KCC READS is part of the Coordinated Undergraduate Education Initiative (CUE) at Kingsborough, overseen by Associate Provost, Dr. Reza Fakhari.
KINGSBOROUGH’S COMMON READING program was inaugurated at a meeting of the Faculty Assembly in Spring 2001. Like universities across the country, we wanted to adopt a program that would cultivate a reading culture and foster campus community through a single book. Since its inception, the program has been highly collaborative, with participation from every corner of our campus -- in events, meetings, debates, art projects, book nominations, reading groups and more. KCC Reads cultivates community chiefly through the work of our campus-wide cohort—including staff, faculty and students—which organizes events, selects the annual book and supports the broader work of teaching, reading and research through course adoptions across several disciplines.

The utility of a university common reading program is in the way it not only fosters a spirit of community at our school but also functions to enrich students in important ways: research and public speaking skills, critical thinking and writing skills, management and leadership experience, as well as preparing them for senior college or for the career they may enter upon graduation. The program also engages a social justice agenda, through student research elaborating social and political themes of the books and by means of civic engagement work in the world beyond our campus borders.

We organize an events series in which students, staff and faculty collaborate. Our culminating event for the year is today’s program: the KCC Reads Student Conference, where students present their work on the book—this year, *Just Kids* by Rockaway based musician, artist, activist and author Patti Smith—in panel and roundtable discussions, debates, posters and power point presentations, and as part of art and video exhibitions. The conference features a Keynote Lecture, this year given by esteemed guitarist, Rock and Roll historian and longtime collaborator of Patti Smith’s, Lenny Kaye, and a special opening Plenary Session, a Faculty Forum on *Just Kids* and teaching with KCC Reads.

In September 2015, at our Inaugural Lecture -- given (we are pleased to announce) by Professor Aparajita De, Dept. of English -- look for Volume III of our student journal—*Paideia: The Journal of KCC Reads*—publishing outstanding work presented at today’s conference.

More Info:  |  [www.kbcc.cuny.edu/KccReads](http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/KccReads)  |  [KccReads@KBCC.CUNY.edu](mailto:KccReads@KBCC.CUNY.edu)
THE KCC READS STUDENT CONFERENCE

on

Just Kids
by Patti Smith

MONTDAY & TUESDAY, MAY 4 - 5, 2015
MAC CONFERENCE CENTER (M-240)

MONDAY, MAY 4TH:

Plenary Session
3:00 p.m.: Session 1: A Faculty Forum: Teaching with KCC Reads; ‘Reading Just Kids’ in Central

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH:

Student Conference
9:00 – 9:10 am: Welcome Remarks Dr. Reza Fakhari & Dr. Maureen Fadem, MAC Lobby
9:10 – 10:10 am: Session 2 (concurrent): 2A in Central and 2B in North
10:20 – 11:20 am: Session 3 (concurrent): 3A in Central, 3B in North, and 3C in South
11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Session 4 (concurrent): 4A in Central, 4B in North and 4C in South
12:40 – 1:40 pm: Session 5 (concurrent): 5A in Central and 5B in South
1:50 – 2:50 pm: Session 6 (concurrent): 6A in Central and 6B in South

Keynote Talk
3:00 – 4:30 pm: Session 7: Keynote Lecture: Lenny Kaye in Central

Reception
4:30 – 5:00 pm: Closing Reception: Cinco de Mayo! Catered by Prof Carol Durst-Wertheim (Culinary Arts) & Students of TAH 43 in the MAC Rotunda Lobby

Art Exhibit in EAST
Curated by Professor Madeline Sorel, Dept. of Art

Video Installation in EAST
Curated by Professor D.L. Anderson, Dept. of English, and KCC Alumna Zanib Ahmad (Fine Art, Class of ’14)
A diagram of the MAC Conference Center, with Session Locations marked:

ON 5/5/15 at 3pm, C/S & C/E walls need to be open. Chairs need to be turned and Rooms need to be MIXED.
MONDAY, MAY 4TH

SESSION ONE: Opening Plenary

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in Central:

Faculty Forum:
Teaching ‘KCC Reads’;
‘Reading’ Just Kids

Featuring:

A Community on the Same Page: Creating Posters for KCC Reads
Professor Madeline Sorel, Dept. of Art

From Page to Stage: The KCC Theatre Program Collaborates with KCC Reads
Professors Paul Ricciardi & Gregory Fletcher, Dept. of Communications & Performing Arts

Why Student Voices Matter for Democratic Teaching & Learning
Professor Jason Leggett, Dept. of History, Philosophy & Political Science

Patti Smith in the Changing Culture from the 1960’s to the 1970’s
Dr. Jay Bernstein, Library

Moderator: Professor Maureen Fadem, Dept. of English
TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

The KCC Reads

Student Conference &

Keynote Lecture

for the 2014 – 2015 Academic Year…

Just Kids

by Patti Smith
SESSION TWO: 9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Session 2A in CENTRAL:


Cast, Crew & Writers – KCC Students: Kris Campbell, Yajaira Clotter, Jim Elguera, Juliet Forde, Ren Wei He, Anum Khokhar, Haoran Li, Tina Lomishvil-Murmanovna, Jamal Nunes, Alvin Ramos, David Rubenfeld-Torres, Reginald Smith, Chelsee Sutherland, Mary Valentin and Bryan Hutchinson.

Additional support by non-KCC students: Haize Diallo, Jeff Hearn, Mary Kunicki and Janelle Lewis.

Director: Professor D.L. Anderson, Dept. of English

Session 2B in NORTH:

Roundtable Discussions: Prof. Janowsky’s Students Explore Critical Implications in Patti Smith’s Just Kids

DISCUSSION LEADERS: Tiffany Mendoza, Brian Rivera, Akelia Simmons, Keiden Shakes, Laura Gutierrez, Ilariana Balidemaj, Edgar Barbosa, Sharenza McEachin and Stefan Gayle.

Facilitator: Professor Steve Janowsky, Dept. of English

Roundtable Discussions: Prof. Radtke’s Students Examine the Role of Artistic Influence in Just Kids


Facilitator: Professor Jennifer Radtke, Dept. of English

SESSION THREE: 10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Session 3A in CENTRAL:

Artist Slide Show: Prof. Sorel’s Illustration Students Present: Illustrating KCC Reads

THE ARTISTS: Catherine McConney, Nicole Johnson, Vanessa Faria, Sofia Lignos, Muhammad Abdullah and Gaby Navarro.

Facilitator: Professor Madeline Sorel, Art Department

Session 3B in NORTH:

Panel Discussion: Critical Intersections: The Cast and Crew of The Hot L Baltimore Connect with Just Kids

PRESENTERS: Mila Martinez, Angela Auguste, Brenda Page, Adam Abdeliziz and Patrick Johnson.

Moderator: Professor Paul Ricciardi, Dept. of Communications & Performing Arts

Session 3C in SOUTH:

Panel Discussion: Swans, Journeys and Just Kids: KCC Graduates Weigh-In on Patti Smith’s Memoir

PRESENTERS: Rida Abdullah (Class of ’15), Zanib Ahmad (Class of ’14), Jennifer Faybusovich (Class of ’14), Farin Kautz (Class of ’12) and Joel Alexander (Class of ’11).

Moderator: Ms. Laura Glazier-Smith, The Office of Alumni Relations
SESSION FOUR: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Session 4A in CENTRAL:
Panel Discussion: *Concrete Jungle Where Dreams are Made*: Prof Fadem’s Honors Students Present on Intersections of the Artist, the Self and the City in *Just Kids*

**PRESENTERS:** Billie Jean Delpy, Nicholas Mancini, Derrell Bolling, Ruth Rincher and Sana Mian.
**Moderator:** Professor Maureen Fadem, Dept. of English

Session 4B in NORTH:
Roundtable Discussions: *Since I made it here / I can make it anywhere:* Discussing *Just Kids* with Prof Fadem’s Honor’s Students

**DISCUSSION LEADERS:** Chandrell Christopher, Uzair Arshad, Ricardo Medina, Marisol Ortega, Selma Radoncic, Gabrielle Rios and Kristal Rowe.
**Facilitator:** Dr. Wendy Chu, Library

Session 4C in SOUTH:
Panel Discussion: *American Dreams:* Students of The Men’s Resource Center Unpack Patti Smith’s *Just Kids*

**PRESENTERS:** Rashidi Ashman and Khalid Murad-Mohamm
**Moderator:** Mr. Michael P. Rodriguez, Program Manager, BMI / Men’s Resource Center

SESSION FIVE: 12:40 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Session 5A in CENTRAL:
Panel Discussion: *Of Resilience & Hope:* Students Members of the KCC Reads Committee Offer Personal Responses to *Just Kids*

**PRESENTERS:** Jazmin Preyor, Anna Sacerdote, Jamila Wallace, Nickesha Whyte and Chris Pimentel.
**Moderator:** Ms. Lavita McMath Turner, Director of Government Relations & Civic Engagement

Session 5B in SOUTH:
Dramatic Performance: *ENOUGH IS ENOUGH:* A Performance Exploring How Bullying Eats Away at Our Society

**CAST, CREW & WRITERS – KCC STUDENTS:** Moise Baptiste, Rashawn Hollenquest, Brenda Page, Alehia Perry, Shailon Pinder, Alberto Ramos, Shadasia Riggins and Thomas Tabone.
**Director:** Professor Paul Ricciardi, Dept. of Communications & Performing Arts
SESSION SIX: 1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Session 6A in CENTRAL:
Panel Discussion: Examining the Critical Political-Legal Issues of Public Art with Prof. Leggett's Students
**Presenters:** Erik Wiggins, Samantha Sowizdral, Cody Hayles and Aaron Broomes.
**Moderator:** Professor Jason Leggett, Dept. of History, Philosophy and Political Science

Session 6B in SOUTH:
Panel Discussion: *Breakin’ it Down*: Prof Fadem’s Fall Honors Students Make Good Sense of *Just Kids*
**Presenters:** Anna Makogon, Trisha Gustave, Shahzod Saydaliev, Sha Mel Gloster and Karon Thompson.
**Moderator:** Professor Kevicha Echols, Dept. of Health, Physical Education & Recreation

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Thank You!

*to the hundreds of KCC Students who Performed, Presented, Spoke, Taught, Attended & Supported this Event!*

You are all remarkable!
SESSION SEVEN: Keynote Talk

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

with

Rock Historian and Punk Rock Icon,
Golden Globe Award winning Guitarist and Composer…

Lenny Kaye

“We are All Just Kids”

Introduction: Dr. Reza Fakhari, Associate Provost 3:00
The Lecture with Lenny Kaye, 3:15 – 4:00
Q&A with Lenny Kaye: 4:00 – 4:30

Reception Hosted by KCC Culinary Arts
Celebrating Cinco de Mayo!
4:30 – 5:00 pm
Lobby of the MAC Rotunda

Catered and hosted by Prof Carol Durst (Culinary Arts) & the Students of TAH 43: Catering Event

The End!
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