

**2<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON YOUTH & EDUCATION  
FOR THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY**

**May 30 – June 2, 2006**

**Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

**Program**

**Keynote Speakers**

**The Honorable Donald E. Powell, Federal Coordinator of Gulf Coast Rebuilding, Washington, D.C. Former Chairman of the Board of Regents for the Texas A&M University System, 18<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)**

**Jan Edmonson, Chief Spokesperson for the Western Hemisphere, US State Department**

Committing Oneself to Public Service

**Dr. Vladimir Sokolov, Director of the Cyber Security Institute, Moscow State University, Russia**

Cyber Security & Counter-Terrorism: Protecting the Future for Youth

**Professor Liping Huang, Executive Assistant to the President, East China Normal University, Shanghai, the Peoples Republic of China. Former Director of International Exchange Division of the University. Vice Dean, Confucius Institute at the China Institute in New York**

Chinese Language & Culture:

Their Importance in the Emerging Global World

**Dr. Hyun-Wook Jung and Dr. Sun-Nam Kim, South Korea. Mrs. Jung is a television personality known for her shows on youth and women. Dr. Jung is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Korean Ministry of Education and Professor of Public Administration at Wonkwang University.**

Teaching Democracy: Youth Leadership Programs in South Korea

**Dr. David Embrey, Research Coordinator for Good Samaritan Hospital, Children's Therapy Unit, University of Washington, Seattle. His passion for improving the lives of children and his research skills have enabled him to expand his horizons to investigate the reduction of trauma for child soldiers and war affected children in Liberia, West Africa.**

Assuring Recovery for a Lost Generation of Child Soldiers in Africa

**Marko Orsolich, Franciscan Friar, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Founder & Director, Project for Inter-Faith Dialogue, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina**

Multi-Religious Dialogue for a Global World

**Peg Thatcher, Founder & Director of the Project for the End Rape International**

Project for the End of Rape: Concept to Delivery

**Guadalupe Rangel, Regent Emerita for the Texas A&M University System, Introduction for the Honorable Donald E. Powell**

**Marco Carceres, senior aerospace analyst for future satellite programs, launch vehicles, and space ports, author of the *World Space Systems Briefing*, contributor to *Aviation Week & Space Technology's* annual Source Book and *Aerospace America*. Founder of Project Honduras, a network of 5,500 people and organizations worldwide working to create an alternative model of development for poor countries by mobilizing and channeling 'human capital.' Marco has been interviewed for television and radio programs by ABC News, the BBC, CNBC, CNN, Cox Broadcasting, and NPR.**

**Introduction by Kevin S. Hopkins, MD, F.A.C.S., Driscoll Children's Hospital**  
Creating an Alternative Model of Development to Empower the Next Generation:  
Using the Internet to Mobilize Human Capital

**Mira Mdivani, 2004 & 2005 Best of the Bar Award in Business Immigration Law - *The Kansas City Business Journal*. Her *pro bono* work on behalf of immigrant survivors of domestic violence was recognized by The Kansas Bar Association's *Pro Bono Certificate of Appreciation Award*. The Mdivani Law Firm received the Firm of the Year Award from the Association of Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City.**

US Immigration Laws: Their Effect on the Lives & Education of Youth

**Joseph Rodriguez, award winning photographer and author of *Juvenile, Gang Stories in East LA, Flesh Life Sex in Mexico City***

Children of Katrina Rebuilding Their Lives: A Photographic Essay

**Jenifer Gregory, MSW, Vice President, World Change for Children Psychiatric Social Worker, Western State Hospital, State of Washington, International Pediatric Traumatologist. She has also been Humanitarian of the Year in California. Jenifer has provided disaster relief including 911 – Ground Zero, Liberia West Africa, Afghanistan, Romania, Russia, Moldova, Mexico, Kosovo and Albania.**

Recovering from Profound Catastrophic Trauma: Child Soldiers in Liberia, West Africa

**Kevin S. Hopkins, MD, F.A.C.S., Medical Director for International Services, Driscoll Children's Hospital**

**Dr. Hopkins is founder and former director of Small World Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides free plastic and reconstructive surgery for children and adults throughout the world without access or resources. With various organizations, he has participated in more than 35 volunteer medical missions throughout Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba, Eastern Europe, Middle East, and Far East.**  
Surgical Missions, Training, and Education: Providing Health Care to the Developing World

**Barbara Gilles, Teacher of the Year 1999, Teacher of the World 2004.**  
Educating Humanity with Hope & Imagination for 20/20

**Bishop Edmund Carmody, Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi**  
Parenting in a Complex World

**Mayor Henry Garrett, City of Corpus Christi**  
State of the City's Children – Introduction of Bishop Carmody

**Dr. Veronica Guerra, Executive Director, Title V & Trio Programs for economically and academically disadvantaged youth at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Professor of English, Spanish, and Education.**  
The Rights of Youth to Post-Secondary Education:  
A Status Report on Equality in our American Education System

**Charles Doraine, First Vice President, Merrill Lynch, Corpus Christi,**  
To the Top

**Ruben Bonilla, Chairman, Port Commission of Corpus Christi**  
International Trade & Global Business Prospects in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Sam L. Susser, President & CEO, SSP Partners**  
Energy Needs for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: What Youth Need to Know

**Dr. Richard Tapia, Rice University, Director of the Center for Excellence & Equity in Education**  
Challenges & Successes in Providing Quality Science & Math Education for All Our Children

**Michael Tolle, MD, Board Certified in Family Practice, Driscoll Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas. Has practiced and volunteered in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Haiti, Jamaica, Bulgaria, Malawi, Zambia. Physician with the Baylor School of Medicine International Pediatric AIDS Initiative in Lesotho August 2006**  
Toward a Hopeful Future - Current and Future Responses to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Southern Africa - A Focus on Children's Issues

**Stephanie Elizondo Griest, a native of Corpus Christi, Texas, is currently a Hodder Fellow/writer-in-residence at Princeton University. This young author of *Around the Bloc: My Life in Moscow, Beijing & Havana*, is writing a second book on her travels in Mexico.**

Living & Working in a Global World: A Young Person's Perspective

**The 2nd International Conference on Youth & Education  
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**Tuesday, May 30, 2006 Reception 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Poolside with music and hors d'oeuvres – Camden-Miramar Club House,  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Campus**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2006**

**Breakfast 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Music by George Stevens, harp**

**8:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens – Legacy Hall, University Center -  
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. – Concurrent Sessions**

Dr. Janet Lynne Tassell, Director of Learning and Assessment, North Spencer  
County School District, Lincoln City, Indiana & Julie Kemp & Michael Schriefer,  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools & Dianne Litkenhus

**The Educational Accountability of Parents and Students: Standards-Based  
Reporting**

**Tejas A**

Dr. John W. Collins, Jr., Acting Chair, Department of Education Leadership,  
Management & Policy, Assistant Professor of Education, Seton Hall University,  
College of Education and Human Services & Rosemary W. Skeelee, Professor,  
Educational Studies and Instructional Technology Director, Graduate Studies and  
Special Programs, College of Education and Human Services, Seton Hall  
University, South Orange, New Jersey

**Preserving Global International Rights for Youth in the 21st Century:  
Research-Based Training to Deter Online Predators**

Dr. Donna Cunningham, Associate Professor, College of Professional Education,  
Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas & Stacy Pacholick, M.Ed., Child  
Abuse Prevention Educator, The Parenting Center, Fort Worth, Texas

**Unalienable Rights: The Well-Being of Children and Youth**

**Bayside 320**

Dr. Diana Cardenas, Assistant Professor, College of Arts & Humanities, Texas  
A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Do the Write Thing: Middle School Students Addressing Youth Violence  
through Personal Essays**

Dr. Kaye W. Nelson, Professor of Counseling and Educational Psychology,  
Doctoral Faculty, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi & Dr. Marvarene Oliver,

LPC, LMFT, Assistant Professor, Counseling and Educational Psychology  
Department, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi  
**Therapeutic Letter Writing with Children and Adolescents**

**Tejas B**

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Gloria T. Bilaye-Benibo, Doctoral Student, Educational Leadership, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Rites of Passage: Affirming Our Youth**

Dr. Mary Arth, Assistant Professor Curriculum & Instruction, College of Education and Technology, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico

**Teacher and Student: Questioning in the Post No Child Left (NCLB) Behind Era**

**Tejas A**

Dr. Jaime Chahin, Professor and Dean of the College of Applied Arts, Texas State University, San Marcos & Dr. JoAnn Canales, Professor, Teacher Education, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Successful College Students Need Successful Pre-College Experiences**

**Tejas B**

Alma Noyola, LMSW, Rural Adoption Partnership, Project Coordinator, Spaulding for Children & Dr. Cache Steinberg, University of Houston, Graduate School of

Social Work, Office of Community Projects & Agnes Zarcaro, LCSW, Manager  
South Texas Program, Spaulding for Children  
**Putting a Face on the Children Who Wait**

**Oso 221**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Keynote Addresses by Ruben Bonilla, Chairman of the Port Commission of Corpus Christi & Sam L. Susser, President & CEO, SSP Partners. Introduction by Dr. Moustafa Abdelsamad, Dean, College of Business, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

**Ballroom C**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - Concurrent Sessions**

Dr. Chuck Etheridge, Department of English, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi & Dr. Catherine Quick, Department of English, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Writing from the Heart/Writing for the Heart Gallery: Foster Children and Higher Education**

Grace Rank, Child Protection, Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi & Delma Trejo, Director of the Ark – A Shelter for Children

**Protection of Children in Texas: How the Catholic Church Responds**

**Tejas B**

Dr. Darwin Nelson, Professor of Educational Leadership and Counseling and Consulting Psychologist, Texas A&M University, Kingsville

**Personal Excellence: A Research Derived Theory and Assessment Model**

Dr. Fernando Vasquez, University of Texas, Austin

**The South Texas Discourse: A Cultural Understanding**

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Dr. JoAnn Canales, Professor, Teacher Education, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi & Noe Ortega, P-16 Field Specialist for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi & Dr. Diana Marinez, Professor of Biochemistry, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi  
**Creating Opportunities to Achieve Success Tomorrow (COAST): A University/High School Partnership to Facilitate High School to College Transition**

**Tejas A**

Arthur M. Harkins, Faculty Director, Graduate Program in Innovation Studies, Associate Professor, Global Youth Policy and Leadership Ph. D. Concentration, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis & John Moravec, Ph.D. Candidate, Comparative and International Development Education, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

**Meaningful Knowledge Production by 21st Century Youth**

**Tejas B**

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Keynote Address by Dr. Richard Tapia, Director of the Center for Excellence & Equity in Education, Rice University. Internationally renowned for his research in the computational and mathematical sciences and as a national leader in education and outreach programs.**

Challenges & Successes in Providing Quality Science & Math Education for All Our Children

**Ballroom C**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions**

Dr. Balazs Somfai, Senior Lecturer, Chair of the Department of Family Law, Children's Rights & Social Law, University of Pecs, Hungary

**The Right of Children to Parentage**

Kaixian Wang, International Student from China, Master's Student in Early Childhood Education, University of Illinois at Chicago

**No More Babies Sent Back to China: Developmentally Inappropriate Practice in Child Care in the U.S.**

**Oso 221**

Dr. Stefan Sencerz, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

**Tolerance in Future Pluralistic Culture**

**Tejas A**

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Dr. Victor Córdova, Southampton High School/Dowling Institute, New York & Dr. Stephanie Tatum, Dowling College, New York & Dr. Elsa-Sofia Morote, Dowling College, New York & Dr. Robert Manley, Dowling College, New York

**Assessing the Urban League of Long Island, Inc. Liberty Partnership Program at Central Islip Middle and High Schools, Central Islip, New York, USA**

Dr. OliveAnn Davis Slotta, Teacher and Curriculum Committee Chairperson, Millennium Quest High School at the Manual Complex, Denver Public Schools, Denver, Colorado

**Learning from the Implementation of a Secondary Small Reform Program in a Denver Public High School (2001-present)**

**Tejas A**

Erin Brockette Reilly, Co-founder and Executive Director of the nonprofit, Platform Shoes Program, Rockland, Maine

**Cyphibian Theory and Engaging Girls into Technology**

**Tejas B**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2006**

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**

Judge Mike Westergren, Del Mar College Legal Counsel; Les Cassidy, Attorney at Law; Chris Gale, Attorney at Law

**Is the Patriot Act Unpatriotic? What Does the Future Hold for Democratic Freedoms?**

## **Ballroom C**

Dr. Norma Guerra, NCSP, LSSP, LPC, Assistant Professor, University of Texas at San Antonio, College of Education and Human Development, Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Adult & Higher Education

### **Assessing Engagement Styles to Maximize Learning**

Dr. Anita Kochanoff, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood, College of Teacher Education and Leadership, Arizona State University at the West Campus, Phoenix, Arizona

### **Success Stories of Immigrant Mexican Families Adjusting to their New Home: The Role of an Even Start Family Literacy Program in Pennsylvania**

## **Tejas C**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Friends of the Children Reception**

**The Art Museum of South Texas**

**Music by Mariachi Classico**

**Dance by Ballet Folklórico Nacional**

**French hors d'oeuvres by Maestro Dominique of the Dragonfly**

**Thursday, June 1, 2006**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

Dr. Susan Garza, Associate Professor of English, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi & Victor Davila, Educational Specialist, Title V Project, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Opening the Pipelines/Closing the Gaps: Using Faculty Development and GO Center Activities to Assist Underrepresented Students in Achieving College Graduation**

Dr. Philip W. Rhoades, Professor of Criminal Justice and Regents Professor, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**The Family Life Center: A Model Program for Facilitating Youth At-Risk to Become Youth of Promise**

### **Tejas A**

Alisa Avila Fernandez, Doctoral Student, Texas A&M University, Kingsville  
**The Effects of EI Intervention with Student Parents at a South Texas College**

Fei Fei Hwang, Doctoral Student, Texas A&M University, Kingsville  
**The Relationship Between Emotional Intelligence and Teaching Effectiveness**

Hui-Wen Tang, Doctoral Student, Texas A&M University, Kingsville  
**A Cross Cultural Investigation of Academic Leaders' Emotional Intelligence and Leadership Effectiveness in Taiwan and the United States**

Richard Hammett, Doctoral Student, Texas A&M University, Kingsville  
**Teaching Emotional Intelligence to Adult Learners**

### **Oso 221**

Dr. Sheila Wright, Associate Professor, Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois & Dr. Shuyi Leu, Assistant Professor, Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois

**The Crises of Wisdom in Children's Rights: Teacher Selection and Interpretation of Text**

Dr. Jacqueline Mosselson, Assistant Professor, Center for International Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Masks of Assimilation: Critical Pedagogy and the Refugee Experience**

### **Tejas B**

Dr. Carol H. Saylor, Superintendent, Manheim Central School District, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

**Preschool in a Public School Setting: The Importance of Community Engagement**

Dr. Patricia A. Gomez, ISLA, Regional Educational Specialist, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi & Dr. Candelario F. Huerta, ISLA, Regional Educational Specialist, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi & Cecilia G. Huerta, Curriculum Coordinator at Dr. M.L.Garza Charter School, Corpus Christi, Texas

**The 7 Steps for Developing an Effective Dual Language Program**

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Teaching Democracy: Youth Leadership Programs in South Korea

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Dr. Candace Kaye, Professor, Early Childhood Education, College of Education, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

**Children in the Land of Khan: A Longitudinal Study of Children Rights in the Emerging Independent Nation of Mongolia**

Dr. Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak, Professor & Associate Dean, College of Arts & Humanities, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Disappearing and Forgotten Children: First and Third World Encounters in Transnational Literature and Film**

**Oso 221**

Dr. Dixie L. Winters, Penn State University

**Children's Right to Literacy: Practical Applications of the Connections Between Oral Language Competence and Early Reading Success**

Dr. Romelia Hurtado de Vivas, Assistant Professor in ESL & Bilingual Education Curriculum & Instruction, College of Education and Technology, Eastern New Mexico University

**Empowering Parents in their Children's Literacy Skills: An Understanding of the Situation**

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**Emotional Intelligence: A Transformative Model for Leadership in the 21st Century**

**Oso 221**

Sue Zapf, MA, OTR, ATP, CTRS. Occupational Therapist & Assistive Technology Practitioner with Friendswood ISD in Special Education and the Children's Therapy Center, a private practice Sensory Integration clinic.

**The MATCH Process: Matching Assistive Technology to the Child**

Dr. Jon P. Gray, Associate Professor, College of Education, Health & Kinesiology Department, Sam Houston State University & Shandarae Baldwin, North East Independent School District, San Antonio, Texas & Dr. Gregory J. Soukup Sr., Assistant Professor, Texas State University - San Marcos, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department, Texas State University

**Understanding Physical Activity in Young Children: Implications for the Future**

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The Efficiency of Higher Education

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Dr. Bilaye R. Benibo, Professor, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi & Gloria T. Bilaye-Benibo, Doctoral Student, Educational Leadership, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Youths, Cell phones, and Survey Research**

Dr. Pamela D. Doughty, CHES, Department of Health & Kinesiology, Texas A&M University, Kingsville

**A Capstone Course for Community Health Degree: Applying Knowledge for Community Service**

**Tejas A**

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**Young People and Rape– What One Person Can Do**

Beata Korinek, Master's Student, Max Planck Institute, Freiberg, Germany and Ph.D. Student, Department of Family Law, Children's Rights & Social Law, University of Pecs, Hungary

**Child Protection in Germany & Hungary**

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**Visions into the 2010 Ubiquitous WiFi C.I. –T.E.A.M. Clouds: Cyber infrastructure Training, Education, Advancement & Mentoring**

Dr. Stephen R. Rodriguez, Associate Professor, College of Education, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Strategies for Empowering Children as Technology Users**

**Tejas B**

**3:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions**

Dr. James Walter, Professor & Dr. Raul R. Prezas, College of Education, Education Administration and Research, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**“Toto, We’re Not in Kansas Anymore!!!”: Exploding the Myths of Urban School Violence with Practical Approaches for All Campuses**

Dr. Dan Jorgensen, Associate Professor of Public Administration, Coordinator Certified Public Manager Program, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, College of Arts and Humanities

**Drug Abuse Patterns of Today’s Youth: Findings from Community Focus Groups in Texas**

**Oso 221**

Dr. Alexey Sadovski, Professor of Mathematics, Director of the Center for Information Assurance, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Mathematics & Sports: Promoting Mathematics in Secondary & Higher Education**

Dr. Elaine Young, Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Mathing Aloud Daily: A Critical Parallel to Reading Aloud Daily with Children**

**Tejas A**

Dr. Mark Szymanski, Assistant Professor of Education, College of Education,  
Pacific University, Eugene, Oregon

**Zooming in and Zooming Out: Using Digital Fieldwork to Increase  
Students' Understanding of an Ecosystem**

Dr. Joseph Jozwiak, Associate Professor, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Comparing the Environmental Beliefs Between American and German  
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Dr. David Leo, Professor, College of Education, Texas A&M University, Corpus  
Christi & Dr. Frank Lucido, Associate Professor, College of Education, Texas  
A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Dispelling the Myths of Bilingualism: Effective Bilingual Education Models**

Dr. Nancy Nelson, Professor, College of Education, Texas A&M University,  
Corpus Christi

**Language Diversity and Children's Linguistic Rights**

**Tejas B**

Judge Carl Lewis, Juvenile Court Judge, Nueces County, Texas

**Behind the Black Robes: Tales of a Juvenile Court Judge**

**Ballroom C**

**Friday, June 2, 2006  
Driscoll Children's Day**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions**

Staci Waldrep, Lamar Institute of Technology & Dr. Jon P. Gray, Associate Professor, College of Education, Health & Kinesiology Department, Sam Houston State University & Dr. Gregory J. Soukup Sr., Assistant Professor, Texas State University - San Marcos, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department, Texas State University

**Preventing Childhood Obesity: Getting Back to the Basics**

Dr. Jeanita W. Richardson, Associate Professor, Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia & Valerie Hill-Jackson, Clinical Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, College Station

**What Educators Don't Know Can Hurt Children: National and International Dimensions of Childhood Lead Poisoning**

**Tejas A**

Dr. Victoria Jacobs-Gray, Texas A&M Kingsville System Center, San Antonio & Dr. Patricia Holmes, Texas A&M Kingsville System Center, San Antonio & Dr. Sheryl Brim Futrell, Cobb County Georgia School District

**Rx for ADD and ADHD: The Mind & Body Connection**

Nick Swindle, Pre-Medical Student at Louisiana State University

**Better Body, Better Mind, Better Grades**

**Tejas B**

Barbra Riley & Dr. Carey Rote & Dr. Pamela Meyer, College of Arts & Humanities, Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi, Texas

**With a Cold Wind: Dia de los Muertos in Oaxaca**

**Ballroom C**

**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Sharon Yon, International Marketing Director, Driscoll Children's Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas

**International Outreach in Mexico: Border Issues in Pediatric Healthcare**

Dr. Ian B. Berger, Director, InFocus Center for Primary Eye Care Development, Houston, Texas

**Learning Impediments in Children Due to Visual Perceptual Dysfunction: Comparisons among Youthful Populations Around the World and Prospects for Remediation**

**Tejas A**

Dr. Jean Rodman, Assistant Professor of Education and Co-Coordinator of Education Programs at Texas A&M University, Kingsville System Center, San Antonio & Dr. Janet Black, Executive Director Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs, Texas A&M System, San Antonio City South P-16 Partnership

**Building Family/Parent/Community/School Network**

Dr. Roberto Torres, Professor, Texas A&M University, Kingsville

**Promoting the Social, Political, and Economic Participation of Bilingual Youth through an Additive Educational Philosophy**

**Tejas B**

Dr. Lourdes Arguelles, Professor of Education and Cultural Studies, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California & Dr. Martha Bárcenas-Mooradin, Pitzer College and Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California

**Exploited and Abused Mayan Children in a Global Tourist Context: Implications for Educational Practice**

Dr. Martha Barcenas-Mooradin, Pitzer College & Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California

**Incorporating Environmental/Ecological Issues into Religious Education Programs: A Pioneer Pilot Course in OLA Church, Claremont, California**

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Parenting in a Complex Society

**Introduction by Mayor Henry Garrett**

**Ballroom C**

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Dr. Jonelle Pool, Associate Professor of Education, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania & Dr. Janice Evans Knight, Westminster West Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Developmental Reading & Writing Specialist & Lecturer McDaniel College

**Literacy in the Age of Video Games**

Lavinia Draper, Reading Resource Teacher, U.B. Kinsey/Palmview Elementary School of the Arts, Ph.D. Student at Lynn University in Global Leadership, West Palm Beach, Florida

**Literacy Strategies for Empowering Critical Thinking that Increase Understanding in a Global Society**

**Tejas A**

Dr. Sheryl Brim Futrell, NCSP, School Psychologist, Cobb County Georgia Schools & Rebecca Emens, School Psychologist Intern, Cobb County Georgia Schools

**High Stakes Testing Increasing the Factors for Drop-out: One Test Does Not 'Fit' All Children**

Dr. Marsha Grace, Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi, Texas

**Democracy and Education: How the Testing Industry is Putting our Nation at Risk**

**Tejas B**

Brad Tassell, Comedian and Author, Santa Claus, Indiana – performance with music

**Don't Feed the Bully**

Dr. Ruth Ball, Texas A&M University, Kingsville

**Culture and Fairy Tales**

**Tejas C**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Dr. Robert J. Zarsky Memorial Humanitarian Keynote Address. Marco Carceres, senior aerospace analyst for future satellite programs, launch vehicles, and space ports, author of the *World Space Systems Briefing*, contributor to *Aviation Week & Space Technology's* annual Source Book and *Aerospace America*. Founder of Project Honduras, a network of 5,500 people and organizations worldwide working to create an alternative model of development for poor countries by mobilizing and channeling 'human capital.' Marco has been interviewed for television and radio programs by ABC News, the BBC, CNBC, CNN, Cox Broadcasting, and NPR.**

**Introduction by Kevin S. Hopkins, MD, F.A.C.S., Driscoll Children's Hospital.**

Creating an Alternative Model of Development to Empower the Next Generation: Using the Internet to Mobilize Human Capital

**Ballroom AB**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Keynote addresses by Kevin S. Hopkins, MD, F.A.C.S., Medical Director for International Services, Driscoll Children's Hospital Founder and former director of Small World Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides free plastic and reconstructive surgery for children and adults throughout the world. He has participated in more than 35 volunteer medical missions throughout Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba, Eastern Europe, Middle East, and Far East.**

Surgical Missions, Training, and Education: Providing Health Care to the Developing World

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**Michael Tolle, MD, Board Certified in Family Practice, Driscoll Children's Hospital, Dallas, Texas. Has practiced and volunteered in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Haiti, Jamaica, Bulgaria, Malawi, Zambia. Physician with the Baylor School of Medicine International Pediatric AIDS Initiative in Lesotho as of August 2006.**

Toward a Hopeful Future - Current and Future Responses to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Southern Africa - A Focus on Children's Issues

**Ballroom C**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions**

Mary Hodge, Title III/Newcomer Academy Director, McAllen Independent School District, Texas

**Creating a Newcomer Academy for Elementary Students: Meeting the Needs of English Language Learners**

Jeanette LaFevers, IB Coordinator, President, Texas IB Schools, Lamar Academy, McAllen Independent School District

**International Baccalaureate: A Continuum of International Education**

Cindy Peña, Principal, Lamar Academy & Roxanne Herring, Teacher, Lamar Academy, McAllen, Texas

**Eighth Grade Transitional Program**

**Tejas A**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Keynote Addresses by Dr. Veronica Guerra, Director, Title V & Trio Federal Programs for economically and academically disadvantaged youth, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi & Mira Mdivani, award winning immigration attorney, Kansas City, Missouri**

**Ballroom C**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Concurrent Sessions**

Eric Hubli, MD, F.A.C.S., Driscoll Children's Hospital

**Strategies for Healthcare Delivery in Developing Countries**

**The Smile Train Model for Cleft Lips**

Iley Browning, MD, Driscoll Children's Hospital, Corpus Christi Texas

**The Asthma Epidemic: An Equal Opportunity Phenomena**

**Oso 221**

Leanne Johnny, MA Education, PhD student, McGill University, Department of Integrated Studies in Education, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

**Protecting Youth from Cyber-Bullying: What Administrators and Teachers Need to Know**

Dr. Betty Bennett, Assistant Professor, University of North Florida

**Bullying 101 for Youth, Teachers & Parents: Working Together for a Less Violent Society**

**Tejas B**

Dr. Pamela Brouillard, Associate Professor, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Fostering Resiliency in Children: Lessons from Positive Psychology**

Dr. Paul Merritt, Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

**Informing Educational Practices from Research in Learning, Memory, and Cognition: A Brief Review**

**Tejas C**

**3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Keynote presentations by Christopher Plutte & David Macquart of Global Nomads, winner of the Goldman Sachs Foundation Award for Excellence in International Education**

**Live Video via the Internet:**

**Fostering Dialogue & Understanding among the World's Youth**

**Ballroom C**

Raphael Silva, Principal, Prescott Elementary School & Susan Luis, Principal, Zavala Special Emphasis School & Sylvia Prezas, Principal, Travis Elementary School & Roland Quezada, Principal, Driscoll Middle School

**Creating a High Performance Culture in Schools of Poverty**

**Oso 221**

**4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

Ridge Hammons, Ph.D., Vice Principal, Casa Linda Elementary School

**Summer Connections: A Pre-Employment Experience for At-risk Youth**

