

INTERACTIVITY 2007

PLENARY SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Moderated Discussion Speakers
Thursday, May 10, 9 a.m.



Edward Zigler, Ph. D.
Sterling Professor of Psychology, Emeritus
Yale University

Edward Zigler holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. He was the first director of the Office of Child Development (now the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families) and chief of the U.S. Children's Bureau. He was a member of the national planning committees of the Head Start, Follow Thru and Early Head Start programs. Dr. Zigler founded and is director, emeritus of the Edward Zigler Center in Child Development and Social Policy. He founded the School of the 21st Century model, which has been adopted by more than 1,300 schools in 20 states.

Julius B. Richmond, M.D.
Professor of Health Policy Emeritus, Department of Social Medicine
Harvard Medical School

From 1983 to 1988, Julius Richmond was director of the Division of Health Policy Research and Education at Harvard University. His collaborative work with Bettye Caldwell at the State University of New York at Syracuse on the development of young children growing up in poverty led to his appointment in 1965 as the first national director of the Head Start program of the Office of Economic Opportunity, where he also served as director for Health Affairs, and initiated the Community Health Centers Program. From 1977 to 1981, Dr. Richmond served as U.S. Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. His current interests are shaping health policies with a particular emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention, with special emphasis on children and families. In 2005, Richmond and Rashi Fein co-authored *The Health Care Mess: How We Got Into It and What It Will Take to Get Out*.

Bettye Caldwell, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus, Department of Pediatrics
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Bettye Caldwell is a past president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Her research in the 1960s with Julius Richmond about the experiences of infants and toddlers in low-income families led helped shape the plans for Early Head Start. Dr. Caldwell believes that direct observation is the best way to learn something. Her Home Observation for Measurement of the Environment — known as “the HOME” — has helped researchers and practitioners alike become keen observers of the elements of a supportive home environment for young children — sensitivity and responsivity, acceptance, organization, learning materials, involvement and variety. In addition to the more than 60 studies that Dr. Caldwell and her colleagues have produced, more than 300 studies by other researchers have used the HOME.

Eboni Howard, Ph.D.
Director, Herr Research Center for Children and Social Policy
Erikson Institute

Eboni Howard is an experienced researcher who has studied program implementation and outcomes in the areas of childhood education, early intervention, welfare, family support, child abuse prevention and foster care practices. As director of the Herr Center, Howard is overseeing projects in early childhood policy, including a series of studies that will examine early childhood mental health policies and practices in the Great Lakes region and an Illinois case study to examine the quality of state-funded prekindergarten programs. She also holds the Frances Stott Chair in Early Childhood Policy Research. Before joining Erikson, Howard was a senior researcher at Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago and a research associate at the Joint Center for Poverty Research at Northwestern University and UCLA. She earned her Ph.D. in the Human Development and Social Policy program at Northwestern University.

Keynote Speaker
Thursday, May 10, 1:30 p.m.

Luis Valdez
Playwright, Film Director

From the migrant labor fields to Broadway, Luis Valdez remains true to his original vision — performance that addresses the Chicano experience in America in a context meaningful to all Americans. Valdez was born in Delano, California, to *campesino* (farmworker) parents. His family moved to San Jose, where Valdez attended James Lick High School and San Jose State University. After he graduated with a BA in English, he returned to the fields of Delano to join the farmworkers movement led by Cesar Chavez.

Valdez is considered the father of Chicano theatre. His credits include: founder and artistic director of the internationally renowned *El Teatro Campesino*, council member of the National Endowment of the Arts and founding member of the California Arts Council. His awards include, Presidential Medal of the Arts, the prestigious *Aguila Azteca* Award, Governors Award of the California Arts Council and the George Peabody Award. His best known works are *Zoot Suit*, *La Bamba* and *Corridos*.

Keynote Speaker
Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m.

Ted Childs, Jr.
Diversity Consultant

Ted Childs, Jr., is formerly IBM's vice president, Global Workforce Diversity with worldwide responsibility for workforce diversity programs and policies. Today he serves as principle of Ted Child's LLC, a diversity consulting company.

In addition to a variety of human resource staff and management assignments, Childs served as executive assistant to Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, on an IBM Social Service Leave from March 1982 to September 1983. A graduate of West Virginia State University, Childs is a member of the board of directors and a past president of the University foundation. He is a member of the Executive Leadership Council, The Conference Board's Work Force Diversity Council and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Board of Directors.

In 1989, Childs was appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo to the New York State Governor's Advisory Council on Child Care. In 1992, he co-chaired the National Council of Jewish Women's Work Family Advisory Board and was presented with their Founder's Award for commitment to quality of life issues for America's families. In 1995, Robert B. Blancato, executive director of the White House Conference on Aging appointed Childs as an official delegate to the 1995 Conference. He was then invited by Vice President Albert Gore to serve on the eight-person planning team for the 1996 Family Re-Union "V" that the Vice President and Mrs. Gore hosted in Nashville, TN. For more information please visit www.apbspeakers.com.