

## ACYIG Advisory Board Update

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Dear *NEOS* Readers,

I hope everyone has had a good 2024 so far. My spring semester is almost over, and I am looking forward to getting some research done during the summer months. In the meantime, I want to draw your attention to some projects the Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group (ACYIG) Board are working on:

We are planning a Childhood and Youth Conference, and if you would like to be part of the planning committee you can contact Jenny Shaw at [jeshaw@tru.ca](mailto:jeshaw@tru.ca) for more information.

If you have recently published research on children or youth, I strongly recommend you submit it for consideration for the Spotlight on Scholarship feature on the ACYIG website created by Julie Spray. Please take a look at this feature, and if you would like to showcase your research please visit the Spotlight on Scholarship [author guidelines page](#) to submit your work today. For more info please contact Julie at [julie.spray@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:julie.spray@universityofgalway.ie).

The ACYIG Board is also considering the option of changing our AAA status from “Interest Group” to “Section.” I am interested to know what our members think about this, so I encourage you to email me at [Ida.Leggett@mtsu.edu](mailto:Ida.Leggett@mtsu.edu) with your thoughts on this possible change.

And some sad news: The ACYIG Board has decided not to hold a Reception and Book Display at this year’s AAA Conference but will probably resume this event in the future. In the meantime, we will continue to hold our ACYIG Zoom Business Meeting during the AAA Conference, and this year we hope to have our Book Prize winners attend and discuss their research with our members!

One final question for NEOS readers: are you part of a 2024 AAA Conference panel, workshop, or roundtable on childhood or youth? Please let me know if your session has been accepted for presentation at the Conference, and ACYIG will publicize it to our community.

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