


**HD Faculty Awards**

Valerie Reyna was elected president of one of the major scientific societies, the Society for Judgment and Decision.

Chuck Brainerd's research on false memory in criminal cases was the subject of a cover story in BBCs science magazine, Focus and an accompanying BBC broadcast, available as a podcast at [www.bbcfocusmagazine.com](http://www.bbcfocusmagazine.com).

Karl Pillemer was appointed as the Hazel E. Reed Human Ecology Extension Chair in Family Policy. The intent of this professorship is to acknowledge Karl's research on intergenerational relations in later life.

Gray Evans was appointed to the Board on Children, Youth, and Families of the National Academy of Sciences.

Elaine Wethington and two colleagues from Weill Cornell Medical College received a grant from the Weill Clinical and Translational Science Center, "Adaptive Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) for Community Dwelling Depressed Older Adults."
Joseph Mikels and Kosali Simon (PAM) were awarded a Cornell Population Program Seed Grant for, "Easing the burden: Exploring how to improve healthcare decision making in older adults."

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Invited talks and Conferences

Karl Pillemer organized a symposium for the Society of Research on Child Development on "Within-Family Differences in Parent-Child Relations Over the Life Course," and presented "Effects of Parental Favoritism on Adult Children of Older Parents."

Elaine Wethington spoke as part of a panel discussion "Bench to Bedside -- Exploring Translational Medicine" for the Sick in America series sponsored by Cornell's Triple Helix Society.

Karl Pillemer gave an invited address at the 2009 Gulbenkian Foundation Health Forum in Lisbon, Portugal, on: "Elder Abuse and Neglect: What Do We Know from Three Decades of Research?"

Symposium / Posters conducted at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in child Development (SRDC), Denver, Colorado:


Poster sessions presented at the annual spring research forum, of the Cornell Undergraduate Research Board:


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Elaine Wethington and Rachel Dunifon received a small grant from the Institute for the Social Sciences to fund a conference on translational research.
M. Casasola has been awarded the Kendall S. Carpenter Memorial Advising Prize.

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May, June, July 2009

Books


Peer Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters


Casasola, M., Bhagwat, J., Burke, A.S. (2009). Learning to form a spatial category of tight-fit relations: How experience with a label can give a boost. Developmental Psychology, 45, 711-723.


Invited talks and Conferences


June P. Mead and members of the CITY Project presented workshops, "Rebuilding the CITY and closing the gap with family connections" at the National Children, Youth and Families At Risk (CYFAR) Conference in Baltimore.

Anthony Ong gave a talk entitled, "Stress, resilience, and the dynamics of emotional complexity," at the Association of Psychological Sciences in San Francisco.


Ritch Savin-Williams gave a talk to the Biological & Experimental Psychology Group, Queen Mary University of London. His work has recently been featured in the Chicago Tribune (June 23) and the Sunday New York Times.

Qi Wang was invited to give a talk in the Department of Psychology and the India-China Institute at the New School for Social Research, New York. "Developing an autobiographical self in cultural contexts."

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Mary Agnes Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, and Davydd Greenwood (Anthropology) have received a grant from the Jacobs Foundation (of Switzerland) to study emerging institutions supporting the transition to adulthood of poor youth in Brazil and Colombia.

Corinna Loeckenhoff received the Bronfenbrenner Life Course Center (BLCC) Innovative Research Award for her project, "The role of temporal discounting across the life span."

Anne Whitehouse has been chosen as a Merrill Presidential Scholar and selected Anthony Ong as "the faculty member who has made the most significant contribution to her education while at Cornell." Anne is also the 2009 valedictorian for the College of Human Ecology.

Karl Pillemer was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Behavioral Sciences Section of the Gerontological Society of America.

Karl Pillemer, Elaine Wethington, and Cary Reid (Weill-Cornell) have been awarded a competing renewal grant from the National Institute on Aging to continue the Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging.

The CITY Project team members, partners, and community collaborators were recognized as recipients of the Annie E Casey 4-H Family Strengthening Award at the CYFAR 2009. Those honored included: June Mead, Steve Goggin.

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August, September, October 2009

Peer Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters


Devine, C.M., Farrell, T.J., Blake, C.E., Jastran, M., Wethington, E., and Bisogni, C.A. (2009). Work conditions and food choice coping strategies of employed parents. Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior 41:365-70. (Note: Time Magazine has written a web feature on this article; NPR also will be running an interview with first author Carol Devine.)

of stressors and hassles among rural adolescents from low- and middle-income households in the USA. Children, *Youth, and Environments*, 19, 164-175. Rachel Hutt was an HD undergraduate now working on her PhD at Penn State. Emily Lefkowitz is a current HD student.


**Invited talks and Conferences**

**Gary Evans** gave an invited talk, "Environment and behavior: Where have we been and where should we be going," at the Environmental Design Research Association Meeting, Kansas City.


Seiver, E., Gopnik, A. & **Kushnir, T.** As philosophers: Differing conceptualizations of free will at ages 4 and 6. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society. San Antonio, TX.

Chernyak, N & **Kushnir, T.** Preschoolers' understanding of free will. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Cognitive Development Society. San Antonio, TX.
Anthony Ong gave an invited talk, "What good are positive emotions in laterlife," to the retired and emeritus faculty of Human Ecology.

Ritch Savin-Williams gave an invited plenary address, "The New Gay Teenager: What we know and do not know but should know," at the American Psychological Association, Toronto.


Vrangalova, Z., & Savin-Williams, R. Adolescent sex, age of debut, number of partners, and well-being. Paper presented at the 52nd Annual Conference of the Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Qi Wang gave an invited talk at the K-12 Educator Workshop, New York Conference on Asian Studies, "Student, parent, and teacher: Learning and teaching in East Asian context".


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Anthony Ong gave the Margaret and Paul Baltes Early Career Award Lecture entitled "What good are positive emotions in later life" at this year's Gerontological Society of America.


Elaine Wethington was a member of a faculty team for a pre-conference workshop at the Gerontological Society of America meetings on: "Implementing translational research: Can community-based research also be good science?" Atlanta GA.
Wethington, E., Meador, R., & Pillemer, K. "Innovative translational research in gerontology: Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.

Wethington, E. "Social isolation among recipients of home-delivered meals in a major urban area." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.


Tamar Kushnir has been awarded a grant from the Institute of Social Sciences at Cornell University for her project "Who knows best: Preschoolers' causal learning from experts in light of their own play experience."

Tamar Kushnir has been awarded a grant through the James McDonnell Collaborative Initiative on Causal Learning for her project "Young children's understanding of free will."


June P. Mead was named by 4-H National Headquarters as the National 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Liaison, Northeast Region, to provide technical assistance to Cornell, Penn State, Rutgers and the University of Maryland in administering the National 4-H SET Youth Engagement, Attitudes and Knowledge (YEAK) Survey.

June P. Mead and members of the Community Improvement Through Youth team presented a workshop, "A Workforce Grows in the CITY" at the New York State Association of Youth Bureaus Conference in Syracuse, and another workshop, "Rebuilding the CITY from the Grassroots Up!" at the 2009 National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference in Rochester.

Deputy Provost David Harris has appointed Ritch Savin-Williams to serve on the Social Science Internal Advisory Council (SSIAC) for a three-year term beginning this month and running through June 30, 2012. The SSIAC is the standing committee that provides university-level guidance on the social sciences.

Joseph Mikels gave an invited colloquium talk, "The positive side of aging", Tulane University, New Orleans.

Gary Evans participated in the Planning Meeting on Life-Course Perspectives. National Academy of Science. Washington, DC.


APA has created a new Advances Series, "The Ecology of Human Development" that will publish each of the biennial Bronfenbrenner conference volumes. The editorial board for this advanced series includes Steve Ceci, Gary Evans, Daniel Lichter, Karl Pillemer, Valerie Reyna, and Elaine Wethington.

Gary Evans presented a colloquium in the Department of Psychology, Townsville University, Australia.

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Gail Roboz (Weill Cornell) and Corinna Loeckenhoff have received a seed grant from the Weill Cornell Clinical and Translational Science Center, "Pilot Study of the Relationship of Functional Status Measured by Actigraphy to Outcome in Elderly Patients With Acute Leukemia."


Mikels, J.A. (2009). Age-related changes in decision making. Chair of Symposium at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Atlanta, GA.


The National Institute on Aging (NIA) has awarded Weill Cornell Medical College a grant to fund an Edward R. Roybal Center for Research on Applied Gerontology, one of 12 such centers nationally. The grant will create the Cornell-Columbia Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life (TRIPLL), a multi-institutional and interdisciplinary collaboration focused on implementing innovative strategies for improving pain management among older adults. Karl Pillemer is co-principal investigator of TRIPLL and Elaine Wethington is co-investigator and director of the Pilot Study Core. The new Institute is an expansion of the Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging (CITRA), a Roybal Center active since 2003.

http://news.med.cornell.edu/wcmc/wcmc_2009/12_03_09.shtml