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, & the Rutgers-Camden School of Law
proudly presents the

Spring 2009

SPEAKER SERIES ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



In recognition of the **20th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child** and the **60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, the *Center for Children and Childhood Studies* together with the *Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice* and the *Rutgers University School of Law* is sponsoring a series of speakers and panel sessions focusing on several aspects of children's rights. The series will begin with a discussion of the philosophical grounds and challenges of children's rights presented by Professor John Wall of the Rutgers Department of Philosophy and Religion. Subsequent panels will focus on a diverse range of subjects: the rights of children whose parents are incarcerated; children's rights in the juvenile justice and foster care systems; and immigrant children's rights. The series will close with a presentation on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children by Professor Barbara Bennett Woodhouse from the University of Florida College of Law.

All presentations will be held from 4:30 to 6:00 pm and all are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served and locations for March and April events will be announced.

<http://children.camden.rutgers.edu/events.htm>

Schedule of Events

February

"Ain't I a Person? Human Rights in Light of Childhood"

Thursday, February 12 - Law School Faculty Lounge (E403)

Speaker: *John Wall, Associate Professor of Religion, Rutgers University - Camden*

A Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents

Monday, February 23 - Room E403, Law School

Panelists:

Philip Genty, Professor, Columbia University School of Law

Ann Adalist-Estrin, Director, National Resource Center on Children and Families of the Incarcerated

Ceciley J. Bradford, Inmate Family Services Program Manager, Pennsylvania Prison Society

This panel will also feature a student who is a child of an incarcerated parent

March

The Rights of Children in the Juvenile Justice System

Thursday, March 5 – Law School Faculty Lounge (E403)

Panelists:

JC Lore, Co-Director, Children's Justice Clinic, Rutgers University School of Law
Sandra Simkins, Co-Director, Children's Justice Clinic, Rutgers University School of Law
Lourdes Rosado, Esq., Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia

When a Child is Alone: The Rights of Unaccompanied Immigrant Children

Monday, March 23 – Room E403, Law School

Panelists:

Ilze Earner, Assistant Professor, Hunter College School of Social Work
Mary Ellen Glick, Community Resource Developer, Lutheran Child and Family Services, Philadelphia

This panel will also feature a youth who is an unaccompanied immigrant

April

Children in Foster Care: Rights, Reality and Remedies

Wednesday, April 1 Law School room 103 (west wing) 4:30-6pm
and reception in room E403 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm (east wing)

Please join us for a panel discussion on foster care with the following speakers: Frank P. Cervone, Esq. (Executive Director, Support Center for Child Advocates), Erin O'Leary, Esq. (Director of Legal Affairs, NJ Dept. of Children and Families) and two former foster youth. Professor Meredith L. Schalick will moderate the panel and also briefly discuss her article in progress on the legal remedies for children mistreated in foster care. A light reception will follow the discussion in the law school faculty lounge (room E403). All are welcome. Contact Professor Schalick with any questions – schalick@camden.rutgers.edu

Panelists:

Frank P. Cervone, Executive Director, Support Center for Child Advocates
Erin O'Leary, Director of Legal Affairs, NJ Department of Children and Families
Meredith Schalick, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, Rutgers University - Camden

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children

Thursday, April 16

Multipurpose Room in the Campus Center

Speaker: *Barbara Woodhouse*, David H. Levin Chair in Family Law and Director, Center for Children and Families, University of Florida College of Law, will speak on "Children's Rights on the World Stage: the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child."

For more information, please visit : <http://children.camden.rutgers.edu/>

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