



Center on Youth Violence
and Juvenile Justice

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-NEWARK

**SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND JUVENILE JUSTICE**

Friday, June 9, 2017

- 8:30 AM Registration and light refreshments
- 9:30 AM **Conference welcome** from Paul Boxer, PhD, Director, Rutgers-Newark Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice
- Opening remarks** from Ron Chen, JD, Dean, Rutgers School of Law
- 10:00 AM **Morning Lecture:** “REFLECTIONS ON IN RE GAULT: THE “GUIDING HAND” OF COUNSEL IN DEFENDING CHILDREN WHO CONFESS TO THE POLICE” (Introduction by Laura Cohen, JD, Clinical Professor, Rutgers School of Law)
- Steven Drizin, JD, Clinical Professor of Law and Assistant Dean of the Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law School
- Overview:** On the 50th anniversary of In re Gault, Professor Drizin will discuss the essential role of counsel in representing juveniles who are pressured by police into confessing to crimes they did or did not commit. Citing examples from his more than 25-year career, Drizin will demonstrate how the Gault decision has inspired and continues to inspire him in all aspects of his work –his casework, his scholarship, and his reform work on police interrogations and confessions. In particular, Drizin will use video clips from the interrogation of Brendan Dassey, the 16-year-old boy whose confession to a murder and rape is featured in NETFLIX’s smash-hit series *Making a Murderer*, to underscore the continuing relevance of Gault and the critical need for juvenile defenders to zealously advocate for their clients who confess.
- 11:15 AM Break

11:30 AM **Special Report:** “THE STATUS OF JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM AND PROGRESS IN NEW JERSEY: NEW FRONTIERS FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION”

Jennifer LeBaron, PhD, Deputy Executive Director, NJ Juvenile Justice Commission

12:15 PM Lunch

1:30 PM **Afternoon Lecture:** “TRAUMATIC STRESS SCREENING WITH JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH: WHY IT MATTERS AND WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM AN EFFECTIVE SCREENING PROCESS” (Introduction by Paul Boxer)

Dr. Keith Cruise, Associate Professor of Psychology, Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies, Fordham University

Overview: Calls for universal trauma screening (U.S. Attorney General’s Task Force Report on Community Violence, 2012) and recognition of trauma screening as an essential element of a trauma-informed juvenile justice system (NCSTN, 2016) have expanded the use of trauma screening in the juvenile justice system. An effective screening process involves more than selecting and implementing a screening tool. There are critical practice and policy implications that should be considered. This presentation will address why juvenile justice systems should consider developing a trauma screening process and how an effective screening process can assist juvenile justice decision-makers in developing a more comprehensive understanding of a youth’s delinquency risk and needs. Practical implementation considerations and potential pitfalls to avoid will be highlighted.

2:45 PM Break

3:00 PM **Panel Discussion:** “ADDRESSING TRAUMA AND RELATED ISSUES IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM: A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVE” (Moderated by Paul Boxer and Laura Cohen)

Panelists – Steven Campos (Hudson Partnership CMO), Paula Getty (Office of the Public Defender, Essex County Juvenile Division), Amy Godfrey (Partnership for Children of Essex), Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ Juvenile Justice Commission)

4:30 PM **Closing remarks** by Paul Boxer