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Moving Forward and Looking to the Future:

TWENTY FIVE YEARS ago the Global and Multicultural Education Center was established with the mission "of building grassroots public support in promoting international and intercultural understanding." As founder and director, I have nurtured the organization's direction and have promoted many diverse projects to meet the organization's objectives. The board of directors is scheduled to meet on August 19th at the Kauffman Foundation to bring about a change. I have requested that the board of directors set the stage for a celebration of G.A.M.E.'s 25th anniversary and move forward with a long-range plan to continue without my direct participation.

The present board of directors is made up of a number of highly qualified educators and committed members who have taken responsibility for various projects and organizational activities. For my part, I have committed myself to complete two major activities that I have started this past year until their successful implementation.

First: the fourth annual Kansas City conference on "**Activism for Human Rights**" in cooperation with the UMKC Women's and Gender Studies Program, scheduled for November 16th and 17th, 2006.

Secondly: a graduate course at UMKC this fall is planned on **Global Warming**, to educate classroom teachers regarding this critical environmental issue of our time and the need for its inclusion in classrooms.

At a time of expanded violence in many parts of the international community, G.A.M.E. has the capacity to continue its effort toward educating for appreciation of our common humanity. With the support of its board of directors and committed members, G.A.M.E. has the opportunity to enhance development of a positive attitude within the Kansas City community and to educate for a global community and a more peaceful world.

LANDMARK NEW PROTOCOL UN ANTI-TORTURE TREATY ENTERS INTO FORCE.

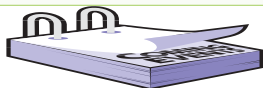
The United Nations treaty against torture, and a mechanism that allows visits by independent international and national bodies to prisons and other places where people are deprived of liberty, entered into force on June 22, following its signature by 20 countries.

The monitoring mechanisms, both national and international, established in the Optional Protocol are critical new methods of ensuring the protection of detainees around the world against all forms of mistreatment.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan has long called on all states to ratify both the Optional Protocol and the treaty itself, officially known as the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. The Protocol, adopted in December by the General Assembly, sets up an international Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture with a mandate to visit places of detention in States parties. It also requires States parties to set up national preventive mechanisms with access to places of detention and prisoners held there.

Never think that war, no matter how necessary, or how justified, is not a crime. Ask the infantry and ask the dead.

Ernest Hemingway

G.A.M.E.**Upcoming Events**

August 17, 2006, 5:00 -6:00p.m., CRC/
CEDAW Steering Committee Meeting, UMKC
Women's and Gender Studies Conference
Room, 51st and Rockhill Road

August 17, 2006, 7:00 -9:00p.m.,G.A.M.E.
Great Decisions: Human Rights in an Age of
Terrorism. All Souls Unitarian Church.
Moderator, Dr. Gregory Brown.

August 19, 2006, 10:30 -3:00p.m.,G.A.M.E.
Retreat, Board of Directors. Kauffman Founda-
tion Conference Center

September 14, 2006, 5:00 -6:00p.m., CRC/
CEDAW Steering Committee Meeting, UMKC
Women's and Gender Studies Conference
Room, 51st and Rockhill Road

September 21, 2006, 7:00 -9:00p.m.,G.A.M.E.
Great Decisions: India and China: Competition
and Cooperation.. All Souls Unitarian
Church.Moderator, Joyce Cox.

October 7- November 11, 2006, 8:30-1:30
a.m. (six Saturdays) UMKC Continuing Educa-
tion for graduate credit : *Climate Change:
Myth or Reality*. For classroom teachers.
Instructor: Dr. Manny Pedram with participa-
tion of community and college consultants.
For more information, contact Dr. Pedram at
(816)753-2372

October 7, 2006, 8:00-12:00 a.m. UMKC
Community Day, student volunteers at GAME
Resource center.

October 12, 2006, 5:00 -6:00p.m., CRC/
CEDAW Steering Committee Meeting, UMKC
Women's and Gender Studies Conference
Room, 51st and Rockhill Road

October 19, 2006, 7:00 -9:00p.m., G.A.M.E.
Great Decisions: Turkey: On Europe's Verge,
All Souls Unitarian Church.Moderator, Fatih
Ozcan.

October 22, 2006, 8:45 & 11:15, U.N. Sunday
Service at All Souls Unitarian Universalist
Church

October 28, 2006, 9:00 -3:00, G.A.M.E. Boy
Scout Merit badge, Citizenship in the World,
Mid-Continent Library/ Raytown Branch.

November 5, 2006, 2:00 p.m., GAME Board of
Director's meeting

November 9, 2006, 5:00 -6:00p.m., CRC/
CEDAW Steering Committee Meeting, UMKC
Women's and Gender Studies Conference
Room.

November 14, 2006, 7:00 -9:00p.m.,G.A.M.E.
Great Decisions: Pandemics & National Secu-
rity All Souls Unitarian Church.Moderator,
Richard Dawson.

November 16-17th, 2006, G.A.M.E Biennial
Conference on the U.N. Convention on
the Rights of the Child and the Convention on
the Elimination of All Forms of
Discrimination against Women, Kauffman
Foundation Conference Center.

Please see page 3, conference agenda for
registration.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY****Temporary/Part time**

The Global and Multicultural Education
Center (G.A.M.E.), is in search of an indi-
vidual to assist with the G.A.M.E.-UMKC
Women's and Gender Studies "Activism for
Human Rights" conference until November
16-17, 2006, the conference dates.

Visit www.kcglobalconcepts.org

Job Responsibilities:

- 1.To compile various data bases of select
non-profit organizations, specific desig-
nated classroom teachers and related
database for the conference.
- 2.To call the collected names, to inform
them of conference activities and invite
their participation.
- 3.To perform other assigned tasks related
to the conference, as requested.

Compensation and Hours

10 hours weekly...flexible, but duties must
be performed during business hours be-
tween August 1 to mid November 2006
(conference date) \$8-10 an hour depend-
ing on experience.

Email: info@kcglobalconcepts.org.



Pre-register now and save

The Fourth Biennial Kansas City

Conference on:

ACTIVISM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the U.N Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

A project of: the Global and Multicultural Education Center and UMKC Women and Gender Studies
at

*Kauffman Foundation Conference Center
4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City,
Missouri 64110*

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

(Non-Profit Networking

Keynote speaker: **Vivian Stromberg**,
Executive Director, MADRE
**Women and Girls' Empowerment in
their Quest for Human Rights**

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

Registration & Continental Breakfast
Keynote speaker: **Dr. Cynthia Price-Cohen, J. D.** Founder and Executive Director of ChildRights International Research Institute.

**Children's Rights —Is America out of
step with the rest of the world?**

Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: **Children and Women of Meth**
Session 2: **Trafficking of Women and
Children**

Luncheon and General Session

Kansas City Mayor, Kay Barnes
Schools and Student Recognition
Keynote speaker: **Margot Kidder**, Actress
and Activist

Resources in Support of Human Rights

Concurrent Sessions

Session 3: **Poverty and hunger**
Session 4: **Juvenile Justice and
Incarceration of Women**

General Session

5:30 Adjournment



Registration

All Registrations include listed meals
Total conference prior to October 6, **\$90**

Oct. 6 to Nov.5, **\$100** After Nov.5 **\$125**
Event: Thursday evening, November 16

Prior to October 6, 2006 **\$30**

Oct.6 to November 5, **\$35** after **\$40**

Event: Friday, November 17

Prior to October 6, 2006 **\$65**

Oct. 6 to Nov. 5, **\$75** After Nov.5 **\$85**

Reservations made after Friday, Nov. 10,
depend on availability of meals and space.

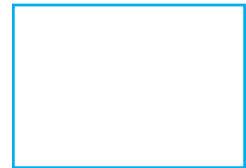
**Student/Teacher pre-registration prior to
November 6th for Friday event will be
\$25.00**

**NOTE: Continuing education credit
(1 hour) is available for teachers.**

For complete registration details,
please visit our web site at

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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

Date: _____

- Patrons \$ 30.00 ____
- Family \$ 15.00 ____
- Individual \$ 10.00 ____
- Organizations/schools..... \$ 25.00 ____

Name _____
 Address _____ City, State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone: Home: _____ . email _____

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

Your membership and contributions are tax exempt.

We thank you for your support.

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