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## MANNY'S CORNER

### *Challenges and Opportunities*

Thanks to Ewing M Kauffman Fund, the Global and Multicultural Education Center has a grant writer/office manager. We welcome Sue Crumpton, selected from a list of more than ten highly qualified candidates. Sue has extensive experience in non-profit organizations as executive director, and various agency directors.

She has accepted the challenge of knowing our mission and the responsibilities of the organization needs, its Rights of the Child conferences, fund solicitation and moving the organization forward.

In the past year, the task of completing the office space and resource area has been completed. Manny and Sara presented information about the Center and its activities at the UMKC-William Jewell Career Fair and signed up many students with high interest in organization. A number of students from UMKC utilized G.A.M.E for their volunteer activities and even some have served on the CRC steering committee. Global and Multicultural Education is facing the challenges of growth and is looking forward to the opportunities as a result of the efforts of our office manager and grant writer, Sue Crumpton. The third Biennial Conference on "Building a World Fit for Children," is scheduled for September 17-18, 2004 at Kauffman Foundation Conference Center. The agenda is nearly complete and is in the next column for our readers prior to the printing and distribution of completed agenda. The information is also available at our web site, [www.kcglobalconcepts.org](http://www.kcglobalconcepts.org). The Steering

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

*Gregory Brown, Ph.D.*

**Greetings** to all our members and supporters. As the incoming Board President, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your previous support and also to ask for your continued support for G.A.M.E. activities. As you can read about elsewhere in this newsletter some important G.A.M.E. initiatives are in place: in September we will sponsor the third conference on the CRC; we have hired a new staff person who is busy writing grant proposals; and we have a speaker's bureau available to meet with community groups and classes interested in the CRC. I have talked with some of you about your goals and expectations for G.A.M.E. If you have ideas or suggestions please feel free to contact me at [gbrown831@comcast.net](mailto:gbrown831@comcast.net).



### **Building A World Fit for Children:**

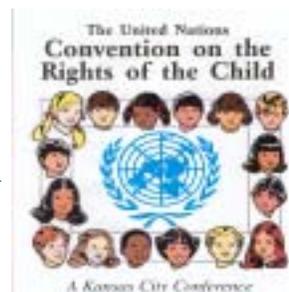
**The United Nations**

**Convention on the Rights of  
the Child**

**Third Biennial Kansas City  
Conference**

Conference Purpose

\* To promote awareness and understanding of the provisions of the U.N. Convention On the Rights of the Child



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## Book Review

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has published a History volume on Central Asia, New York, October 2003.

This is the latest volume on the histories of the empires that rose and fell in the vast Central Asian region. The book include, Afghanistan, Pakistan, northern China and western India.

“It describes the last phase of nomadism as a viable system of social organization; the effects on Central Asian economies of the shift of the main lines of international trade from the Great Silk Route to the oceanic routes; the various schools of art; the last great age of classical Persian literature and the growth of Turkic literatures,”

In the religious sphere, the 936-page volume also covers the Shi'ite ascendancy in Persia, the conversion of the Mongol peoples to Buddhism, and the rise of Sikhism. The chief editors were Charyar Adle of Iran and Irfan Habib of India, with Karl Baipakov of Kazakhstan as co-editor.

The sixth and last volume in the series, "Towards Contemporary Civilization: from the mid-Nineteenth Century to the Present Time", is due out in the next two years and will be edited by Olivier Roy of France, with Madhavan Palat of India and Anara Tabyshalieva of the Kyrgyz Republic as co-editors, according to the UNESCO news release

The series, which started with Central Asia at the dawn of time, is the work of 300 scholars, mainly from the areas that the book includes.



## Upcoming Events

### Local, National and International

#### June 14-June 25 2004

The University of Kansas African Studies Institute, Lawrence, KS. Bailey Hall, Room 109. For more information visit [www.ku.edu/~csc](http://www.ku.edu/~csc)

**June 29 2004** Cultural Crossroads general meeting, Waldo Library, 201 E. 75<sup>th</sup>, KCMO.email culturalcrossroad@ hotmail.com

**July 14, 2004** CRC Steering Committee, 4:00 pm. UMKC Administrative Center, Hyde Park Room

**July 19 to 23**, children from 100 countries will come together at the 2004 Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment.

**August 4, 2004** CRC Coalition, Washington, D.C., 11-3:00 pm.

**August 11, 2004** CRC Steering Committee, 4:00 pm. UMKC Administrative Center, Hyde Park Room.

**August 22, 2004** G.A.M.E. Board of Directors meeting, 2:00 pm., 4428 Harrison.

**September 17-18, 2004** Kansas City 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference on "Building A World Fit for Children." See our web site for more information. [.www.kcglobalconcepts.org](http://www.kcglobalconcepts.org).

**October 14, 2004.** The United Nations Day Event, 7:00 p.m. Adams Mark,

**November 5-7, 2004** Peace Colloquy 2004.in the Temple, River and Walnut Streets, Independence, MO. Nobel Contact, 816/521-3077.

\* To explore the meaning of the articles of the Convention and to examine and design models that incorporate children's rights in the context of human rights

\* To discuss the issues related to the ratification of the Convention by the U.S. Senate

**Friday, September 17, 2004** Registration and Opening General Session. Mr. Marty Scherr will review what is happening nationally and internationally.

**Simultaneous Panel Series:**

**Session 1** Promoting Healthy Lives

**Session 2** Promoting Quality Education

**Session 3** Protecting Against Abuse, Exploitation and Violence

**Session 4** Arms and International Conflicts: Children and War followed by luncheon and Keynote Speaker Janice S. Ellis, Ph.D. President, Partnership for Children, KC, Mo.

2:00 General Session, Marty Scherr, Chair

Committee Reports: (1) Summary of discussions (2) Recommendations Group discussion and development of the reports and recommendations on "Building a World Fit for Children".

The evening session includes: Tribute to Charles Bebb, Partner in CRC 2000-2002.

Dinner and General Session,

Keynote Speaker:

Mr. Martin S. Rendon:

Vice President for Public policy and Advocacy of the US. Fund for UNICEF.



**Saturday, September 18, 2004**

Opening General Session

Convention on the Rights of the Child: Goals, Strategies and Actions

**Simultaneous Panel Series:** Strategies and Actions for Implementation of Friday's Recommendations and US. Senate Ratification

**Luncheon** Keynote Speaker Mr. Lewis W. Diuguid

Vice President and Member of Editorial Board, Kansas City Star

5:00 p.m. Conference adjournment

## Report on Childen Issues:

**The United Nations recent report** indicates up to ten million children mostly girls are "trapped in low paid jobs as domestic servants, where they are at risk of abuse, physical exploitation and human trafficking" as reported by the International Labor Organization (ILO). In addition, Ms. Bellamy, the UNICEF executive director affirmed that "these children are deprived of basic health and education needs and have to depend on the whims of their employers for their well-beings."

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**Mr. Olara Otunnu,** the special representative of the UN Secretary General for children

and armed conflict, in March-May 2004 UN Chronicle, writes that despite of all progress in past few years in well-being of children " the general situation for children remains grave and unacceptable. Parties to conflict continue to violate with impunity the rights of children."

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Committee is anxious to make this third conference the most productive session on the Rights of the Child. G.A.M.E, as a partner with the CRC Coalition in Washington, D.C., has been consistent in its effort and its educational leadership to provide sufficient knowledge of the CRC, to provide an understanding of this human rights treaty for children. We invite your continuous support in making this conference the most successful of all.

**Continuing Education Credit will be available for those interested and participating in this conference.**

## Join the World: Become a member of G.A.M.E

The strength of any organization depends upon the level of support and financial resources provided by its members and friends. G.A.M.E. is no exception. Please use this form to join us today.

### Membership form

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I would like to contribute an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for educational use of the organization.

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Our Mission Statement: G.A.M.E. assists in the enhancement of knowledge of global interdependence and awareness and appreciation of our common humanity

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