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Thanks to the generosity of the Mann Endowment, students enrolled in classes focused on child issues can experience child research and policy firsthand by attending academic conferences, traveling to see child policy in action, and obtaining Mann Child Policy Externships. This spring, students taking CHST 302, "Experiential Learning in Child Policy," traveled to Washington, while students enrolled in PSCL 230, "Child Psychology," attended the meeting of the Society for Research on Child Development in Denver, Colorado. Below, we highlight 2008's successful trips.

CHICAGO Students from two courses cross-listed with Childhood Studies traveled to Chicago for the 2008 Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA). This experiential learning opportunity was organized by the Schubert Center's associate directors, Elizabeth Short (who teaches PSCL 329, "Adolescence") and Eileen Anderson-Fye (who teaches ANTH 313, "Anthropology of Adolescence"). Schubert Center graduate assistant Meghan Halley assisted in organizing the trip.

WASHINGTON D.C. Students visited the offices of several of Ohio's

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IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

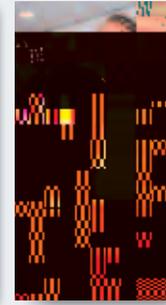
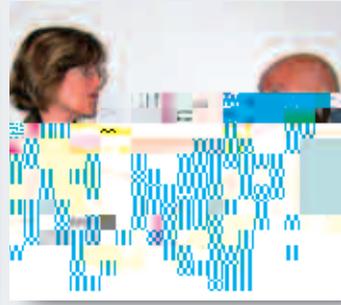
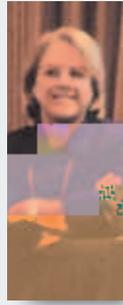
James Spilsbury, Schubert Center faculty associate and investigator at the Center for Clinical Investigation in the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, is part of a team that has been awarded a \$1.6 million grant to assist traumatized children and youth in Cuyahoga County. The grant was awarded to Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. (MHS), a local nonprofit that provides mental health and supportive services to vulnerable populations. Dr. Spilsbury was involved in writing the winning grant application and will conduct future research and evaluation.

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The second panel, moderated by Molly Irwin, included local, state and national experts on the link between research and policy. Speakers were Marcia Egbert (The George Gund Foundation), Robin Harris (Office of Governor Ted Strickland), Amy Swanson (Voices for Ohio's Children) and Brian Wilcox (University of Nebraska-Lincoln).

During a lively lunch session, conference participants discussed the morning sessions in light of their own experiences. The discussions at each table were led by one of the speakers.

The afternoon panel, moderated by Elizabeth Short, examined "Contexts, Stresses and Strengths Impacting Adolescence," with presentations by Ronald Dahl (Pittsburgh), Thomas McDade (Northwestern), David Miller (CWRU), Claudia Coulton (CWRU) and Jill Korbin (CWRU). The first day of the conference concluded with a focused discussion of mixed method approaches to studying adolescence led by Tom Weisner (UCLA).

The second day of the conference began with the screening of a new film, *Forty Years of Silence, An Indonesian Tragedy*, by psychological anthropologist and cinematographer Robert

Lemelson (UCLA and Foundation for Psychocultural Research). Dr. Lemelson led a stimulating discussion about the film and its implications, with many of the themes continuing to permeate the rest of the morning sessions. He also moderated the morning panel, "Mental Health: Change, Culture and Identity," which featured Eileen Anderson-Fye, Jerry Floersch (CWRU) and Rebecca Lester (Washington University).

The conference concluded with a group discussion, "Where are We in Linking Research and Policy? Where Should We Go?" Plans are under way to continue these discussions on the Case Western Reserve University campus and at other venues. Eileen Anderson-Fye and Jill Korbin led a session at the meetings of the Society for Psychological Anthropology in Asilomar, California in late March 2009.

Jessica McRitchie, the Schubert Center administrator, worked tirelessly in her role as conference coordinator. Graduate students in anthropology volunteered at the conference, particularly in taking notes during the lunch discussion.

For more information on this conference, and other Schubert Center activities, please go to www.case.edu/artsci/schubert/.

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