

About the Program

More than two decades of research shows that poor and vulnerable children in America, including children in foster care, receive more psychotropic medications than other children their age. These medications may include complex drug combinations that are prescribed off-label and without adequate evidence of favorable benefit-risk ratios. The purpose of this roundtable is to better understand the significance of these patterns and disparities in the use of psychotropic medications, particularly antipsychotic drugs, among American children. Ultimately, the goal of this program is to identify changes in policy and practice that are likely to improve psychopharmacologic prescription practices among poor and vulnerable youth.

Co-Sponsors:

Center for Health, Science and Public Policy

Brooklyn Law School's Center for Health, Science and Public Policy strives to create an interdisciplinary venue where new ideas, policies and programs are generated. Each year, the Center hosts a variety of programs that examine the complex ethical, legal and socio-economic consequences of advancing technology. With the enthusiastic support of public health practitioners, lawyers, scholars, legislators, corporate leaders, judges, public policy makers, and students, the Center's programs inform the public and encourage scholarship and research to improve the quality of health care services and the integrity of science.

This program is part of the Center's ongoing series of theory-practice seminars in which scholars and practitioners have the opportunity to exchange ideas on important questions of health policy.



The Hastings Center is a nonpartisan bioethics research institution dedicated to bioethics and the public interest since 1969. The Center is a pioneer in collaborative interdisciplinary research and dialogue on the ethical and social impact of advances in health care and the life sciences. The Center draws on a worldwide network of experts to frame and examine issues that inform professional practice, public conversation, and social policy.



250 JORALEMON STREET | BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201

**Treating Mental
Disorders in Poor and
Vulnerable Children**

Friday, October 15, 2010

**BROOKLYN
LAW SCHOOL**

**Theory-Practice
Seminar**

Treating Mental Disorders in Poor and Vulnerable Children



**Friday
October 15, 2010**
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Treating Mental Disorders in Poor and Vulnerable Children

Friday, October 15, 2010

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Co-Sponsored with The Hastings Center

8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am Welcome

Michael A. Gerber

Interim Dean and Professor of Law
Brooklyn Law School

9:10 am Introductory Remarks

Karen Porter

Executive Director
Center for Health, Science and Public Policy;
Assistant Professor of Clinical Law
Brooklyn Law School

Erik Parens, PhD

Senior Research Scholar
The Hastings Center

9:30 am

Topic: How Socio-Economic Status Affects Psychotropic Medication Prescription Rates: The Case of Antipsychotic Use in Foster Care Populations

Speaker

Julie M. Zito, PhD

Professor, Pharmacoepidemiology
and Psychopharmacology
University of Maryland Schools of Pharmacy
and Medicine

Roundtable Discussion

Moderator

Josephine Johnston, LLB, MBHL

Research Scholar
The Hastings Center

11:00am

Break

11:15 am

Topic: What's Wrong with the American System of Approving Psychotropics for Use in Children?: The Knowledge Base for Use of Antipsychotics

Speaker

Julie M. Zito, PhD

Roundtable Discussion

Moderator

Karen Porter

12:45 pm

Luncheon

2:00 pm

Topic: Next Steps

Roundtable Discussion

Moderator

Erik Parens, PhD

RSVP

By October 8, 2010 at
www.brooklaw.edu/theorypractice

Location

Brooklyn Law School
Subotnick Center
250 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, New York

Directions

www.brooklaw.edu/map

Distinguished Roundtable Participants:

Gabrielle A. Carlson, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics; Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Stony Brook University School of Medicine

Janice L. Cooper, PhD, Interim Director, National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP); Assistant Professor of Clinical Health Policy and Management, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

John J. DiLallo, MD, Director, Psychotropic Medications Unit, Office of Child and Family Health, New York City Administration for Children's Services

Marsha Garrison, Suzanne J. and Norman Miles Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School

Cynthia Godsoe, Instructor of Law, Brooklyn Law School

Michael K. Gusmano, PhD, Research Scholar, The Hastings Center

Myla Harrison, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Bureau of Children, Youth, and Families, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Joan Kaufman, PhD, Associate Professor, Psychiatry; Co-Director Zigler Center Child Welfare Unit, Yale School of Medicine

Adam Kolber, Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School

Tom Mackie, Research Associate, Institute for Clinical Research and Health Policy Studies, Tufts Medical Center

Rayna Rapp, PhD, Professor of Anthropology, New York University Department of Anthropology

Lisa Townsend, PhD, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Center for Education and Research on Mental Health Therapeutics, Rutgers School of Social Work

Natalie Weder, MD, Leon Levy Research Assistant Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York University Child Study Center