

*Future of Children* issue editor Jeanne Brooks-Gunn and *Future of Children* author Clive Belfield were cited yesterday in support of a universal pre-K program being proposed by Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. In the May 21st New York Times article, Brooks-Gunn says, “The dollar-for-dollar match is especially key here, because it will make clear that the programs will still be run at the state level, and it will be an incentive for states that haven't invested heavily in pre-K.”

Early childhood education is the focus of a 2005 *Future of Children* volume, *School Readiness: Closing Racial and Ethnic Gaps*, co-edited by Cecilia Rouse, Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, and Sara McLanahan. The role of the federal government in financing state run programs is also addressed in the accompanying policy brief, "Closing Achievement Gaps," by Ron Haskins and Cecilia Rouse.

Another *Future of Children* volume, *Opportunity in America*, also addresses the role of early education in relation to social mobility in an article by W. Steven Barnett and Clive R. Belfield, a relationship that Senator Clinton points to in her reasoning behind the proposal.

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