

“How to Love a Child”

The Janusz Korczak Lecture Series

Lecture #6



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Closing Lecture

6 April, 2016
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Summary Lecture How to Love a Child: Turning Rights into Action

INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Krzysztof Olendzki, Ambassadeur Titulaire, Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Vancouver

Dr. Blye Frank, Dean and Professor, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia

Jerry Nussbaum, President of the Janusz Korczak Association of Canada

BOOK LAUNCH:

White House in a Gray City by Itzchak Belfer

Irwin Elman, Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth of Ontario and President, Canadian Council of Child and Youth Advocates

THE JANUSZ KORCZAK MEDAL

AWARD CEREMONY:

Inaugural Janusz Korczak Medal for Children's Rights Advocacy to be presented by Jerry Nussbaum and Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, BC Representative for Children and Youth

Recipient: **Melanie Mark, MLA**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr. Jim Anglin, Professor, School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria

MODERATOR:

Dr. Charles Ungerleider, Director of Research and Managing Partner of Directions Evidence and Policy Research Group, LLP.

PANEL:

Following Prof. Anglin's presentation, a panel of lecture series attendees representing various disciplines and backgrounds will share their impressions of the series and implications for future advocacy and initiatives in support of the rights of children in British Columbia and beyond.

PANELISTS:

Kit Krieger, Executive Director of the BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association

Dr. Ziba Vaghri, Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria. Co-Chair of the Global Reference Group on Accountability to Children.

Dr. Curren Warf, Head of the Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine of the Department of Paediatrics of BC Children's Hospital and UBC.

Jules Wilson, Executive Director for the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks

LECTURE ABSTRACT:

Professor Anglin will present some of his own insights into the character of Janusz Korczak and the significance of his life and work for us today, focusing on the fact that for Korczak, rights were simply the foundation for respectful and effective action; they were not an end in themselves. He will also summarize some of the key themes and insights offered by the

previous speakers and panels in the series. There will also be time for some comments by attendees on their experience of the lectures and panels, and what they consider to be the important Korczak legacies.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Professor Jim Anglin began his career as a child and youth care worker in a mental health centre in Vancouver after which he developed a 6-bed group home for adolescents in Victoria. He then pursued graduate studies, worked in social policy in Ottawa, and with the Children's Services Division, Government of Ontario, in Toronto. Returning to B.C. in 1979, he joined the faculty of the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria where he is a full Professor and former Director.

His major research interests have focused on a re-appreciation of residential care for children and youth (e.g. Pain, Normality and the Struggle for Congruence: Reinterpreting Residential Care for Children and Youth, Routledge, 2002). Currently, he is involved in researching and documenting the implementation and impact of a principle-based approach to residential care with colleagues from the Bronfenbrenner Centre for Translational Research at Cornell University.

He has published in North American and international journals and child welfare texts on a variety of child and youth care issues. He is on the editorial boards of Child and Youth Services, International Journal of Child and Family Welfare, Journal of Child and Youth Care Work, International Journal of Child, Youth and Family Studies, and Reclaiming Youth at Risk. He has also visited child and youth care

programs and offered keynotes, workshops and seminars in over 40 countries – focusing on extra-familial care with young people, creating theory from qualitative data, and the evolution of CYC as a global profession.

This session has been co-ordinated by Lilian Boraks-Nemetz and Jerry Nussbaum, members of the board of the Janusz Korczak Association of Canada.

ABOUT THE MODERATOR:

Dr. Charles Ungerleider, a sociologist whose research has addressed a wide range of topics from assessment to xenophobia, is Director of Research and Managing Partner of Directions Evidence and Policy Research Group, LLP. Conversant with a broad range of research methods, Ungerleider has produced systematic reviews of literature, policy analyses, analyses using large and small data sets, evaluation reports, as well as government briefing documents and cabinet submissions. Ungerleider has broad knowledge of government and public education systems in Canada from his research, from his direct experience as a researcher, and from serving as a Deputy Minister of Education in British Columbia.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS:

Kit Krieger began his teaching career in 1974 in West Vancouver. He is a former president of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation and Registrar of the BC College of Teachers, and is currently the Executive Director of the BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association. For forty years he has been active in Holocaust Education and is an Honorary Life Fellow of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre. He has written extensively on educational issues, such

as professional regulation, media literacy, and social justice.

Dr. Ziba Vaghri is an Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria. She has over 2 decades of diverse international experience on children's health and development as well as a strong track record with various UN agencies (WHO, UNICEF, UNESCO and CRC). She is currently Co-Chair of the Global Reference Group on Accountability to Children.

In 2008 Ziba and late Professor Hertzman (OC), co-founded the International Program of HELP at UBC where she served as the Program Director until 2014. This program served as the secretariat of a large international project and, under the auspices of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, developed the indicators of General Comment 7. Under her initiative and leadership, these child rights monitoring indicators were digitized and Early Childhood Rights Indicators (ECRI) was created. Since then, she has spearheaded the pilot of ECRI in different countries.

Ziba's current interest is in taking a rights-based approach to children's health through facilitating compliance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child. She is the recent recipient of the Scholar Award from Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and intends to use this award and continue her work with UN Committee to create Global-Child; a global child rights monitoring tool.

Dr. Curren Warf is a Clinical Professor of Paediatrics and Head of the Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine (DAHM) of the Department of Paediatrics at BC Children's Hospital

and the University of British Columbia Faculty of Medicine. He graduated medical school from the Drew/UCLA School of Medicine, completed paediatric residency and adolescent medicine Fellowship at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). Prior to relocating to Vancouver in 2009, at CHLA Dr. Warf was the medical director of the High Risk Youth Program focusing on homeless and runaway youth in Los Angeles communities. He has a long standing involvement in the care of adolescents, working collaboratively with community agencies, and has conducted research and published on vulnerable adolescents, systematic discrimination against minority youth in American urban centers, violence and adolescents, and academic text chapters.

Jules Wilson is presently the Executive Director for the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks, a provincial organization whose mandate is to improve the lives of youth in and from care between the ages of 14 and 24. Jules believes in the value of advocacy, the process of youth engagement and the importance of accessing youth voice and youth wisdom. He is a strong promoter of rights education and the actualization of youth rights. Jules has over 17 years of experience in various leadership and management roles in the child welfare sector. Trained by the School of Social Work, he obtained his Bachelor Degree at UBC. Jules looks forward to the insights that the Janusz Korczak Lecture series conversations will bring and to share the what's been passed along to him from youth in and from care in BC.

ABOUT THE JANUSZ KORCZAK MEDAL

We are proud to be announcing the inaugural recipient of the Janusz Korczak Association of Canada and the BC Representative for Children and Youth Medal for outstanding contributions to the promotion of the rights of children in ways that encourage love for children, listening to children, fostering healthy children's lives, and building capacities in children.

ABOUT THE MEDAL RECIPIENT:

Born of Nisga'a, Gitksan, Cree, and Ojibway ancestry, **Melanie Mark** was raised in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside neighbourhood, in difficult circumstances. She credits her grandparents with helping her get through the early death of her father from an overdose, and dealing with her mother's addiction to drugs.

Melanie has spent her life standing up for her community, volunteering for multiple community organizations like Big Sisters Youth Custody Centres, and the Urban Native Youth Association. She co-founded the Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre, worked with the Native Courtworkers Association, Covenant House Vancouver, and was the National Aboriginal Project Coordinator with Save the Children Canada's Sacred Lives project. This groundbreaking study gave voice to sexually exploited young people across Canada.

After working as an advocate for a number of years in the Office of the Representative for Children and Youth speaking out for children in care, in 2013 she became Associate Deputy Representative of Advocacy and Indigenous Initiatives. In 2016 she became the first fully

indigenous woman elected to the legislature of British Columbia.



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Dr. Edward Krukr, Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of British Columbia
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Introductions

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Lillian Boraks-Nemetz, Author, Board Member the Janusz Korczak Association of Canada
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Keynote Speakers

Mr. Irwin Elman, Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth of Ontario President, Canadian Council of Child and Youth Advocates
Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl, Professor, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia
Hon. Anne Cools, Senator for Toronto Centre-York
Dr. Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, BC Representative for Children and Youth
Dr. Michael DeGagné, President and Vice-Chancellor of Nipissing University
Dr. Gilles Julien, Social paediatrician, president and founder of the Fondation du Dr Julien
Ms. Ardith (Walpetho We'daltes) Walkem, Master of Laws
Dr. Christine Looch, Children's and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia and Social Paediatrics RICHER Program leader
Dr. James Anglin, Professor, School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria

Panelists

Rachel Malek, James Copping, Jess Boon Members of Youth in Care Canada
Robin Kaebe, Salma Rafi, Alexander Corless, Grade 6 students, Lord Roberts Elementary
Beverly Smith, Cecelia Reekie, Eugenea Couture representing the fields of child care, child protection and child custody
Kit Krieger, Executive Director of the BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association
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