



About Gesell Institute

Gesell Institute of Human Development, an independent non-profit organization located on the Yale campus in New Haven, Connecticut, has advanced the understanding of how children grow and learn for more than half a century. Gesell programs and publications help parents, educators, psychologists, social workers, and medical professionals worldwide in understanding the ages and stages of childhood.

About Our Conference

In tandem with the Institute's 60th anniversary, an evening banquet and world-class conference are being organized for October 14-15, 2010 at the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale.

The national conference will involve world-renowned figures in child development and leaders in education reform. Focused on leadership in early childhood education, this important event is in response to the current education crisis faced in the U.S.

New York Times Best Selling Author and award-winning journalist Ashley Merryman will keynote the banquet. Distinguished national leaders including Harvard's Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, Yale's Dr. Edward Zigler, and Columbia's Dr. Sharon Lynn Kagan will be among the banquet guests and will speak at the conference.

For more information about the October 14th banquet and October 15th conference, please visit www.gesellinstitute.org/events.html.



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LEAD CONFERENCE

October 14-15, 2010
New Haven, Connecticut

Helping leaders and policy makers raise test scores the *right way*

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, October 14, 2010

8:00 a.m. **Gesell Advisory Council Meeting**

12:00 p.m. **Press Conference**

6:00 p.m. **Cocktail Hour & Book Signing with Ashley Merryman**, Keynoter and Author of New York Times Bestseller *NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children*

7:00 p.m. **60th Anniversary Banquet**
Welcome: Marcy Guddemi, PhD
Keynote: Ashley Merryman, JD

Friday, October 15, 2010

8:00 a.m. **Welcome**

Introductions: Marcy Guddemi, PhD

Special Message: James J. Heckman, PhD

Morning Keynote: *The Touchpoints Approach: Building Partnerships with Families*

Speakers: T. Berry Brazelton, MD & Joshua D. Sparrow, MD

Award Presentation

Presenter: Marcy Guddemi, PhD

Recipient: T. Berry Brazelton, MD

Musical Entertainment: *The Learning Station*

9:00 a.m. **Practice Panel**

From Observation to Understanding: Respecting child development at home & at school

Moderator: Audrey Skrupskelis, PhD

Panel Members: Martha Garcia-Sellers, PhD; Stanley Finkle; Dorothea Marsden, MEd; Sally Millaway & David A. Mooij

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. **Play Panel**

Mind Over Matter: How structured and free play scaffold development, experience, & learning

Moderator: Rae Pica

Panel Members: Carla Horwitz, PhD; Danielle Marshall; Anthony Pellegrini, PhD; Bill Crain, PhD

11:45 a.m. **Luncheon Keynote: *Crisis in the Kindergarten***

Speaker: Joan Almon

1:00 p.m. **Research Panel** (*Sponsored by Community Playthings*)*

Stages of Life and Learning: How a century of research shapes our view of the child

Moderator: Ashley Merryman, JD

Panel Members: Joan Almon; Robert Emde, MD; Walter Gilliam, PhD; Charles Super, PhD

2:15 p.m. **Break**

2:30 p.m. **Afternoon Keynote**

Speaker: Jacqueline Jones, PhD

3:00 p.m. **Policy Panel**

Bottom Up, Top Down: What we can do to bring about change for children

Moderator: Janice Gruendel, PhD

Panel Members: The Honorable Rosa DeLauro; Jacqueline Jones, PhD; Sharon Lynn Kagan, EdD; Tina Mannarino, PhD; Edward Zigler, PhD

4:00 p.m. **Plenary Session: *Conclusions and General Discussion***

Leader: Martha Zaslow, PhD

5:00 p.m. **Closing Session & Book Signing with Selected Authors**

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