The College of Arts and Sciences at National-Louis University and Gidwitz Center for Urban Policy and Community Development proudly present a provocative discussion on

The Violentization of Criminals

Intervention and Prevention

Lonnie Athens

Author of Violent Criminal Acts and Actors Revisited and The Creation of Dangerous Violent Criminals

Monday, October 24, 2005
**Lonnie Athens**

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**Join Lonnie Athens for a discussion on**

“The Violentization Process”: the transformation of ordinary people into dangerous and violent criminals, and the intervention processes to prevent these criminals from striking.

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**Monday, October 24**

5:30-8:30pm

National-Louis University

Chicago Campus, 2nd Floor Atrium

122 S. Michigan Avenue

(Across from the Art Institute)

Attend a free reception from 5:30-6:00pm, a one hour presentation by Lonnie Athens followed by a question and answer session. Don’t miss this rare and thought-provoking opportunity. Reserve your seat today, call Ewa Politanska at 312.261.3378 or email epolitanska@nl.edu.

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The Gidwitz Center for Urban Policy and Community Development develops and advocates for public policy in response to the needs and aspirations of the residents in the City of Chicago. The Center, through its associates and partners, will promote policies that:

- Support the development of sustainable communities and
- Contribute to the quality of community life through equity, justice, and the capacity of people to shape and influence decisions that affect their day-to-day lives.

**Values**

- Social justice
- Community self-reliance and interdependence
- Community partnership
- Cultural diversity

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Since its inception in 1997, IL YAP has grown steadily to meet the changing needs of Illinois’ abused, neglected and troubled youth. Going forward, IL YAP seeks to continue to expand while providing innovative and effective programs to serve troubled youth and families. Today, IL YAP operates four programs:

- Comprehensive Foster Care
- Community-Based Treatment
- Emergency and Respite Care
- Training, Consultation, Evaluation

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