



Conference on the Undefended Childhood in A Global Perspective

April 3-4, 2008 9am-4pm
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

Conference Sessions and Speakers

THURSDAY, April 3

Opening and Keynote 9:00—10:15

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Judith Mbula Bahemuka,
High Commissioner of Kenya To Canada

Concurrent Sessions 10:30—12:00

Session # 100 HEALTH

- “Constructing Orphan Identities: The Role of Transnational Humanitarian Organizations in Malawi” —Anne Ferguson, PhD
- “Traditional Teachings and Practices for Child Health In Ghana” —Eva Tagoe-Darko, PhD, LMSW

Session # 101 FOSTER CARE AND ORPHANS

- “When all the Children Are Left Behind: An Examination of Developmental Markers of Orphans and Foster Children in Namibia” —Jill Brown, PhD
- “Separation, Ambiguous Loss, and Family Reunification Among Sudanese Refugee Youth” — Laura Bates, M.A.
- “Connecting with Kids Who Outwit Adults” —John Seit, PhD

Poster and Author Sessions 1:00-2:00

Concurrent Sessions 2:15—3:45

Session # 102 THEORETICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND CHILD WELL-BEING

- “Undefended or Undefined? The Heterogeneity of Young Children’s Experiences in Kenya and Brazil” —Jonathan Tudge, PhD
- “Dilemmas in Rights-Based Approaches to Child Development in an African Culture Setting” —Bame Nsameng, PhD.

Session # 103 MENTAL HEALTH

- “Structural Challenges to Well-Being Among the Children of the U.S. Insular Areas” —Vivian Dames, PhD, MSW
- “Self-Perceptions of Relationships with Parents Attitude Toward School and Delinquency Among African American, Caribbean American and Ghanaian Adolescents” —Beverly Sealey, PhD, LMSW

Session # 104 EDUCATION

- “The Nyae Nyae Village Schools Project: Indigenous Community-Based Education in Namibia” —Megan Biesele, PhD
- “Wading in the Muddy Waters of Race and Class: Refugee Children and Inner City Schooling” —Guofang Li, PhD.
- “Seeking Refuge in Education: Transnational Iraq/Youth Dilemmas” —Loukia Sarroub, PhD

FRIDAY, April 4

Concurrent Sessions 9:00—10:15

Session # 200 CHILD LABOR

- “Child Labor and the Well-Being of Children: The Cases of Children in Marine Fishing in Ghana” —Kofi Adusei, MSW
- “Child Labor: Family Survival Strategies and Their Impact on Child Development-A Call to Action” —DeBrenna Agbényiga, PhD, LMSW

Session # 201 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE, INTERVENTION AND CHILD WELFARE POLICY

- “Innovative Advocacy, Mobilization, and Strategic Communication Interventions to Defend Childhood in Public” —Arvind Singhal, PhD.
- “Unpublished Opinions: Indian Families, State Courts and the Indian Child Welfare Act” —Kate Fort , JD

Concurrent Sessions 10:30—11:45

Session # 202 MENTAL HEALTH

- “Risk and Resilience in Australian Aboriginal Children: Understanding the Landscape” —Helen Milroy, PhD.
- “A World Tour of Intervention Programs for Children of a Parent with a Psychiatric Illness” —Joanne Riebschleger, PhD, LMSW

Session # 203 INDIGENOUS CHILD RIGHTS

- “Traditional Religion, Social Structure, and Children’s Rights in Ghana: The Making of a Trokosi Child” —Robert Ameh, PhD.
- “Indigenous Children’s Rights and Well-Being: A Perspective from Southern Africa” —Robert Hitchcock, PhD.

Interest Group Sessions 1:30—2:45

Closing Session Remarks 3:00—4:00

Registration– and complete conference activities—
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