



# Homeschooling Summit: Problems, Politics, and Prospects for Reform – June 18-19, 2020

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Due to COVID-19, the June 2020 event is postponed.

## Description

We will convene leaders in education and child welfare policy, legislators and legislative staff, academics and policy advocates, to discuss child rights in connection with homeschooling in the United States. The focus will be on problems of educational deprivation and child maltreatment that too often occur under the guise of homeschooling, in a legal environment of minimal or no oversight. Experts will lead conversations about the available empirical evidence, the current regulatory environment, proposals for legal reform, and strategies for effecting such reform.

There is no registration fee for this event. This event is private and by invitation-only. If you are personally unable to attend but have a colleague you recommend that we invite, please give us their name and contact information so that we can issue an invitation.

## Speakers

Featured speakers will include: **Attorney John Affeldt** (Public Advocates), **Prof. Elizabeth Bartholet** (Harvard Law School), **Dr. Rachel Coleman** (Coalition for Responsible Home Education), **Prof. James Dwyer** (William & Mary School of Law), **Sarah Healy Eagan** (Office of the Child Advocate, State of Connecticut), **Samantha Field** (Coalition for Responsible Home Education), **Prof. Milton Gaither** (Messiah College), **Dr. Barbara Knox** (The Children's Hospital at Providence and Medical Director, Alaska Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services), **Prof. Robert Kunzman** (Indiana University and International Center for Home Education Research), **Carmen Longoria-Green** (Coalition for Responsible Home Education), **Dr. Chelsea McCracken** (Coalition for Responsible Home Education and Dixie State University), **Prof. Michael Rebell** (Columbia University), **Prof. Rob Reich** (Stanford University), **Prof. Jeffrey Shulman** (Georgetown University).

(Columbia University), Prof. Rob Reich (Stanford University), Prof. Jeffrey Shulman (Georgetown Law), Victor Vieth (Zero Abuse Project), and Prof. Emily Zackin (Johns Hopkins University). The schedule will begin the evening of Thursday, June 18, and run through the end of the day Friday, June 19.

## Agenda

The schedule will begin the evening of Thursday, June 18, and run through the end of the day Friday, June 19. For the most up-to-date Homeschooling Summit agenda, click here. (<https://cap.law.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Preliminary-Homeschooling-Conference-Agenda-For-Website-01.10.20.pdf>)

## Reading Materials

Closer to the event, proposed reading materials will be sent to attendees. In the meantime, to learn more about homeschooling and child rights see the following:

- Elizabeth Bartholet, Homeschooling: *Parent Rights Absolutism vs. Child Rights to Education & Protection*, Forthcoming, Arizona Law Review, Vol. 62 No.1 2020 ([https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3391331](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3391331)).
- James G. Dwyer and Shawn F. Peters, *Homeschooling: The History and Philosophy of a Controversial Practice* (2019). ([https://www.amazon.com/Homeschooling-Philosophy-Controversial-Practice-Education/dp/022662725X/ref=sr\\_1\\_fkmr0\\_1?keywords=dwyer%2C+john+homeschooling&qid=1575668243&s=books&sr=1-1-fkmr0](https://www.amazon.com/Homeschooling-Philosophy-Controversial-Practice-Education/dp/022662725X/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_1?keywords=dwyer%2C+john+homeschooling&qid=1575668243&s=books&sr=1-1-fkmr0))
- Milton Gaither, *Homeschool: An American History* (2nd ed., 2017). ([https://www.amazon.com/Homeschool-American-History-Milton-Gaither/dp/1349950556/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?keywords=milton+gaither&qid=1573848252&s=books&sr=1-2](https://www.amazon.com/Homeschool-American-History-Milton-Gaither/dp/1349950556/ref=sr_1_2?keywords=milton+gaither&qid=1573848252&s=books&sr=1-2))
- *The Wiley Handbook of Home Education* (Milton Gaither ed., 2016). (<https://www.amazon.com/Wiley-Handbook-Home-Education->

keywords=The+Wiley+Handbook+of+Home+Education+%28Milton+Gaither+ed.%2C+2016%29.&qid=1575668279&s=books&sr=1-2-fkmr0)

- Robert Kunzman, *Write These Laws on Your Children: Inside the World of Conservative Christian Homeschooling* (2010). (<https://www.amazon.com/Write-These-Laws-Your-Children/dp/0807032921>)
- Robert Kunzman and Milton Gaither, *Homeschooling: A Comprehensive Survey of the Research*, 2 OTHER EDUC.: J. EDUC. ALTERNATIVES 4 (2013). (<https://othereducation.org/index.php/OE/article/view/10>)

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(<https://hls.harvard.edu/about/campus-map-and-directions/>)

Please note that June is a busy month and we strongly encourage you to make arrangements early for the best rates and availability.

We have blocked a limited number of hotel rooms for Homeschooling Summit attendees at a few hotels near Harvard Law School in the Porter Square and Central Square neighborhoods of Cambridge. The hotels are between 0.8 and 1.5 miles from campus and easily accessible by public transit (bus or train).

Please contact the hotels directly with questions or to make a reservation.

Hotel 1868  
1868 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02140

617-499-2998

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Rates for 1 night, June 18, 2020 (checking out on June 19, 2020):

Use reference code “LAW20” for the special rates, available exclusively to Summit attendees until May 1, 2020

Mini Queen – \$259 plus 14.45% tax per night

Standard Queen – \$279 plus 14.45% tax per night

Porter Square Hotel

1924 Massachusetts Avenue

Cambridge, MA 02140

617-499-3399

[www.theportersquarehotel.com](http://www.theportersquarehotel.com) (<http://www.theportersquarehotel.com>)

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Deluxe Queen – \$269/night plus 14.45% taxes per night

Queen Suite – \$299/night plus 14.45% taxes per night

907 Main Hotel

907 Main Street

Cambridge, MA 02139

[www.907Main.com](https://www.907main.com/) (<https://www.907main.com/>)

\*For Homeschooling Summit reservations contact Liz Adams, Director of Sales & Marketing at 339-440-0773 or [ladams@907main.com](mailto:ladams@907main.com).

Rates for 1 night, June 18, 2020 (checking out on June 19, 2020):

Ask for the “Harvard Law School CAP rate,” available exclusively to Summit attendees up until June 1, 2020

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## Other Accommodations Nearby

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Alternative hotels in the Cambridge area which may have rooms available for you to book individually are listed below. We do not have any special rates or rooms blocked at these establishments. Again, we encourage you to book rooms early as June is a peak month for Boston for hotels.

Sheraton Commander Hotel (<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/boscs-sheraton-commander-hotel/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>)

Charles Hotel (<https://www.charleshotel.com/>)

Harvard Square Hotel (<https://www.harvardsquarehotel.com/>)

The Hotel Veritas (<http://www.thehotelveritas.com/>)

Doubletree Suites by Hilton – Boston/Cambridge

([https://www.guestreservations.com/doubletree-suites-by-hilton-hotel-boston/booking?gclid=CjwKCAiAxMLvBRBNEiwAKhr-nGsoVDQSV0JVMXmNY9GOkT6Lb6rt9S847bGvZCxtDzg71Aw23JbWFhoC8d8QAvD\\_BwE](https://www.guestreservations.com/doubletree-suites-by-hilton-hotel-boston/booking?gclid=CjwKCAiAxMLvBRBNEiwAKhr-nGsoVDQSV0JVMXmNY9GOkT6Lb6rt9S847bGvZCxtDzg71Aw23JbWFhoC8d8QAvD_BwE))

Courtyard by Marriott Boston-Cambridge (<https://www.hotels.com/ho109247/?q-check-out=2019-12-12&FPQ=3&q-check-in=2019-12-11&WOE=4&WOD=3&q-room-0-children=0&pa=8&tab=description&JHR=2&q-room-0-adults=2&YGF=1&MGT=1&ZSX=0&SYE=3>)

Freepoint Hotel Cambridge, Tapestry Collection by Hilton

([https://tapestrycollection3.hilton.com/tc/freepointhotelcambridge?WT.mc\\_id=zlada0ww1up2psh3ggl4advbpp5dkt6multibr7\\_153671144\\_1003528&gclid=CjwKCAiAxMLvBRBNEiwAKhr-nljm7Inh8-j1lw45zqYxl5nLIZBdd57Wgo0LGOL1301AqYNEqkn4qRoCKpcQAvD\\_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://tapestrycollection3.hilton.com/tc/freepointhotelcambridge?WT.mc_id=zlada0ww1up2psh3ggl4advbpp5dkt6multibr7_153671144_1003528&gclid=CjwKCAiAxMLvBRBNEiwAKhr-nljm7Inh8-j1lw45zqYxl5nLIZBdd57Wgo0LGOL1301AqYNEqkn4qRoCKpcQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds))

## Contact Information & Sponsors

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This event is sponsored by Harvard Law School's Child Advocacy Program (<http://cap.law.harvard.edu>), in cooperation with the Academy on Violence and Abuse (<https://www.avahealth.org/>), the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (<https://www.apsac.org/>), the Institute for Human Services (<https://www.ihs-trainet.com/>), the New York Foundling (<https://www.nyfoundling.org/>), the William & Mary Bill of Rights Institute, (<https://law.wm.edu/academics/intellectuallife/researchcenters/ibr/index.php>) and the Zero Abuse Project (<https://www.zeroabuseproject.org/>).

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617-496-1684

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