

Montclair State University

Since its founding in 1908, Montclair State University has had a rich history of innovation, distinction, and growth. Montclair State, a vital educational force, is ranked as one of the top universities in the region. Graduates from Montclair State University are well equipped with the skills needed to respond to today's dynamic environment, as well as future challenges and opportunities. Located just 14 miles from New York City, the University sits on a lovely 200-acre hilltop campus in suburban Montclair. Graduate Programs are offered through the College of Education and Human Services, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Science and Mathematics, the College of the Arts and the School of Business.

The Center for Child Advocacy *A Powerful Voice for Children*

The Center for Child Advocacy at Montclair State University is proud to offer the first and only Child Advocacy program in the State of New Jersey. There are three programs offered: an undergraduate certificate in Child Advocacy, a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Child Advocacy, and a Master of Arts in Child Advocacy with an optional concentration in Public Child Welfare. Each has been designed to provide students with a multidisciplinary understanding of the role of the Child Advocate as seen through the disciplines of law, social work, education, and psychology among others. This unique perspective encompassing various areas of learning equips graduates with training that will enhance their skills in a variety of settings.

For further information about the Center for Child Advocacy, or to apply to the program, visit us at chss.montclair.edu/chad.

Montclair State University is on the corner of Valley Road and Normal Avenue in Montclair, New Jersey, one mile south of the junction of Routes 3 and 46. For driving directions and bus routes, visit: montclair.edu.

Parking is available at the Red Hawk Parking Deck near the Montclair State University entrance. The two minute walk to the Conference Center (7th floor of University Hall) can be accessed via the 5th floor side exit of the Red Hawk Parking Deck. Walk past Dickinson Hall to the multi-story building with the clock tower, which is University Hall/College of Education and Human Services building.



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Fourth Annual National Conference

April 3, 2009

Families in Crisis: Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, and the Child

PRESENTED BY:

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The New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services

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Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Evan Stark is a forensic social worker and an expert witness known for his advocacy on behalf of domestic violence victims and their children, including his testimony in Nicholson v. Williams, a federal case that revolutionized the child welfare response to partner abuse. His path-breaking research documented significant links between DV, child abuse, and behavioral/health problems. His award winning new book, *Coercive Control: The Entrapment of Women in Personal Life* has been widely praised for offering a new paradigm for understanding domestic violence and how it impacts children's well-being. Dr. Stark is a professor of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University-Newark and Chairs the Department of Urban Health Administration at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's School of Public Health.

Betsy McAlister Groves is a licensed clinical social worker and founding Director of the Child Witness to Violence Project at Boston Medical Center. Her practice and research interests are on the impact of community as well as family violence on young children, and engaging community systems in identifying and responding to children who are affected by violence in their environments. Ms. Groves holds academic appointments at Boston University School of Medicine and Harvard University. She has served for the past 10 years on the Governor's Council for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault of Massachusetts. In addition, she has served as a consultant for the US Department of Justice, and the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges. She is the author of a book, *Children Who See Too Much: Lessons from the Child Witness to Violence Project*.

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Conference Agenda

8-8:50 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:50-9 a.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks

Robert D. McCormick, PhD Center for Child Advocacy

9-10 a.m. Keynote Address

The Battered Mother's Dilemma: Rethinking the Connections Between Domestic Violence and Children's Welfare

Evan Stark, PhD, MSW Rutgers University-Newark and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

10-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15-11:30 a.m. (Choose One)

1. Symposium: *The Co-occurrence of Intimate Partner Violence and Child Maltreatment*

Special guest speaker: **Lorraine Augostini, JD**, Law Guardian, Office of the Public Defender, State of New Jersey

Facilitator: **Susan Curcio, JD**, Professor, Montclair State University

Presenters: a representative from the Division of Youth and Family Services; a Deputy Attorney General representing the Division of Criminal Justice and **Cynthia Lischick, PhD, DVS**

2. Seminar: *Adolescent Intimate Partner Violence: Personality Characteristics and Treatment*

Anthony F. Tasso, PhD Fairleigh Dickinson University

3. Seminar: *A Prosecutor's Perspective: Preventing Child Casualties of Domestic Violence and Protecting a Child's Safe Haven*

Gina Pfund, Esq. Senior Passaic County Assistant Prosecutor
Gyselle DaSilva, Esq. Assistant Prosecutor, Domestic Violence Unit, Passaic County

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

12:30-1:30 p.m. Keynote Address

Shelter from the Storm: Supporting and Interviewing with Children Affected by Domestic Violence

Betsy McAlister Groves, MSW, LICSW Boston University and Boston Medical Center

1:30-2:45 p.m. Workshops (Choose One)

1. *The Transfer of Addiction Research to Practice: Organizational Resistance to Change in Addressing the Needs of Women and Children*

John Conahan, PhD, LCSW Kutztown University

2. *Using Motivational Interviewing to Reduce Domestic Violence*

Milton A. Fuentes, PsyD Montclair State University
Jason J. Jaegly MA Candidate Montclair State University

Liliana Bonilla Montclair State University
Steve Arrieta Montclair State University

3. *Violence-Related Behaviors Among Dominican Adolescents: Examining the Influence of Alcohol and Marijuana Use*

Pauline Garcia-Reid, PhD, LCSW Montclair State University
Robert J. Reid, PhD Montclair State University

4. *Making the Most of Your Legislative Advocacy*

Ginger Mulligan Family Intervention Services
Maureen Braun Scalera, LCSW Family Intervention Services Center for Family Success at Rutgers University

2:45-3:30 p.m. Reception/Poster Presentations

1. *Problems and Service Needs of Substance Abusing Mothers Involved with Child Welfare*

Sandra Bassi, MA Candidate Montclair State University

2. *Preparation of Aging-Out Youth for Independence: Development and Assessment of a Curriculum for Case Managers*

Gladys M. Cepeda, MA Candidate Montclair State University

3. *Educating Parents in Health Care and the Special Education System: Development and Assessment of an Informational Package*

Cristina Cobos, MA Candidate Montclair State University

4. *Raising Awareness on Domestic Violence Through an Educational Website*

Alisa Kurti, MA Candidate Montclair State University

5. *A Second Look: Exploring Substance Abuse Through Fine Art Photography*

Daniela Zangara, MA Candidate Montclair State University

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Conference Center at University Hall, 7th Floor

Seating is limited, and registration is slated to close **March 29, 2009**.

Online registration is encouraged at chss.montclair.edu/chad.

Name _____

Agency _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Registration is FREE up until closing DATE. If registering after the deadline, a \$50 fee is applicable. Students with valid Student ID and DYFS workers are free.

I am: _____ Employed by DYFS (no fee)
_____ Student (no fee)
_____ Montclair State University Staff (no fee)
_____ Other (no fee before March 29, 2009)

I will bring a valid student (any University) or employee ID with me to the conference.

You may fax this form to **973-655-4088**

_____ Enclosed is a registration fee of \$50.

(ONLY APPLICABLE IF SENT AFTER DEADLINE)

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