

Participants needed for ADHD Study

Goal is to Access health disparities in the minority community

Oregon Health Sciences University initiated and received funding to conduct a research study to learn the best approach to provide support to families with children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

In his book, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Dr. Russell Barkley, suggests that 70 percent of juvenile offenders and 40 percent of adult prisoners have ADHD and many are undiagnosed or untreated.

Locally, OHSU is making an effort to understand more about ADHD, especially as it relates to African Americans and other populations.

From 2001-2005, the ADHD research team at OHSU School of Nursing conducted a research study to explore how families manage ADHD and what supports they need in helping their children. Information was col-



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Ann Beckett and Judy Kendall of Oregon Health Sciences University promote minority participation in a study on Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD).

lected from 157 families. More than half of the families were single headed households and

equally diverse between African-American, Hispanic and white families. According to the ADHD team, results of the study indicated that the difficulties ADHD posed far exceeded the abilities of family members to cope. Family members stated that their main concerns ranged from difficulty obtaining services for their child, lack of Spanish speaking skills with health professionals and referral bias towards African-American and Hispanic families.

There are two ways OHSU will provide assistance for families impacted by ADHD in future trials. Participants will be randomly assigned a group. The intervention group, which includes home-based nurse case-management or an information, based group, which is provided with written information only.

For further information on how to participate in this study, call John Horvick at 503-418-3603 or e-mail fact@ohsu.edu.

Meet Jefferson's New Leaders

Jefferson High School has named four new academy administrators and is inviting the community to meet them on Thursday, March 1 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Portland Community College Cascade Campus.

The administrators are Lavert Robertson for Jefferson's Academy of Arts and Technology; Macarre Traynham for the Academy of Science and Technology; Aurora Lora for the Young Women's Academy which will open in September; and Willie Holmes for the Young Men's Academy, also opening in September.

The academy leaders will

work with Jefferson Principal Leon Dudley to improve achievement for every student.

The Jefferson community will also be offering its appreciation to John Wilhelmi, who took a special assignment first as interim principal at Jefferson High School and then as head of the Academy of Science and Technology, and to Juanita Valder, who spent more than four years on the leadership team at Jefferson.

The reception takes place at PCC's Moriarty Arts and Humanities building on the corner of North Killingsworth Street and Albina Avenue.

Embattled Civil Rights Attorney to Speak

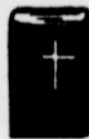
New York City lawyer Lynne Stewart is acclaimed for defending poor people, radicals of color, and controversial figures. She was sentenced to 28 months in prison on charges of abetting terrorism in a trial described as "a triumph of fear over reason" by Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Stewart will discuss her appeal and the inspiration she draws from a legacy of female resistance to repression. Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at Portland State University in the Multicultural Center, Room 228, Smith Union, 1825 S.W. Broadway. The free event with donations

welcome is sponsored by National Lawyers Guild-Portland Chapter, Women's Resource Center of PSU, Freedom Socialist Party, Student Legal and Mediation Services of PSU, Radical Women, Northwest Constitutional Rights Center, American Constitutional Society, and Portland IWW-General Membership Branch.

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family reads. She will speak at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8.

Mab Segrest, professor of gender & women's studies at Connecticut College, is an activist and scholar who has worked with many social justice organizations. Her work in anti-racism initiatives is recounted in her award-winning book

Memoir of a Race Traitor. Segrest's talk will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8.

Staceyann Chin is an activist, agitator, and artist. Her work draws upon her identity as a lesbian and her experiences growing up in Jamaica as the child of a Chinese businessman and Jamaican woman. She co-wrote and performed in the Tony Award-winning Russell

Simmons Def Poetry Jam. Chin will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

There is a small fee for parking on campus before 7 p.m., after which time parking is free. For a complete schedule and presenter bios, visit clark.edu/dept/gender/symposia.html or call the Gender Studies department at 503-768-7678.

Madison High Police Officer Violated Trust

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Oregon State Sheriff's Association who sits on the state agency's police policy committee, made the motion to revoke Graichen's police certification.

"I found that his conduct was something that was just completely unacceptable," Burrigh said.

The panel's recommendation now goes to the full board of the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training for action in April.

Graichen's video was seized as evidence and remains as part of the internal affairs investigative file, the Portland Police Bureau said.

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Shauna Kirkpatrick

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Shauna Kirkpatrick

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Shauna's Current Age: 6
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