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The Schubert Center for Child Development (SCCD) has had an exciting and productive year of solidifying existing activities and developing new initiatives. The SCCD is engaged in wide-ranging initiatives, from undergraduate education to national and international work. Our activities this year, which are highlighted throughout this newsletter, include:

**Undergraduate Education** The Childhood Studies Minor, which is supported by the SCCD, in its third year is among the most popular interdisciplinary minors in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students choose from classroom and experiential learning courses. Two courses are taught in University Circle Institutions: the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Cleveland Children's Museum. Courses are also offered at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, in day care settings through the Department of Psychology, and in human and social services through the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. Childhood Studies programs exist in Europe and other parts of the world, but CWRU is one of a small number of U.S. colleges and universities to have such a program, putting it in a position to establish distinctiveness and leadership in this area.

**Graduate Education** The SCCD supports an advanced graduate student in psychology working on a child-related dissertation through the Brisky Fellowship. The Brisky Fellow for the 2003-04 academic year is Shoshana Kahana.

**Faculty Research** The SCCD awards grants for faculty research in an annual competition. This year the SCCD awarded funds for three important new studies.

**CWRU Consortium on Children, Families and Communities** The SCCD coordinates a consortium of CWRU centers with child-related activities. This year the SCCD and the Consortium initiated a monthly colloquia series—CWRU Conversations on Children in Research and Policy. This works-in-progress series has been well attended by faculty and students from across the campus.

**Campus Events** The SCCD and the Childhood Studies Program sponsored multiple events for the benefit of students, faculty, and the community. These included public lectures by international childcare expert Penelope Leach, M.D., and scholars Allison James, Ph.D. and Anne Higonnet, Ph.D.

**National Policy** In November 2002, the SCCD hosted a meeting of directors of university-based child research centers from around the United States. This national consortium on Human Development and Public Policy is launching a series of projects involving teaching and mentoring; research; and translating and disseminating research findings for policy communities.

**International Work Group on "Charting Future Directions for Childhood Studies: Research Education, and Policy"** In August 2003, the SCCD will host a small working group of international scholars from the field of Childhood Studies. A report from this meeting will set an agenda for the field and will be highlighted in our 2004 newsletter.

The activities of the past year have been designed to meet our revised and enlarged mission statement, which was adopted in 2002. Stay tuned to the SCCD website for many exciting initiatives to come! ©

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# Supporting Research



## "Do-able" Goals for Parents and Children Are Focus of Short's Research

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Dr. Short's research focuses on the development of self-regulation skills in young children and the role of parents in this process. She is currently leading a study of the effects of a parent training program on children's self-regulation skills. The study is currently underway and will be completed in 2010. Dr. Short is also interested in the role of parents in the development of children's social skills. She is currently leading a study of the effects of a parent training program on children's social skills. The study is currently underway and will be completed in 2010. Dr. Short is also interested in the role of parents in the development of children's academic skills. She is currently leading a study of the effects of a parent training program on children's academic skills. The study is currently underway and will be completed in 2010.

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Given the difficult times in which we live, we feature here a set of materials on how children experience and understand war. Special thanks to Karen Olness, M.D., for these suggestions.

BOOKS

*Hope and Healing: Peaceful in an Uncertain World* by David C. ... 2002, C...

*The Day our World Changed: Children's Art of 9/11* by ... G... A... F... D... A... 2002, ... A...

*What Happened to the World?* by ... G... 2001, B...

*The Impact of War on Children: A Review of Progress Since the 1996 United Nations Report in the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children* G... 2001, ...

VIDEOS

*Children in War* ( ... ), ... 2000 E... A... B... A... (2000, B... C) ...

# Promoting Interdisciplinary Research at CWRU and in the Community

IN EACH NEWSLETTER, WE HIGHLIGHT AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP AT CWRU OR IN THE COMMUNITY WHOSE WORK HAS SIGNIFICANTLY SHAPED RESEARCH OR PRACTICE RELATED TO CHILDREN OR ADOLESCENTS. IN THIS ISSUE, WE PROFILE HERMAN STEIN, D.S.W., UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR AND PROVOST EMERITUS, JOHN REYNOLDS HARKNESS PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION, DEAN EMERITUS OF THE MANDEL SCHOOL OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND SENIOR ADVISOR TO SUCCESSIVE DIRECTORS OF UNICEF.

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