

## 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, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, the College of the Arts and the School of Business.

## The Center for Child Advocacy

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, sociology, 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.

### Center for Child Advocacy

The Bond House  
848 Valley Road  
Montclair, New Jersey 07043

main number: 973-655-4188  
fax: 973-6554088

## Directions

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.

### BY CAR FROM:

**Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair:** Travel north on Valley Road 3.3 miles to Normal Avenue light. Turn left.

**Route 46 (East):** Take Valley Road exit at Route 3 junction. Travel south approximately one mile to the Normal Avenue light. Turn right at the light.

**Route 46 (West):** Take Valley Road exit immediately preceding the Route 3 junction, travel south approximately one mile to the Normal Avenue light. Turn right at the light.

**Route 3 (East and West):** At the Route 46 junction, take the Valley Road exit south for approximately one mile to Normal Avenue. Turn right at light.

**Garden State Parkway North:** Take Exit 153B (left lane) to Route 3 West to Valley Road, Montclair exit. Travel south one mile to Normal Avenue light. Turn right at light.

**Garden State Parkway South:** Exit 154 to Route 46 West to Valley Road, Montclair exit. Travel south one mile to Normal Avenue light, turn right.

**New Jersey Turnpike North or South:** Take Exit 16W to Route 3 West. Take Valley Road, Montclair exit. Travel south one mile to Normal Avenue light. Turn right at light. (Motorist traveling north on the turnpike south of Exit 11 may exit there to the Garden State Parkway North.)

**Lincoln Tunnel:** Follow to Route 3 West. Follow Route 3 directions above.

**George Washington Bridge:** Route 80 West to Garden State Parkway South. Follow directions above.

### BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FROM:

**(NOTE:** Not all trains stop at both the Montclair Height and Montclair State University stations but all trains stop at either one or the other. Please check the schedule for the Montclair-Boonton line at [www.njtransit.com](http://www.njtransit.com) for specific timetable)

**New York City (by Midtown Direct train):** From Penn Station in New York, take Midtown Direct's Montclair-Boonton line train to Montclair State University train station or Montclair Heights Train station. (Some runs require a transfer at the Newark/Broad Street station). From the Montclair State University train station, take the university shuttle bus from train station to campus core.

**New York City (lower Manhattan):** Take the PATH train from the World Trade Center to Hoboken. Transfer to NJ TRANSIT Montclair-Boonton line in Hoboken. Travel the Montclair-Boonton line to Montclair State University train station or Montclair Heights Train station). From the Montclair State University train station, take the university shuttle bus from train station to campus core.

**New York City (by bus):** DeCamp Bus No. 66 departs NYC from the Port Authority Bus terminal. Disembark at Montclair State University stop.

Newark (by bus): NJ TRANSIT's Bus No. 28 originates at Washington and Hill Streets, then travels through Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, and Montclair to Montclair State University.

**Passaic (Main Avenue Bus Terminal):** NJ TRANSIT Bus 705 travels from Passaic through Clifton to Montclair State University.

**Wayne (Willowbrook Mall):** Buses 28 and 705 originate at Willowbrook Mall from the west, travel through Little Falls to Montclair State University.



April 11, 2008



# Cultural Competence and Child Maltreatment: Theories and Application

## Third Annual National Conference

### PRESENTED BY:

The Center for Child Advocacy  
at Montclair State University

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# Cultural Competence and Child Maltreatment: Theories and Application

University Hall Conference Center,  
7th Floor

**April 11, 2008**

Seating is limited, and registration is recommended by **April 1, 2008**.

## Keynote Speakers

**Dr. Lisa Aronson Fontes** is a core faculty member in Union Institute and University's Psy.D. program in clinical psychology. She has written the books, *Interviewing Clients Across Cultures: A Practitioners Guide* and *Child Abuse and Culture: Working with Diverse Families*. She has published numerous journal articles and chapters on cultural issues in child maltreatment, violence against women, cross cultural research and ethical issues in research. She is a popular conference presenter in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

**Dr. Veronica Abney** is a clinical social worker and psychoanalyst in private practice in Los Angeles and Santa Monica, specializing in the treatment of trauma. Dr. Abney is an adjunct lecturer in Social Work in the Department of Psychiatry at the UCLA School of Medicine. She is the past president of APSAC (American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children). Some of her publications include *A Rationale for Cultural Competency* and *Cultural Competency in the field of Child Maltreatment* (in APSAC Handbook on Child Maltreatment.)

## Conference Agenda

**8-8:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast**

**8:30-9 a.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks**

**Robert D. McCormick, Ph.D.**, Center for Child Advocacy

**9-10 a.m. Keynote Address**

Cultural Competence to Social Justice  
**Lisa Aronson Fontes, Ph.D.**, Union Institute and University

**10-10:15 a.m. Break**

**10:15-11:30 a.m. Workshops**

*Interviewing Culturally Diverse Families About Child Maltreatment*  
**Lisa Aronson Fontes, Ph.D.**, Union Institute and University

*Corporal Punishment, Positive Discipline, and Culture*  
**Peter Herbst, MSW, LCSW**, Hudson County Child Abuse Prevention Center

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

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

*Can True Cultural Competence be Achieved in the Field of Child Maltreatment: Are Our Theories Enough?*  
**Veronica Abney, Ph.D.**, UCLA

**1:30-2:30 p.m. Workshops**

*Cultural Issues and Parenting Training*  
**Susan Esquilin, Ph.D.**, Montclair State University and  
**Tamika Howell, M.A.**, Institute for Community Living

*Equal Justice: Eliminating the Barriers for Culturally Diverse Families before the Court*  
**Thomas Carr, M.A., LMFT, LMHC**,  
President, Thomas Carr and Associates

**1:30-2:30 p.m. Workshops** (continued)

*Interviewing Children who have Developmental Disabilities*  
**Rachel Heath Wallace, LCSW**, Sussex County Children's Advocacy Center

**2:30-2:45 p.m. Break**

**2:45-3:45 p.m. Workshops**

*A Counterintuitive Approach to the Cultural Victimization of Women in the U.S. Child Welfare System: A Family Based Case Example*  
**Karen Wilson, LSW**, Harvard University

*A Model Diagnostic Protocol for Children and Adolescents—the Importance of a Multimodal Approach*  
**Janet Cahill, Ph.D.**, Rowan Child and Family Assessment Clinic

**3:45-4 p.m. Closing Remarks/Evaluations**

**4 p.m. Reception/Poster Presentations**

*Latina Adolescent Suicide: Prevalence, Causes, and Recommendations*  
**Milton Fuentes, Psy.D.** and **Steven Arrieta**,  
Montclair State University

*School Truancy: Causes, Implications, and Solutions*  
**Milton Fuentes, Psy.D.** and **Vanessa Solano**,  
Montclair State University

*Protecting the Mental Health of Sexually Abused Children/Adolescents: Counselors Answering the Call*  
**Amy Davis, M.S.**, Mississippi State University

*Legal and Illegal Drugs Experimentation and stressful Events in Institutionalized Brazilian children and Adolescents*  
**Debora Dalbosco Dell'Aglio, Ph.D.** and **Aline Cardoso Siqueira**, Federal University of Rio Grande

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Registration fee is \$75 for everyone except students with valid University ID and DYFS employees:

**I am:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Employed by DYFS or a Student. No registration fee. I will bring a valid student or employee ID with me to the conference. Since there is no registration fee, you may fax this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a registration fee of \$75.

Return this registration form and check payable to:  
**Montclair State University.**

Send to: **Center for Child Advocacy**  
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**\*An application has been submitted to the NJ Board of Social Work Examiners for approval of six continuing education hours \***