

Dear Center Associates:

Mindful of the past and with an eye on the future, we are happy to announce that the Research Seminar in Childhood Studies will resume this fall. The Research Seminar, very much like the earlier Associates Seminar Series in the Center, is meant to provide a forum to present research and ideas in a supportive, collegial environment which nevertheless allows space for critical engagement with authors' works.

It is the hope and intention that the Seminar will also become an important place for graduate education in Childhood Studies on our campus. Here, students will come to learn about faculty and their specific projects. They will witness how academic discourse unfolds in a setting of this kind. Most importantly, graduate students will become key participants in the Seminar as their ideas turn into papers, proposals, chapters, articles and dissertations over the years. It is for this reason that the emphasis will be on the presentation of works-in-progress.

The Seminar slot may also serve as period where visiting scholars, invited guests or those just "passing through" will have place to participate. Other kinds of speaker series, conferences or events that many of you may wish to sponsor can work in conjunction with, or independent of, the regularly occurring Research Seminar.

For this year, the Seminar will take place on Tuesdays during the College period (12:20-1:20) about once a month. It is expected that drafts of presentations will be made available for reading about a week prior to the talk. The Fall schedule is set (see below) thanks to the willingness of some of the younger faculty among us to get the ball rolling.

If you have any suggestions about the research Seminar or want to present in the Spring, please let Dan know.

We are looking forward to an interesting and productive year.

Dan Cook and Lynne Vallone

Research Seminar in Childhood Studies

Fall 2007

- Oct 2 Sean Duffy (Psychology)
 "Building Baby Brains: How Infants and Young Children Know Where They
 Are in the World"
- Nov 6 Cati Coe (Anthropology)
 "Responsibility, Risk and the Scattered Family: The Emotional Responses of
 Ghanaian Parents and Children to Transnational Migration"
- Dec 4 Holly Blackford (English)
 "Age Trumps Race: How Teens Read Jim of Mark Twain's *Huck Finn*"

All presentations will be 12:20-1:20 in Armitage Hall, 3rd Floor Faculty Lounge.