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*Gateway to Justice:  
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## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

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Chase Park Plaza  
St. Louis, Missouri, USA**

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*Studies of early adolescents' perspectives on social relationships in middle school contexts: Integrating developmental, cultural, and contextual Analyses*

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*Studies of the assessment of high school aged adolescents' informed social reflection*

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*A study of coping and self-compassion in college-aged girls' relational aggression*

Emily Weinstein, Dawn E. Schrader & Jess Matthews; Cornell University, Ithaca NY

**Discussant:** Sigrun Adalbjarnardottir, University of Iceland, Reykjavik

### **Symposium 6.3**

Room: Waterman

#### **Youth Purpose and its Civic Expressions**

Jennifer Menon Mariano, Organizer and Chair

**Symposium Abstract:** This symposium presents research that examines youth purpose, or intentions to contribute to self and other (see Damon, Menon, & Bronk, 2003) from a civic perspective. Mariano examines the social supports of purpose among minority girls, including three young civic purpose exemplars. Dorner employs ethnographic methods to explore how language brokering is associated with the development of civic purpose in a longitudinal sample of adolescent and young adult children of Hispanic immigrants. Barber draws upon data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health to study personal, experiential, and contextual predictors of civic purpose. Implications of these studies are discussed.

*Perceived social supports of civic and other expressions of purpose among minority adolescent girls*

Jennifer Menon Mariano, University of South Florida, Sarasota FL

*The adolescent children of immigrants, language brokering, and civic purpose*

Lisa Dorner, University of Missouri--St-Louis

*Volunteerism as purpose: Examining predictors of long-term service involvement*

Carolyn Barber, University of Missouri--Kansas City

### **Thematic Panel 6.1**

Room: Maryland

**"Praxis, not Pontification. Moral actions speak louder than words" - Theory into Practice within the Just Community School**

David Rowse, Organizer