



## Preventing Youth Violence:

*New Strategies for Policy,  
Practice and Research*

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**Monday, November 16, 2009**

**3:30-6:00 p.m.**

MacMillan Hall, Starr Auditorium, 167 Thayer Street  
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

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*The Lewis P. and Edna Duchin Lipsitt lecture this year will feature a panel of experts, including pioneers working directly with street gangs, who will discuss the origins and consequences of criminal behavior, including violence. They will address the harm that youthful delinquency can do to the public as well as the youth themselves, and will present evidence-based interventions known to help make children, youth and their communities safer.*

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### Introductory Remarks

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Ruth J. Simmons, PhD, *President, Brown University* (Invited)

Lewis P. Lipsitt, PhD, *Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Medical Science, and Human Development; Founding and Past Director, Child Study Center, Brown University*

Elizabeth Burke Bryant, JD, *Executive Director, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT*

Stephen L. Buka, PhD, *Professor of Community Health and Head of the Epidemiology Section at Brown University*

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### Presentation and Discussion

4:00–5:30 p.m.

Teny Gross, MTS, *Executive Director, Institute for the Study & Practice of Nonviolence*

David M. Kennedy, *Director, Center for Crime Prevention and Control, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*

Deborah Gorman-Smith, PhD, *Senior Fellow, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago and Distinguished Research Fellow, Coalition for Evidence Based Policy*

### Questions & Answers

5:30–6:00 p.m.

**Moderator:** Elizabeth Burke Bryant, JD, *Executive Director, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT*



**Teny O. Gross** is the Executive Director of the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence. The Institute trains in nonviolence/conflict resolution widely in the state of Rhode Island, and is home to the Nonviolence Streetworkers Program in Providence. The U.S. Conference of Mayors has selected the Institute's work as 'best practice' in combating gang violence. The Institute is the recipient of the Tufts University Institute of Global Leadership Alumni Award, the Rhode Island Minority Police Association Community Service Award, the 2007 MetLife Foundation Community Police Partnership Award in Gang Prevention and Youth Safety, and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Holiday Commission Recognition Award for supporting Dr. King's vision. Prior to coming to the Institute, Gross was a Program Coordinator for the Ella J. Baker House Youth Focused Community Initiative, a participant in the National Ten-Point Coalition, and a Senior Streetworker for the City of Boston. Gross holds a MTS from Harvard, and a BFA from Tufts University and The School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Recently, Gross completed the Strategic Perspective in Nonprofit Management program of the Harvard Business School.



**David M. Kennedy** David M. Kennedy is the Director of the Center for Crime Prevention and Control at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. Kennedy directed the Boston Gun Project, a groundbreaking problem-solving policing exercise aimed at serious youth violence. Its chief intervention, Operation Ceasefire, was responsible for a more than sixty percent reduction in youth homicide victimization. Operation Ceasefire won the Ford Foundation Innovations in Government award; the Herman Goldstein International Award for Problem Oriented Policing, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police Webber Seavey Award. Kennedy is the author of *Deterrence and Crime Prevention: Reconsidering the Prospect of Sanction* and the co-author of a seminal work on community policing, *Beyond 911: A New Era for Policing*, and numerous articles on police management, illicit drug markets, illicit firearms markets, youth violence, and deterrence theory, including editorials in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and elsewhere. He helped design and field the U.S. Justice Department's Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative and the Treasury Department's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative. Kennedy was a senior researcher and adjunct professor at the Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. His work has been celebrated in *Newsweek* and in *The New Yorker*.



**Deborah Gorman-Smith, PhD**, is a Senior Fellow at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. She serves as Distinguished Research Fellow with the Coalition for Evidence Based Policy -- a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to promote government policy based on rigorous evidence of program effectiveness. Dr. Gorman-Smith received her Ph.D. in Clinical-Developmental Psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her program of research, grounded in a public health perspective, is focused on advancing knowledge about development, risk, and prevention of aggression and violence, with specific focus on minority youth living in poor urban settings. Dr. Gorman-Smith has been or currently is Principal or Co-Principal Investigator on several longitudinal risk and preventive intervention studies and has published extensively in areas related to youth violence. She is the Principal Investigator and Director of the Chicago Center for Youth Violence Prevention, one of 10 national Academic Centers of Excellence funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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