

Emerging Developments in the Neuroscience of Juvenile Certification

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8:00 am – 8:05 am | Welcome

8:05 am – 9:00 am | Desiree Baumgartner, M.D.

Juvenile Justice in Missouri

Dr. Baumgartner is an assistant professor in Saint Louis University's Department of Psychiatry. She is a board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist who specializes in forensic psychiatry. She has worked closely with children in foster care and the juvenile justice system.

This lecture is an overview of the development of the juvenile justice system in Missouri; it reviews the origins of the system and key legal changes from 1900 to the present. The talk explores areas of historic inequality in Missouri's juvenile courts.

9:00 am – 9:30 am | Katelyn Young, J.D.

Certification Hearings

Katelyn Young graduated with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. Prior to law school, she taught middle and high school social studies in South Carolina with Teach for America. After graduating from the George Washington University Law School in 2019, she returned to Missouri to be a public defender with the Missouri State Public Defender Children's Defense Team.

This session will focus on the certification process that allows Missouri juveniles to be transferred to adult court. It will examine the challenges juveniles facing certification experience and what can be done to reduce the likelihood a child will be certified.

9:30 am – 10:15 am | Fred Rottnek, M.D.

Substance Use in Adolescents

Dr. Rottnek is a Professor, the Director of Community Medicine, and the Program Director of the Addiction Medicine Fellowship at Saint Louis University (SLU) School of Medicine. His clinical practices include addiction medicine and correctional healthcare. He teaches in the School of Medicine, the Center for Interprofessional Education and Research, and the School of Law. Board-Certified in Family Medicine and Addiction Medicine, he is the Medical Director for the Assisted Recovery Centers of American (ARCA). He serves on the boards of the Saint Louis Regional Health Commission, the ARCHway Institute, and Alive and Well Communities.

10:15 am – 10:30 am | Break

10:30 am – 11:30 am | Eraka Bath, M.D.

California Juvenile Justice System and Consideration of Equity

Eraka Bath, M.D., is a child, adolescent and forensic psychiatrist who is an Associate Professor in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the Vice Chair for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute in the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine (DGSOM). She has a long-standing interest in health inequities, community mental health, with particular interest in structural racism's impact on the underserved populations of foster care and juvenile justice involved youth. Dr. Bath specializes in diagnostic assessment and forensic consultation with adolescents, with an emphasis on high-risk youth, including those with histories of trauma, juvenile delinquency and foster care placement. Her research focuses on systems involved population in juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm | Laurence Steinberg, Ph.D.

How the Science of Adolescent Brain Development Informs Legal Policy

Laurence Steinberg, Ph.D., one of the world's leading experts on adolescence, is a Distinguished Professor and the Laura H. Carnell Professor of Psychology at Temple University. Dr. Steinberg is the author of nearly 500 articles and essays on development during the teenage years.

