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8th Annual

Youth Violence Prevention Conference

Gangs: Unique But Similar—
Implications for Social Response

Thursday, April 16, 2009
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Agenda

8:00–8:45 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast (Lobby)
8:45–9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Conference Overview (Auditorium) Glen Cope, Provost: Welcome Finn Esbensen: Conference Overview
9:00–9:45 a.m.	Malcolm Klein Gangs in a Global Context: Underlying Similarities
9:45–10:00 a.m.	Break (Lobby)
10:00–10:45 a.m.	Cheryl Maxson Similar But Unique: The Peculiar Case of the Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13)
10:45–11:00 a.m.	Break (Lobby)
11:00–11:45 a.m.	Judith Aldridge UK Youth Gangs: How Different Are They from Their American Counterparts?
11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Summit Room)
1:00–1:45 p.m.	Dana Peterson Girls in Gangs and Implications for Gender-Specific Programs
1:45–2:00 p.m.	Break (Lobby)
2:00–2:45 p.m.	Jeff Carr Los Angeles' Gang Reduction and Youth Development Strategy
2:45–3:30 p.m.	Social Hour (Lobby)

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Des Lee Collaborative Vision**

The Des Lee Collaborative Vision at the University of Missouri–St. Louis brings together key St. Louis educational, cultural, and governmental institutions to establish programs and share resources that will benefit the St. Louis community. This is done through collaboration of more than 25 endowed professors and more than 100 member and community organizations in the St. Louis region. The Des Lee Collaborative Vision is connecting St. Louis through educational and community partnerships.

Financial assistance for this conference has been provided by the Des Lee Collaborative Vision.

The Program:

This year's program focuses on similarities among youth gangs. One common opinion is that gangs are unique to particular times and places. While it is the case that gangs adapt to local settings, it is also the case that there are persistent and consistent similarities among gangs in different locations. Presenters will highlight the similarities that have been observed in studies of gangs in the United States, Europe, and Central America. There will also be an emphasis upon societal responses to gangs, including discussion of the new strategy being pursued by the city of Los Angeles.

Who should attend:

- :: Professionals who work with at-risk youth
- :: Teachers
- :: Counselors
- :: Public health workers
- :: Probation officers
- :: Youth advocates
- :: Law enforcement officers
- :: Students
- :: Anyone interested in the welfare of children and youth

Presenters: Youth Violence Prevention 2009

International experts on gangs and gang prevention/intervention strategies will provide state of the art information about the causes of and strategies for responding to youth gangs.

Scheduled speakers include:

Judith Aldridge

Centre for Criminological and Socio-Legal Research
The University of Manchester, UK

Jeff Carr

Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction & Youth Development
City of Los Angeles, CA

Malcolm W. Klein

Department of Sociology
University of Southern California

Cheryl Maxson

Department of Criminology, Law, and Society
University of California-Irvine

Dana Peterson

School of Criminal Justice
University at Albany, NY

Organized by:

Finn-Aage Esbensen

E. Desmond Lee Professor of Youth Crime and Violence
Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
University of Missouri-St. Louis

Register early.
Space is limited.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

.75 CEUs will be awarded for full attendance at the conference. One Continuing Education Unit is awarded for 10 hours of participation in a CE program.

Cancellation Policy

The University reserves the right to cancel any program. In the event of cancellation, you will be notified immediately, and all program fees will be refunded or applied to a future program at your request. If you must cancel a registration, you are entitled to a full refund only if you cancel prior to the conference.

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Registration

BY MAIL: Detach entire panel and mail to Ashley Paterson, University of Missouri-St. Louis Continuing Education One University Boulevard St. Louis, MO 63121-4400

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BY PHONE: Call (314) 516-5974. Charge card information must be provided.

TDD: Call (314) 516-5961.

BY FAX: Fax entire panel to (314) 516-6414. Charge card number or other payment information must be included

Make checks payable to the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

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