

Visions and Voices of Childhood: A Graduate Student Conference

The Rutgers University-Camden Childhood Studies Graduate Student Organization (GSO) invites submissions for paper presentations for its second formal graduate student conference to be held May 21-22, 2012 on the Camden, NJ campus. Graduate students from all disciplines who are engaged in research relating to children and childhood are encouraged to submit proposals.

As the field of childhood studies continues to grow, old and new debates and concepts continuously impact the study of children and childhood.

Representations and interpretations of children's lives and perspectives have become central to these debates. This conference proposes an open, broad definition of children's visions and voices. Both the theoretical debates surrounding visions and voices and the application of such concepts are encouraged.

Topics can include, but are not limited to:

- Representations of children across all media (literature, film, television, internet, etc.)
- The theoretical concept of "the child's voice" in qualitative and quantitative research
- Children's development
- Rights of children
- Globalization and children
- Children's involvement in research
- Ethical and methodological considerations for the child's voice
- Visual literacy and children
- Children and religion
- Statistical representations of children
- Children's health
- Race, class, and gender in the study of children
- Geographies and histories of childhood

We invite proposals from all disciplines—education, literature, economics, psychology, sociology, anthropology, law, political science, history, public policy, criminology, philosophy, medicine, religion, film studies, cultural studies, and the arts - as well as multi-disciplinary scholarly work.

SUBMISSION: 250-word abstract plus cover letter with name, current level of graduate study, affiliated university, and email address to childgso@rutgers.camden.edu. Include the words "conference abstract" in subject line, and include name on the cover letter only.

DEADLINE: December 15, 2011. Accepted presenters will receive notification by February 1, 2012.

Contact Matthew Prickett at prickett@camden.rutgers.edu if you have questions about the conference, or visit <http://clam.rutgers.edu/~childgso/conference2012.html>

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