2014 HARSHMAN LECTURE
A Free Public Lecture and Reception

FINDING HUCK FINN: RECLAIMING CHILDHOOD FROM A RIVER OF ELECTRONIC SCREENS

Today’s children are growing up in a world transformed by interactive media. As parents and others who care for children, how can we tell if these media are helping or hurting them? How can we make sure that their media environment supports their health and development? As Mediatrician® and Director of the Center on Media and Child Health at Boston Children’s Hospital, Michael Rich, MD, MPH, offers research-based, balanced answers to these and other urgent questions about parenting in the Digital Age.

Monday, September 29th, 2014
7:00 PM
Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre, Royal City A Ballroom
50 Stone Road West, Guelph, Ontario
A reception will follow the lecture

Michael Rich, MD, MPH, FAAP, FSAHM, Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, came to medicine after a twelve-year career as a filmmaker (including serving as assistant director to Akira Kurosawa on Kagemusha). As Director of the Center on Media and Child Health (www.cmch.tv) at Boston Children’s Hospital, Dr. Rich combines his creative experience with rigorous scientific evidence about the powerful positive and negative effects of media to advise pediatricians and parents how to use media in ways that optimize child development at www.askthemediatrician.org. Recipient of the AAP’s Holroyd-Sherry Award and the SAHM New Investigator Award, Dr. Rich has developed media-based research methodologies and authored numerous papers and AAP policy statements, testified to the United States Congress, and makes regular national press appearances.

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The Department of Family Relations and the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences would like to recognize the contribution which the late Dr. J. P. Harshman made to the College as chair of the Harshman Foundation. Building on its historical link to the former College of Family and Consumer Studies, the Harshman Foundation is now enriching the programs of the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences through support of undergraduate and graduate scholarships.