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Conferences

XVIth Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies

When: Thursday, March 27, 2008– Saturday, March 29, 2008

Where: Vancouver Westin Bayshore Hotel, BC

On-line registration for ICIS 2008 closes 1st March!

The goal of the conference is to promote the internationalization of infancy research and the exchange of ideas among infancy researchers. Invited speakers include: Richard Aslin, Susan Carey, Adele Diamond, Jeff Elman, Clyde Hertzman, Michael Meaney, Núria Sebastián-Gallés, and Amanda Woodward. For more details, please see <http://www.isisweb.org/>.

The Languages of Assessment, it's all about Children and Families

When: Thursday, May 29, 2008

Where: Neville Scarfe Building, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia

Dr. Hillel Goelman and Dr. Lori Irwin are the keynote speakers to their 6th annual conference on assessing children's development. Dr. Goelman is the Director of the Consortium of Health, Intervention, Learning and Development (CHILD), a Senior Scholar with the Human Early Learning Partnership and a Professor in the Department of Special Education and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education, UBC and, he is a

founding member of the partnership of the groups who sponsor our assessment conferences. Dr. Lori Irwin is the Associate Director of the Human Early Learning Partnership and the Executive Director of WHO's Early Childhood Development Knowledge Hub. Dr. Goelman, Dr. Irwin and the presenters will focus on the many languages of assessment including those of Aboriginal and other cultures, professionals, service providers and of course parents. This promises to be an exciting and rewarding day you will not want to miss. Please visit the following for more information: http://www.earlylearning.ubc.ca/events_events.htm

Father Involvement Conference-Call for Proposals

When: October 22 -24, 2008

Where: Toronto, Ontario

Bringing together national and international fatherhood scholars and practitioners from diverse disciplines, this conference offers opportunities to present and discuss emerging research findings and engage in public debate about future policy, practice and research directions for fathers and father involvement. Visit:

<http://fira.ca/page.php?id=103> for more information about the conference. The conference has three themes: Diversity, Visibility, and Community. We invite submissions for papers and workshops on these themes.

Research, evaluation and policy work will be showcased in several concurrent sessions, with potential formats being workshops, paper presentations, roundtable discussions or theme sessions on specific issues, and posters. Visit https://secure.barkingdogstudios.com/fira/proposals_form.php for information about proposal submission. This conference is presented by: Father Involvement Research Alliance, Dr. Kerry Daly-Conference Chair, Centre for Families, Work and Well-being, (University of Guelph) and others.

St. Amant-Developmental Disabilities and Autism-Call for Proposals

When: October 9 – 10, 2008

Where: Winnipeg, MB

The St. Amant Conference attracts about 450 individuals from across North America, including educators, researchers, self-advocates, family members, service providers and health professionals. The conference is hosted by St. Amant, a comprehensive organization based in Winnipeg that serves individuals with a developmental disability or autism. **Programming will be presented in FOUR age-based streams: pre-school, school age, adult and senior.** Proposals can focus on Autism, Innovative Practices, Practical Training, Self Advocacy and Wellness. For more information, please visit the following website:

<http://www.stamant.mb.ca/main/Events.html>

Presentations

HELP Events - NEW 2008 List

These events are open to public. They are also being simulcast on Live Classroom, where audio and presentation documents will be available. For a detailed list of these seminars and a description of Live Classroom, please visit the following website: http://www.earlylearning.ubc.ca/events_events.htm

Measurement Matters: A Day of Training in Clinical Research Measures

When: Monday, March 17, 2008, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: SFU Harbour Centre, Vancouver, BC

The focus of this interactive training day is to help researchers, clinicians and advanced graduate students understand and use measures of cognition, psychopathology and substance use. The day will feature hands-on, practical training sessions where participants will learn to use specific research measures and batteries, e.g. PANSS, RBANS, CANTAB. Lectures and afternoon workshops by expert faculty will ensure a stimulating and informative day. There will also be opportunities to meet fellow participants during the networking lunch. *Admission is FREE but seating is limited, so please register early. Lunch will be provided.*

For more information and to register, please visit: www.mhanet.ca/researchhubs-clinicalresearch.html

Communicating Quantitative Social Science Research Findings Pilot Workshop for New Scholars

When: April 3 – 4, 2008

Where: London, Ontario

Applications are invited from new researchers interested in participating in this two-dayworkshop organized and funded jointly by the *Research Data Centre Network* and the *Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic*

Knowledge Cluster. Workshop objective: In response to growing emphasis on disseminating scientific research findings outside the academic world, this pilot workshop aims a) provide new researchers with training in translating and presenting academic research papers to non-specialists, and b) provide workshop organizers with feedback to help them design a training program best suited to the needs of quantitative researchers.

Program: Day 1: *Writing for non-specialists and the media* - this workshop will be given by a communication specialist from Statistics Canada. Day 2: *Using visual tools to assist communication* - during the workshop, participants will prepare a press release style summary and a short power-point presentation of a piece of research they have been working on (article, dissertation etc.). **Eligibility:** the workshop is open to PhD / post-doctoral researchers and new professors, who are RDC users, cluster members or their students, working with quantitative data and enthusiastic about communicating research findings. Participants must be willing to be part of the "creative process" in this pilot workshop, to help us improve content and format for future workshops. Participants must be sole or principal author of a paper recently submitted, accepted or published in an academic journal, or presented at a conference. Places are limited to 10 participants. **Expenses:** travel and other workshop costs will be covered. **To apply:** send a curriculum vitae, an abstract of the paper, and publication or presentation details to: heather.juby@umontreal.ca by Monday March 3rd 2008. Participants will be informed by Friday 7th March. For further information, please contact Heather Juby heather.juby@umontreal.ca or 514-343-2090 #8 or Zenaïda Ravanera (ravanera@uwo.ca 519-661-2111#85151)

Community-Based Research Workshops Announcement

The Community-University Partnership for the Study of Children, Youth, and Families (CUP) in partnership with the Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research (ACCFRC) is pleased to offer four workshops for spring 2008. the following workshops will be offered:

- 1) **Workshop # 1: Evaluations and Beyond: An Introduction to Community-Based Research and Evaluation** - February 29, 2008
- 2) **Workshop # 2: Doing Community-Based Research (CBR) Well: Ethically and with Rigour-** March 28, 2008
- 3) **Workshop # 3: Building CBR Partnerships-** April 18, 2008
- 4) **Workshop # 4: Developing CBR Projects: The 'How' -** May 23, 2008.

If you are interested in attending any of these workshops, please contact Marilyn Hawirko at cup@ualberta.ca. Please follow the link: <http://www.cup.ualberta.ca/> and after you click on the initial 'home' page, look for the CBR Workshops tab on the left of the Welcome page. There you will find more information and links to our registration forms for this spring's four workshops.

Resources

Dr. Hillel Goelman's Award

This is to share with you the wonderful news about Dr Hillel Goelman being the first recipient of the award that bears his name, the "Dr Hillel Goelman Award for Outstanding Leadership in Professional Development in Early Childhood Intervention." This award was presented on Friday, February 1st, on behalf of the BC Association of Infant Development Consultants (BCAIDC), the Aboriginal Infant Development Program of BC (AIDP), the Supported Child Development of BC (SCDP) and the Provincial Steering Committee of the Infant Development Program of BC. The Hon. Minister Linda Reid presented Hillel the award during the Opening of the 2008 Early Years Conference "Valuing All Children" in Vancouver BC. This was a very important moment of public recognition of Hillel's work over the past three decades--and one to be shared by HELP/ HELP affiliates. Please join us in congratulating Hillel!

Post-doctoral Research Openings at the Minnesota Population Center

The Minnesota Population Center is recruiting post-doctoral researchers to begin in Fall 2008.

To obtain more information and download position announcements, please visit the following website at <http://www.pop.umn.edu/about-mpc/employment-opportunities/research-positions>

If you know of any outstanding graduate students or recent Ph.D.s who might be interested in relocating to Minnesota, please circulate this message.

The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network 3rd Year Student Research Assistantship Call for Applications

The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network is offering ten \$8,000* Summer Research Assistantships for 3rd year undergraduates prior to beginning their fourth year of study. The Assistantships will permit students to work on language and literacy research projects, under the supervision of Network researchers. As part of the application the student will propose to work with a Network researcher who has posted a position offer on The Network Summer Assistantship Web page (www.cllrnet.ca). The Network provides \$4,500 of the salary and the Supervisors contribute \$2,000. The Network provides a \$1,500 relocation supplement if the student applies to a position in a different location from their home university. Students will work in a lab for four months (37.5 hours/week, May-August 2008.)

Eligibility: The student applicant must: be a Canadian citizen or have Landed Immigrant Status, must be a 3rd year undergraduate, and have at least an A minus or 80 per cent overall academic averages. Deadline: **Monday, March 3, 2008** (by Administrative Centre) For additional information please contact shawna.reibling@ubc.ca

The 3rd Year Undergraduate Research Assistantship Program

The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network awards \$8,000* Summer Research Assistantships to ten 3rd year undergraduate students. Because programs vary in length, a 3rd year undergraduate is defined as someone who, in the fall of 2008, will be entering a) the fourth year of a four-year degree; or b) the fourth or fifth year of a five-year degree program such as education; or c) the second or third year of a three-year university (post-CEGEP) degree in Québec. The Network awards \$6500 to each of 10 students. The Network provides a \$1500 relocation supplement if the student applies to a position in a different location from their home university. For more information, please visit the following website:

<http://www.cllrnet.ca/training/undergrad>

Universal "Child Care" Coming

Speech from the Throne presented by Lieutenant-Governor at the Opening of the Fourth Session, Thirty-Eighth Parliament of the Province of British Columbia, February 12, 2008. CERPT from the Throne Speech: Living Smart Means Educational Excellence education is the key to our future. Dozens of recent measures have improved quality, access, choice and accountability in education at all levels. Others are improving literacy for people of all ages....Immediate steps will continue to strengthen early childhood learning. Eighty-four StrongStart BC centres have opened to help preschool-age children and their parents get ready for kindergarten. Another 316 centres will be added in the next two years, for a total of 400 StrongStart centres that will be open across B.C. by 2010. A new Early Childhood Learning Agency will be established. It will assess the feasibility and costs of full school day kindergarten for five-year-olds. It will also undertake a feasibility study of providing parents with the choice of day-long kindergarten for four-year-olds by 2010, and for three-year-olds by 2012. That report will be completed and released within the year.....Full Speech is at <http://www.leg.bc.ca/38th4th/4-8-38-4.htm>

BC Atlas of Wellness Report

The Atlas contains over 270 provincial level maps and accompanying tables and contains over 120 indicators related to the dimensions of wellness (see news release). A copy of the Atlas can be found at: www.geog.ubc.ca/wellness Please see the government report that was sent out January 21, 2008 at the following link: http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2005-2009/2008TSA0002-000072.htm

Child and Youth Health Research Network (CYHRNet) Member Funding Opportunities

Student Internships in Child and Youth Health Research

CYHRNet invites applications from students for three \$3,500 4-month student internships commencing May 1, 2008 or September 1, 2008. The purpose of these internships is to support student participation in interdisciplinary teams of research in child and youth health. The application deadline is April 1, 2008. For more information, visit the CYHRNet website at: <http://www.cyhrnet.ca/>

Networking/Development Funds or Seed Grants

CYHRNet is accepting applications for five awards of up to \$4,900 each for support in the form of Networking/Development Funds or Seed Grants. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 1, 2008. For more information, visit the CYHRNet website at: <http://www.cyhrnet.ca/>

Post-Secondary Education 2.0: New Millennium, New Students, New Directions

When: Monday, March 3, 2008, 7:30pm

Where: Alice Mackay Room of the Central Branch of the Vancouver Public Library

Over the next few weeks, Dr. Dale Kirby, our third speaker of the Minerva Lecture Series, will be giving free, public lectures across the country. His presentation will be appealing to anyone interested in current educational issues. Dr Kirby is a renowned scholar of post-secondary education, an Assistant Professor of education at Memorial University, and a frequent contributor to some of Canada's top educational policy journals. His research interests include transitions to post-secondary education and the labour market with a focus on factors that influence student persistence and success, as well as post-secondary education policy and program development. He was also active in working with student groups for a number of years. For additional information on Dr. Kirby's talk or our series in general, please visit the Minerva Lecture Series page on the Canadian Council on Learning's website at <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/minervaseries>.

Children's Mental Health Research Quarterly

The theme for the winter issue is building children's resilience. In this issue the following topics are presented: Response to frequently asked questions about resilience, Present findings from four randomized-controlled trials of parenting interventions, Spotlight a review of two widely used parenting programs: *Parent-Child Interaction Therapy* and the *Positive Parenting Program*, Introduce the new *Letter to the Editors* feature. All issues of *The Quarterly* are available on the following website: www.childhealthpolicy.sfu.ca.

International Society of Child Indicators (ISCI) - Newsletter

The new ISCI brings together experts in the field worldwide to: Contribute to the well-being of all children, Share knowledge and experience, Develop standards, Improve data resources, Foster collaborative research and projects, Foster diversity in methodological approaches, Enhance dissemination of information on the status of children, Help organizations apply the findings to policy and practice, Enhance the capacity of the field in countries that are in the initial stages of producing child well-being indicators. Please visit the following website for their most current newsletter: http://www.childindicators.org/docs/ISCI_Newsletter_Feb_2008_6.pdf

Summer Student Job Opportunity

The BC Mental Health and Addictions Network is recruiting a Summer Student to assist with ongoing Network activities and special projects in the Clinical Research Hub. Reporting to the Network's Communications & Research Analyst, the Network Assistant will provide support to Network communications, financial administration, planning and coordination of Network meetings and events, and the creation of an online participant recruitment registry for clinical research studies. The position is full-time (35 hours per week), although applicants interested in part-time employment will also be considered. There is also the possibility of continuing to work with the Network on a part-time basis during the academic year. To view this opportunity, visit the Job Opportunities page on <http://mhanet.ca/JobOpportunities.html>.

New Book: Africa's Future, Africa's Challenge: Early Childhood Care and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa

Please note that it was necessary to ship a substantial quantity of the above publication to the University of Victoria, ECDVU program and we are now in the process of trying to free up space for an upcoming move. There is no budget for distribution so we are trying to recoup costs, and to minimize per unit mailing costs, by sending out quantities of 10 copies or more to CG partners for their distribution within their organizations and networks. If your organization would like to receive 10 or more copies at \$23./each, we will work with you to determine how best to get the books to you. Please email apence@uvic.ca if your organization would like to receive a bulk shipment of 10+ copies. The book has 525 pages with 24 chapters. The following is excerpted from the back cover: "This book, the first of its kind, presents a balanced collection of articles written by African and non-African authors ranging from field practitioners to academicians and from members of government organizations to those of nongovernmental and local organizations. *Africa's Future, Africa's Challenge* compiles the latest data and viewpoints on the state of Sub-Saharan Africa's children."

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