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Invitation to Cover: A City in Crisis? The Rise of Violence in Philadelphia

WHAT: “A City in Crisis? The Rise of Violence in Philadelphia” - an interdisciplinary forum on mental health and society hosted by the Department of Psychiatry, **University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine** and the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia.

“The goal of this forum is to understand the phenomenon of urban violence from a sociological and psychological perspective, looking at causes and effects,” said **Richard F. Summers, MD**, Associate Director of Education for Residency Training and Clinical Associate Professor in Penn’s Department of Psychiatry. “There will be a particular focus on the role of trauma as a factor in the etiology of violence.”

WHO: A distinguished panel of experts in the areas of sociology, psychiatry, law, and criminology from Penn, the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia, and the City of Philadelphia.

- Elijah Anderson, The Charles and William Day Distinguished Professor of the Social Sciences and Professor of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- Jennifer M. Bonovitz, Training and Supervising Analyst in the child and adult divisions, Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia
- Paul Jay Fink, Psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, and expert in child development, including childhood trauma and abuse. Chair, Youth

Homicide Committee, City of Philadelphia

- Richard James Gelles, Dean of the School of Social Policy & Practice; the Joanne and Raymond Welsh Chair of Child Welfare and Family Violence; Director for the Center for Research on Youth & Social Policy and Co-Director of the Field Center for Children's Policy Practice & Research, University of Pennsylvania
- Wendell E. Pritchett, Associate Dean of the Law School and Associate Professor of Law concentrating on Legal History, Environmental Law, and Property Law, University of Pennsylvania
- Lawrence W. Sherman, Albert M. Greenfield Professor of Human Relations in the Department of Sociology and Director of the Jerry Lee Center of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania

WHEN: October 19, 2006
7 p.m.

WHERE: Bodek Lounge, Houston Hall
University of Pennsylvania
3417 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Editor's Notes: For additional information, contact Sarah Lichter at (215) 746-7248 or Kate Olderman at (215) 349-8369.

This event is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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The University of Pennsylvania Health System includes three hospitals, all of which have received numerous national patient-care honors [Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Hospital, the nation's first hospital; and Penn Presbyterian Medical Suite]; a faculty practice plan; a primary-care provider network; two multispecialty satellite facilities; and home care and hospice.

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