

ACYIG Advisory Board Update

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The ACYIG Board has been busy! We are updating our Website to include a section highlighting recently published books on childhood and/or youth. If you have a new publication you would like us to include, please email the book details to me at Ida.Leggett@mtsu.edu. This feature joins the ACYIG [Spotlight on Scholarship](#) that showcases new and important research conducted by childhood/youth scholars. Please click on the title and take a look; if you would like to be featured, visit the [author guidelines page](#) to submit your details.

In November our ACYIG Board graduate student representatives Adriano De Francesco and Laura Bullon-Cassis organized a graduate student virtual meetup. Taking the feedback garnered from this meeting, the representatives, now including Christopher Chapman, will organize more virtual student meetups, as well as a speaker series featuring senior scholars discussing key issues pertaining to the ethics, methodologies, and theories of the anthropology of children and youth.

ACYIG had a productive and well-attended Invited Session at the AAA Conference held in Seattle in November. The session, a Roundtable titled “Growing Up in Unsettled Landscapes: New Directions in the Anthropology of Childhood and Youth” explored the strengths, weaknesses, and new directions in the anthropology of childhood/youth, highlighting current ethnographies and monographs that contributed to new ways of thinking about children and youth, and discussing future research ideas and initiatives that could help us contribute to a wider audience of both anthropologists and childhood/youth studies researchers. The ACYIG Board also had a successful in-person Reception and Book Display at the AAA Conference, where many of us met each other in person for the first time and had productive conversations. It was wonderful to meet scholars interested in childhood and youth from all over the world, and to be able to do it safely face-to-face was a welcome bonus. We will organize another Reception and Book Display for the November 2023 AAA Conference in Toronto, so keep your eyes open for the date and time. If you can’t make it to the Conference please email me a PDF your book flyer (with any available discounts) and we will make sure to display it at the Reception. Any information or questions about the Reception or Book Display should be directed to Ida.Leggett@mtsu.edu.

Speaking of the AAA 2023 Conference, please send us a description of your childhood/youth-related panels and we will compile a list of all relevant panels to publicize to our community. You can send this information to julie.spray@universityofgalway.ie. And finally, we are looking into organizing an ACYIG Conference, as we have done pre-COVID. If you are interested in leading or joining this effort, please email me at Ida.Leggett@mtsu.edu to start the ball rolling. We would love to have you!

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