

EDWARD V. SPARER SYMPOSIUM 2012

# Coming of Age Against the Odds Advocating for At-Risk Youth

Friday, March 16 | 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

**RSVP by March 5.** On-site registration available if space permits.  
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8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Introduction
9:15 – 9:30 a.m.	Youth Speaker, <i>Juvenile Law Center's Youth Speakers Bureau</i>
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Overcoming the Odds: Strategies for Facilitating the Transition from Adolescence to Adulthood</b> Commissioner Anne Marie Ambrose, Esq., <i>Philadelphia Department of Human Services</i> Barbara Best, <i>Children's Defense Fund</i> Kisha Bird, <i>Center for Law and Social Policy</i> Dr. Michael Carrera, <i>Children's Aid Society</i> Judith Sandalow, Esq., <i>Children's Law Center</i>
11:00 – 12:30 p.m.	<b>Bringing Human Rights Home: A Transnational Conversation on Youth Empowerment</b> Grace Akallo, <i>United Africans for Women and Children Rights</i> Kwame Fosu, Esq., <i>Rebecca Project for Human Rights</i> Janine Kossen, Esq., <i>Advocates for Youth</i> Elie Miller, Esq., <i>Homeboy Industries, Inc.</i> Noel Ramirez, <i>Dorothy Mann Center at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children</i> Imani Walker, <i>Rebecca Project for Human Rights</i>
12:30 – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 – 1:30 p.m.	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>Rachel Lloyd, GEMS: Girls Educational and Mentoring Services</b>
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Age Matters, But How Much? From Miranda Rights to Decertification, A Conversation About Juvenile Justice Protections</b> Dr. Steven Berkowitz, <i>Penn Center for Youth and Family Trauma Response and Recovery</i> Honorable Benjamin Lerner, <i>Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas</i> Marsha Levick, Esq., C'71, <i>Juvenile Law Center</i> Yumari Martinez, Esq., <i>Vera Institute Center on Youth Justice</i> R. Daniel Okonkwo, Esq., <i>DC Lawyers for Youth</i>
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>A Place to Call Home: Using Murals and Media to Address Housing Challenges Facing Philadelphia Youth</b> Professor Regina Austin, L'73, <i>University of Pennsylvania Law School</i> Maisha Elonai, Esq., L'10, <i>Philadelphia VIP: Volunteers for the Indigent Program</i> A Place Called Home Project Representative, <i>Philadelphia Mural Arts Program</i>
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Educate or Incarcerate? Policies and Programs that Keep Youth in the Classroom and Out of Prison</b> David Lapp, Esq., <i>Education Law Center (Philadelphia)</i> Rachel Pereira, Esq., L'09, <i>Philadelphia District Attorney's Office</i> David Sciarra, Esq., <i>Education Law Center (Newark)</i> Leticia Smith-Evans, Esq., <i>NAACP Legal Defense Fund</i> Gregory Volz, Esq., <i>Stoneleigh Foundation</i>
5:00 p.m.	Reception

**This event is free and open to all.** Continental breakfast and lunch (with reception) will be served.

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