

Pathways to Resilience II: The Social Ecology of Resilience

June 7th–10th, 2010



The Resilience Research Centre (www.resilienceresearch.org), its Principal Investigator, **Michael Ungar**, and the Centre's partners in more than a dozen countries, invite you to an international gathering that will explore how individuals, families and communities from different cultures and contexts can overcome adversity and thrive. Over the past eight years, the Resilience Research Centre has worked with researchers, child advocates, policy makers and service providers from many different professional backgrounds to understand the social and cultural factors that shape children's and adolescents' pathways to resilience when they are seriously disadvantaged.

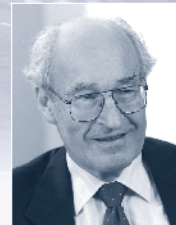
This conference, our second, brings together presenters from six continents to explore aspects of resilience such as how we:

- design clinical interventions and social programs to make resilience more likely
- offer informal community supports in ways young people want
- nurture healthy family, school and community relationships
- celebrate cultural traditions that support children's mental, emotional, physical and spiritual well-being
- design schools for vulnerable learners
- negotiate social policy that is child and youth friendly
- secure peace and contribute to social justice and citizenship for children

Together, as an interdisciplinary group, we will discuss not only how children beat the odds stacked against them, but how professionals and caregivers can change those odds so that young people around the world experience resilience in culturally meaningful ways.

To present a paper, poster, or contribute to a facilitated discussion at the conference, please submit your abstract at www.resilienceresearch.org. Abstracts are being accepted until November 9th 2009.

Featured Speakers



Sir Michael Rutter, United Kingdom

Sir Michael Rutter is Professor of Developmental Psychopathology at the Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College, London. His research has included studies of both school and family influences on children's behaviour; and he also has a special interest in the interplay between genetic and psychosocial risk

factors. He has led a major study into the effect of early severe deprivation on Romanian orphans adopted into Britain.

Jo Boyden, United Kingdom

Jo Boyden, Ph.D., is Director of the Young Lives Research Centre at Oxford University and a Reader in Development Studies. Since the mid-1980s, her research has focused on aspects of policy related to children, particularly child labour, education, and children in conflict.

The Polling for Justice Project, USA

The Polling for Justice Project is a research initiative based at the City University of New York's Graduate Center and run by faculty, graduate students and teens. The project aims to survey 2,000 New York teens anonymously to get information on their experiences with criminal justice, drug use, STDs, teen pregnancy and other youth issues. The Project uses theatre and music to return research results to youth.

Pre-Conference Workshops

Monday, June 7th • 1:00–5:00 pm

- *Quantitative Resilience Research across Cultures and Contexts.*
Presenter: Fons Van de Vijver, Netherlands
- *Qualitative Approaches to Resilience Research.*
Presenter: Michelle Fine, USA

Tuesday, June 8th • 8:30 am–12:30 pm

- *Clinical Interventions with Youth and Families across Cultures.*
Presenter: Kenneth Hardy, USA
- *Designing Social Policy to Support Resilience.*
Presenters: Petra Engelbrecht, South Africa; Nico Trocmé, Canada; Derrick Armstrong, Australia
- *Developing a Culturally Relevant Measure of Resilience.*
Workshop Facilitator: Michael Ungar, Canada.
Discussants: Odin Hjemdal, Norway; Pat Dolan, Ireland; Linda Liebenberg, Canada; Lyn Worsley, Australia; Wayne Hammond, Canada; Jackie Sanders, New Zealand

Conference Program

Tuesday, June 8th

2:00-4:00 pm

Opening Ceremonies

Convener: Michael Ungar

Plenary Presentation: Jo Boyden

4:15-5:15 pm

Facilitated Discussions by Topic I

6:00-7:00 pm

Delegate Meet and Greet

7:30-10:00 pm

Youth Performances

Plenary Presentation for Delegates and General

Public: The Polling for Justice Project, USA

Wednesday, June 9th

8:45-10:45 am

Plenary Presentation: Sir Michael Rutter

Reflections: Jeff Reading, Xiyang Wang

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Plenary Presentation: The Resilience Research

Centre's Projects: A Report on Findings

1:30-5:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions

6:30-10:00 pm

Poster Session and Wine and Cheese Reception

Thursday, June 10th

8:45-10:45 am

Concurrent Plenary Presentations:

Resilience in Schools: Neerja Sharma, Petra Engelbrecht and Derrick Armstrong

Family Resilience: Froma Walsh

Resilience in Culturally Diverse Settings:

Laurence Kirmayer

Community Resilience: Jack Saul

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Facilitated Discussions by Topic II

1:30-5:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions

6:00-9:30 pm

Gala Dinner

Canada's Famous Pier 21

Plenary Presentation: Jude Simpson

Keynote Speakers

Michael Ungar, Canada

Michael Ungar, Ph.D., is a University Research Professor and Professor of Social Work at Dalhousie University, Canada. Michael leads the Resilience Research Centre that supports studies of resilience that include researchers from more than a dozen countries on six continents.

Froma Walsh, USA

Froma Walsh, Ph.D., is Co-Director and Co-Founder of the Chicago Center for Family Health, and is the Mose and Sylvia Firestone Professor Emerita

in the School of Social Service Administration and Department of Psychiatry, Pritzker School of Medicine, at the University of Chicago. She is a leading authority on family resilience and has developed a resilience-oriented, community-based practice approach to strengthen families in crisis.

Laurence Kirmayer, Canada

Laurence J. Kirmayer, MD, FRCPC, is the James McGill Professor and Director of the Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University. He is Editor-in-Chief of Transcultural Psychiatry, and directs the Culture and Mental Health Research Unit at the Department of Psychiatry, Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital in Montreal where he conducts research on mental health services for immigrants and refugees, and the mental health of Canadian Aboriginal peoples, as well as a cross-national comparative study of mental health services for culturally diverse populations.

Jude Simpson, New Zealand

Jude Simpson is the Family Violence Advocate with Presbyterian Support North in New Zealand. Jude brings to her presentation her own powerful experience growing up in New Zealand amid family violence, domestic abuse and her own involvement with gangs. She has been committed to working with victims of abuse for the past 10 years.

Jeff Reading, Canada

Jeff Reading, Ph.D., is a Full Professor and a Co-Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Health Research at the University of Victoria, Fellow at the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and the former Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research—Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health. As an epidemiologist, he is distinguished as a leading national and international expert in indigenous health research.

Jack Saul, USA

Jack Saul, Ph.D., is Director of the International Trauma Studies Program at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. As a psychologist he has created a number of psychosocial programs in New York City for populations that have endured war, torture and political violence and is known for his innovative work with communities that integrates testimony, healing, media, and the performance arts.

Xiyang Wang, China

Xiyang Wang, Ph.D., is a researcher at the Institute of Social Development and Public Policy, Beijing Normal University. Her research and teaching interests include Chinese women's studies, gender politics and human sexuality.

Neerja Sharma, India

Neerja Sharma, Ph.D., is a Reader in the Department of Child Development, Lady Irwin College, New Delhi, India, and an internationally recognized researcher in the area of education, inclusion, and children with disabilities.

Derrick Armstrong, Australia

Derrick Armstrong, Ph.D., is Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) at the University of Sydney and co-director of a £1.5m research network funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council investigating young people: 'Pathways Into and

Out of Crime: Risk, Resilience and Diversity'. The network centres on a collaboration between five universities in the UK and partners in Australia and the USA. Earlier in his career, Derrick jointly directed the national evaluation of the "On Track" crime-reduction program in the UK which was concerned with the role of multiple interventions in crime reduction for 6-12 year olds.

Petra Engelbrecht, South Africa

Professor Petra Engelbrecht, Ph.D., is the Executive Dean at the Faculty of Education Sciences North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus) and an internationally recognized researcher in the field of inclusive education. She has led several international research projects on the implementation of inclusive education in various countries. Previously Senior Director: Research at Stellenbosch University, Professor Engelbrecht has been awarded a Senior Research Medal by the Education Association of South Africa (EASA), honouring her exceptional contribution towards research in education, her key role in the establishment of an equitable education system, and her contribution towards colleagues' personal and professional development in the fields of education and psychology. She has published widely and has led several international research projects on inclusive education including a UNESCO funded project on The INDEX for Inclusion.

Pre-Conference Workshops

Kenneth Hardy, USA: *Clinical Interventions with Youth and Families across Cultures*

Kenneth V. Hardy, Ph.D., is a Professor of Family Therapy at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His work has earned him considerable public acclaim including appearances on television programs such as the Oprah Winfrey Show, ABC's 20/20, Dateline NBC, PBS, and the Discovery Health channel. Dr. Hardy has published a variety of articles and book chapters and is the co-author of *Teens Who Hurt: Clinical Interventions for Breaking the Cycle of Youth Violence*. This workshop will provide a strengths-based approach for working effectively with at risk teens who hurt. Special attention will be devoted to working with youth from marginalized backgrounds.

Fons van de Vijver, Netherlands: *Quantitative Resilience Research across Cultures and Contexts*

Fons van de Vijver is a Professor of cross-cultural psychology at Tilburg University, The Netherlands, and Extraordinary professor at North-West University, South Africa.

Michelle Fine, USA: *Qualitative Approaches to Resilience Research*

Michelle Fine, Ph.D., is a Distinguished Professor in the Social/Personality Psychology Program, at City University of New York. Her research program surrounds questions of community development with a particular emphasis on urban youth and young adults.

For more information and to register, visit our website: www.resilienceresearch.org

Call for Abstracts

Pathways to Resilience II: The Social Ecology of Resilience

Invitation to Submit

The Resilience Research Centre invites participants from around the world to discuss their innovative work in understanding, promoting, and sustaining resilience. The international conference, Pathways to Resilience II: The Social Ecology of Resilience will explore how individuals, families, and communities from different cultures and contexts can overcome adversity and thrive. The conference will provide an opportunity for conference delegates to share their work concerning theories of resilience, research methods in the study of resilience, and interventions to foster resilience in children and youth globally.

Guidelines for Submissions

Presentations may be made in the form of papers, facilitated discussions, or posters.

- **Paper presentations** should be no longer than 20 minutes each. Time for questions will follow.
- **Facilitated discussions** are an opportunity for speakers to lead a group dialogue around a topic of interest. Three or four discussants will each have 5 to 7 minutes to present an important and innovative aspect of their work. Discussions will be grouped by theme. A general discussion with the audience is to follow.
- **Posters** are to be presented in a way that can be displayed on boards that are 8 feet wide and 4 feet high.

The proposals should include the following:

- A descriptive title
- A 25-50-word description of the submission
- An abstract (of no more than 200 words)
- A biography for each presenter (of no more than 100 words)
- Contact details of the presenters
- An indication of whether the presentation is to be made in the format of a paper, facilitated discussion, or poster.

In order to facilitate communication across the global community, we kindly request that all presentations be made in English.

Proposals must be submitted online at www.resilienceresearch.org on or before **November 9th, 2009**. Alternative submission provisions can be considered for presenters with limited internet access.

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Conference Registration and Payment Information

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Registration forms and credit card payments may be securely submitted online at www.resilienceresearch.org

Cheques or money orders will also be accepted and should be made payable to Dalhousie University and sent to the Resilience Research Centre address below. If paying by cheque or money order, please indicate clearly the person the registration fee is to cover.

Registration Fees

General Rates:

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| Early Bird Conference Registration Fee: (before April 12th, 2010) | CA \$345 |
| Conference Registration Fee: (after April 12th, 2010) | CA \$375 |
| Pre-Conference Workshop 1: (taking place Monday June 7th, 2010) | CA \$45 |
| Pre-Conference Workshop 2: (taking place Tuesday June 8th, 2010) | CA \$45 |
| Special Rate for Early Bird Conference Registration and Pre-Conference Workshops 1 and 2: | CA \$395 |

Included in your registration:

- Gala Gourmet Dinner with Pier 21 Museum Tour and Plenary with Jude Simpson (Thursday, June 10th)
- Daily Continental Breakfasts and Catered Breaks
- Delegates' Meet and Greet catered reception (Tuesday, June 8th)
- Public Presentation with The Polling for Justice Project (Tuesday, June 8th)
- Breakfast Plenary with Sir Michael Rutter (Wednesday, June 9th)
- Wine and Cheese poster presentation (Wednesday, June 9th)

Student Rates:

(copy of student ID must accompany registration)

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| Conference Registration Fee: (before and after April 12th, 2010) | CA \$195 |
| Pre-Conference Workshop 1: (taking place Monday June 7th, 2010) | CA \$35 |
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