

# Activism for Human Rights



## The Fourth Biennial Kansas City Conference

The United Nations

Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

and

Convention on Elimination of All Forms  
of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

***Thursday, November 16, 2006, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.***

***Friday, November 17, 2006, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.***

***Kauffman Foundation Conference Center***

***4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Missouri, 64110-2046***

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The Global and Multicultural Education Center  
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## Thursday, November 16, 2006

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5:00 Registration

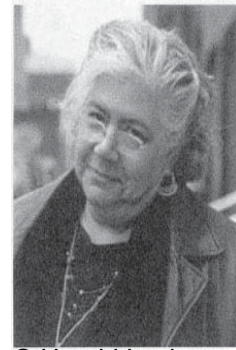
5:30 Appetizer buffet

### Non-Profit Networking

6:30-8:00 p.m

**Vivian Stromberg, Keynote speaker**  
**Executive Director, MADRE**

"Women and Girls' Empowerment in their  
Quest for Human Rights"



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## Friday, November 17, 2006

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8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

**Missouri State Senator, Charles B. Wheeler, M.D, Presiding**  
Opening General Session and Welcome

**Susan H. Bitensky, J. D., Keynote Speaker,**  
"Children's Rights -- Is America Out of Step with the  
Rest of the World?"

9:45 **Concurrent Sessions** (repeated at 11:00)

Children and Women of Meth  
Trafficking of Women and Children



12:15 **Luncheon and General Session**

**Mayor Kay Barnes, Proclamation**  
Student Poster Award recognition

**Margot Kidder, Keynote speaker**  
**Actress and Activist**

"Resources in Support of Human Rights"



1:30 **Concurrent Sessions** (repeated at 2:45)

Poverty and Hunger  
Juvenile Justice and Incarceration of Women

4:00 **General Session...**Summaries and proposed plan of action

5:00 Resolution signing

5:30 Session adjourns

## **Concurrent Sessions** (each session offered twice)

### **Session 1: Children and Women of Meth:**

Moderator: JoAnn Stovall, Coordinator, Children's Mercy Hospital Family & Friends Program.

Panel: Estelle Williams, Children's Mercy-Family & Friends Program  
"Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren" (Adult child is using meth).  
Tracey Blaylock, Ph.D. private practice. "Meth Epidemic: Negative Impact on Children involved in Child Welfare."  
Cheryl Keimig, Program Coordinator for family programs of National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. "Women and Children whose lives are affected by a loved one using Methamphetamines."

### **Session 2 : Trafficking of Women and Children**

Moderator: Barbara Bonnekesen, Ph.D., Conference Co-Chair, Professor of Sociology/

Panel: Anthropology, and Director of Women's & Gender Studies. University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Cynthia Phillips, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Missouri.  
Video: "Sisters & Daughters Betrayed."

### **Session 3: Poverty and Hunger**

Moderator: Jay Sjerven, President, United Nations Association, GKC

Panel: Judy Ancel, Director, The Institute for Labor Studies, UMKC and Longview College  
Karen Herman, A Hunger Project volunteer since 1978. Karen continues to work as an educator, investor and advocate for the end of world hunger. She also served on Mayor Berkley's Task Force on Hunger for several years and currently serves on the Harvesters' Advisory Committee.  
Alice Kitchen, Director of Social Work and community Services, Children Mercy Hospital and Clinics.

### **Session 4: Juvenile Justice and Incarceration of Women**

Moderator: Sarah McCoy-Harms, Violence Prevention Coordinator, UMKC Women's Center

Panel: Kristy Holsinger, Professor of Sociology/Criminal Justice & Criminology. University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Shannon Wells, Membership Development: Girl Scouts of Mid-Continent Council

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## **CONFERENCE EXHIBITS**

"Children's Right's Exhibit"

**Soka Gakkai International (S.G.I.)**

www.sgi-usa.org (816) 474-7973  
www.umkc.edu

" The ReVisioning Women Project "

**The UMKC Women's Center**

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### **Academic Education Credit**

One hour of graduate credit and CEU are available through UMKC School of Education, Continuing Education

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" ... had a fabulous conversation in my morning discussion group on protecting children from abuse, exploitation, and violence. We had a stimulating conversation based on the idea that hatred is the one human emotion that can only be taught, one you're not born with."

Abbey Bavley, 2004 Conference.

## Keynote Speaker Biographies

**Vivian Stromberg, Executive Director, MADRE** Since co-founding MADRE, Vivian has worked extensively with women in conflict zones on issues of armed conflict and forced displacement women's health and reproductive rights; economic justice and community development; Indigenous Peoples' rights and resources, food security and sustainable development; human rights advocacy; youth; and US foreign policy. She is an internationally recognized popular educator and human rights trainer, with particular expertise on sexual violence, armed conflict and trauma, human rights, and child development. Vivian has worked extensively in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, and led dozens of educational and fact-finding delegations in the countries . As a MADRE representative to the United Nations, Ms. Stromberg has extensive experience in international conferences, including the 1993 United Nations Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women and NGO Women's Forum in Beijing, China.

**Susan Bitensky** Upon graduation from law school, Professor Bitensky served as assistant general counsel to the United Steelworkers of America for three years in Pittsburgh, followed by four years of private practice with a Manhattan labor law firm. Before joining the Law College faculty in 1988, she was associate counsel to the New York City Board of Education for six years during which time she dealt mainly with commercial law and education law matters. Professor Bitensky has published a book *Corporal Punishment of Children: A Human Rights Violation* (Transnational Publishers 2006), a chapter of an American Bar Association volume, a piece in an encyclopedia on childhood, issued by The University of Chicago Press, as well as a host of law review articles. Her scholarship focuses on children's rights under the federal Constitution and international human rights law. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

**Margot Kidder** is an actress and writer, born in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories of Canada. She is known for her various movie roles, particularly as Lois Lane in the 1978 movie *Superman*. She is, however, politically active and is recognized for advocating participatory democracy, supporting human rights, peace and justice issues. As an American citizen since 2005 and before as a Canadian citizen, she advocated peace over war, human rights vs violation of individual rights and tirelessly campaigned for the California Nuclear Freeze initiative in that state. She actively supports Amnesty International, Madre, the Fellowship of Reconciliation and is a member of board of directors of Montana Women for Peace, Justice and Equality. In addition, she also advocates for a sane national mental health policy and for the mentally ill and for orthomolecular medicine.

### **2006 Steering Committee:**

Charles B. Wheeler, M.D., **Honorary Chair, Missouri State Senator**

Barbara Bonneken, Ph.D., **Conference Co-Chair, Professor of Sociology/Anthropology, and Director of Women's & Gender Studies. University of Missouri-Kansas City**

Rev. Dr. Bob Meneilly, **Co Chair, Senior Pastor Emeritus, Village Presbyterian Church**

Haumana Johannsen, **Global and Multicultural Education Center, Vice-President, Conference Coordinator**

Manny Pedram, Ph.D. **Conference organizer, Co-Director, Global and Multicultural Education Center.**

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Greg Brown, **President, Global and Multicultural Education Center**

Norman Burkart, **President, Language Link**

Teri Chu, **Soka Gakkai International (S.G.I.)**

Joyce Cox, **Global and Multicultural Education Center**

Sarah McCoy-Harms, **Coordinator, Violence Prevention, UMKC Women's Center**

Jay Sjerven, **President, United Nations Association-GKC**

Dan Stoll, Ph.D, Director, **UMKC International Studies**

Yolanda Huet-Vaughn, M.D., **Physicians for Social Responsibility**

## Registration

All Registrations include listed meals

**Total conference** prior to October 6, 2006      **\$90**  
Oct. 6 to November 5, 2006      **\$100**      **\$125** after Nov. 5

### Event: Thursday, November 16

Prior to October 6, 2006      **\$30**  
Oct. 6 to November 5, 2006      **\$35**      **\$40** after Nov. 5

### Event: Friday, November 17

Prior to October 6, 2006      **\$65**  
Oct. 6 to November 5, 2006      **\$75**      **\$85** after Nov. 5

Reservations made after Friday, November 10 depend upon availability of meals and space.

### Registration Form

#### Activism for Human Rights

Thursday November 16, 2006, and Friday, November 17, 2006  
Kauffman Foundation Conference Center

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Position (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark all items applicable and number of participants and add total fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Checks must accompany the registration form and be made payable to **G.A.M.E.**  
(Global and Multicultural Education Center)

Mail to: **3009 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64109**

**Student/Teacher pre-registration prior to November 6th for Friday event will be \$25.00**

Any cancellation after November 10 will be reduced by the price of meals reserved.

**Limited scholarships** will be available on **full conference registration**, and based on explanation of need, if received prior to November 6th, 2006

**All contributions to conference budget and/or Scholarship fund are tax deductible.** G.A.M.E. is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization.

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### **Conference Purpose**

- \* To promote awareness and understanding of the provisions of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- \* To discuss the issues related to the ratification of the Convention by the U.S. Senate
- \* To network with local, regional, national, and international organizations for Activism for Human Rights

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The designated Conference Hotel is SHERATON SUITES, Country Club Plaza.  
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(816) 360-4754 and Fax (816) 931-3352

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