



JOHN JAY COLLEGE
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CENTER ON MEDIA, CRIME & JUSTICE

MEDIA VIOLENCE AND AGGRESSION: TROUBLING LINKAGES

Nov. 12, 2007

2pm-3:30pm

John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Gerald Lynch Theater Lobby

2pm-2:10pm

Welcome
Jeremy Travis
President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Stephen Handelman (moderator)
Director, Center on Media, Crime & Justice, John Jay

2:10pm-2:35pm

Dr. Christian Pfeiffer
*Director, Criminological Research Institute of Lower Saxony
Hanover, Germany*

“Media Consumption, School Achievement, Youth Violence and
the Crisis in Boys’ Performance”

2:35pm-3:00pm

Christopher Kelly
College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University
Dr. Jack Grinband
Center for Neurobiology and Behavior, Columbia University

“Media Violence, Aggression and the Brain: New Findings”

3:00pm-3:30pm

PANEL DISCUSSION, Q&A

3:30pm-4pm

Reception/President's office

PANELISTS BIOS

Jack Grinband received his PhD in Neuroscience from the Univ. of Minnesota. He is currently a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University's Dept. of Neurobiology and Behavior where he studies the neural effects of uncertainty and emotion on decision making.

Stephen Handelman, director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice at John Jay College, is an award-winning journalist and author whose work has appeared in scholarly journals, magazines and newspapers around the world. A former Time Magazine columnist and correspondent for *The Toronto Star*, he has reported from Latin America, Canada, the former Soviet Union, Europe, Africa and the Middle East over a 25-year career. He holds a Masters in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, and the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London.

Christopher Kelly is an MD candidate at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. He first became interested in the effects of media on behavior when working in the music industry at Island/Def- Jam records, whose controversial rap artists often promoted violent gang behavior. Upon redirecting his career to science and medicine, Kelly began to use functional imaging to examine the effects of repeated exposure to violent films on the neural regulation of behavior. He has worked at the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in New York, and currently serves as an auxiliary officer in the New York Police Department. Both experiences persuaded him that we must increase our efforts to understand those factors contributing to complex behaviors such as aggression.

Christian Pfeiffer received his doctoral degree (summa cum laude) from the Faculty of Law, Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich, in 1984 with a thesis entitled "Crime prevention in juvenile court proceedings." He became full professor of Criminology, Juvenile Criminal Law and Corrections at the University of Hanover in 1987 and was appointed director of the Criminological Research Institute of Lower Saxony (KFN) the same year. In 1997, he founded the Hanover Civic Foundation (Bürgerstiftung Hannover), which, among other things, organizes and finances projects for the prevention of juvenile crime. He served as Minister of Justice in Lower Saxony between 2000 and 2003, before resuming his position at KFN.