Strengthening HD - December 22, 2006
Joan Jacobs Brumberg was a keynote speaker, "Fasting Girls: Past and Present," at The University of Ottawa's Annual Frontiers in Research Symposium. This year's themes brought together scholars in a variety of disciplines concerned with the genetic, psychological, and social aspects of regulating body weight.


The CITRA research-to-practice consensus-workshop model: Exploring a new method of research translation in aging.


Strengthening HD - December 15, 2006
Mon Cochran presented an invited address titled "Families Sex Roles, and Early Childhood Education Policies" to the 4th Sao Paulo State Conference on Early Childhood Education in Aguas de Lindoia, Brazil.


Genevieve Quinn, a 2005 Merrill Presidential Scholar, who selected Gary Evans as her Presidential Advisor, was just selected as a Rhodes Scholar. Genevieve is currently finishing her second year in Teach for America and will begin her studies at Oxford in the Fall, 2007.

Gary Evans gave an invited presentation to the McGill University, "Think Tank on Childhood Obesity," was appointed to the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Center for Environmental Health, Center for Disease Control, and received an Honorary Doctorate from Stockholm University.


Strengthening HD - December 8, 2006
Anthony Ong was invited to join the Editorial Board of The Journal of Positive Psychology.

M. Casasola's research is featured on NSF's main webpage: www.nsf.gov If you click on "infants, language, and space" you will be taken to an article that outlines her research.


In addition, Q. Wang gave invited talks:

- Department of Psychology, Beijing Normal University, China. Remembering the self in cultural contexts: A functional perspective
- Laboratory of Clinical Psychology, Peking University, China. Autobiographical memory in clinical research: Methodological issues
- Department of Psychology, China University of Political Science and Law. The Cultural Construction of Autobiographical Memory
- Department of Psychology, Peking University, China. Remembering the self in cultural contexts

**Strengthening HD - December 1, 2006**


Elaine Wethington and Clare Kamp Dush, "Perceptions of Parenting across the Life Course: Gender, Family Structure, and Relationship Quality." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Association of America, Dallas TX.


Presentations included:
"Setting the Agenda for a Community Research Partnership." Karl Pillemer, Elaine Wethington and Mark S. Lachs.


"The CITRA Research-Practice Consensus Workshop Model." Myra Sabir, Risa Breckman, Elaine Wethington, Rhoda Meador, Karl Pillemer, and M. Carrington Reid.

At the annual 68th annual National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) conference, held on Minneapolis, Claire Forest was elected vice-chair of NCFR's Policy Committee. She also moderated a panel entitled "Bridging Family Research and Policy: Making Family Research Accessible and Meaningful to Decision-makers". Panelists included MN Senator John Marty, Children's Defense Fund official Marc Kimball, and Hennepin County (MN) Child Development Specialist Maxie Rockymore.

Lauren Nicholas (Human Development, '01) has been awarded one of the prestigious Hartford Foundation Geriatric Social Work Predoctoral Fellowships. Lauren is a graduate student in social work and public policy at Columbia University.


**Strengthening HD - November 17, 2006**

Judith Ross-Bernstein was the keynote speaker (Scaffolding: Between Van Rensselaer and Vygotsky) at the Tri-Council Faculty Appreciation Reception at Cornell.

Wei, R. presented a poster, "How international students deal with stress at Cornell" at the 11st Regional Conference of the Association of International Educators in Rochester.


**Strengthening HD - November 10, 2006**

R. Savin-Williams has been asked to serve on the Cornell University Diversity Council working group, which will report to the executive committee co-chaired by President David Skorton and Provost Biddy Martin. The working group will share information, identify needs and strategies, and implement plans.

adolescents involved with the judicial system. *Journal of Addictions and Offender Counseling, 27*(1), 2-16.


**Strengthening HD - November 3, 2006**


**Barbara Koslowski** was invited to be a founding member of the International Society for the Psychology of Science and Technology and to present a paper, "*People do take account of alternative explanations, and they do so in ways that reflect sound reasoning*

in Zacatecas, Mexico. Despite the Society's unfortunate acronym, the conference was very exciting.


**June P. Mead** received recognition from the NAE4HA Urban 4-H Programs Task Force for the Youth Voices Project and its designation as one of the top four 4-H programs in the nation at the 2006 NAE4-HA Annual Conference in Milwaukee. The Youth Voices
Project will be featured in the Directory of Successful Urban 4-H Programs (accessible electronically January 2007).

**Strengthening HD - October 27, 2006**  
**Karl Pillemer, Elaine Wethington, and Cary Reid** (Weill Cornell Medical College) organized the Third Annual CITRA Conference on Translational Research in Aging, "Taking Community Action Against Pain: Translating Research on Chronic Pain among Older Adults." Approximately 100 invited participants representing researchers and community agency leaders and policymakers attended the meeting in New York City.

Anthony Ong gave an invited talk at a conference on New Directions in the Study of Happiness: United States and International Perspectives at the University of Notre Dame. He presented a paper entitled, "Toward an Integrated Taxonomy of Positive Human Health: Hedonic and Eudamonic Perspectives."

**Strengthening HD - October 23, 2006**  


Ganzel, B.L., Casey, B.J., Voss, H., Glover, G. & Temple, E. (2006) September 11,
2001: the neural and neuroendocrine correlates of trauma and recovery in healthy adults, poster presented at Society for Neuroscience annual meeting, Oct., 2006, Atlanta, GA


Strengthening HD - October 13, 2006
Taryn Morrissey received a Child Care Research Scholar Grant from the Child Care Bureau, under the federal Administration for Children, Youth and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services. The grant provides two years of funding for her dissertation work.

Karl Pillemer was a lead speaker at Penn State University's 14th annual Symposium on Family Issues. He presented a paper entitled "Intergenerational Support, Care, and Relationship Quality in Later Life: Exploring Within-Family Differences."

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Strengthening HD - October 6, 2006
R. Savin-Williams has been appointed to serve on the National Advisory Board of the Rockway Institute for LGBT Research in the Public Interest (San Francisco).

Gary W. Evans received an Honorary Doctorate from the Faculty of Social Science, Stockholm University. The ceremony took place at the City Hall of Stockholm, Sweden

Strengthening HD - September 29, 2006
R. Savin-Williams has been appointed to a 3-year term on the Board of Visitors for the Fenway Community Health (Boston)

Valerie Reyna has been awarded a conference grant from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health entitled "Better Decisions, Better Care: Theories of Medical Decision Making and Health" in connection with the annual meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making.


Steve Hamilton has been appointed to the Research and Policy Council of Mentor: The National Mentoring Partnership. He presented a paper at their first meeting co-authored with Mary Agnes Hamilton, "Training workplace mentors for youth," Boston.

Mary Agnes Hamilton and Steve Hamilton organized and led with a colleague from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services a working symposium on Linking Research with the Practice of Youth Development, Albany.

Tamara Pardo had an abstract accepted for poster presentation at this year's upcoming National Multicultural Conference and Summit in Seattle, WA.

Strengthening HD - September 22, 2006

Elaine Wethington, M. Carrington Reid, MD (Weill Cornell Medical College) and Dr. Christopher Murtaugh (Visiting Nurse Service of New York), have been awarded a RAND/Hartford Foundation Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Care Research Center grant to develop a new center focused on improving the health of older adults through innovative, interdisciplinary research. The mission of the Center is to develop innovative clinical and health services interventions in geriatrics and to provide interdisciplinary research and training opportunities for new and established investigators.

Claire Forest has been named moderator for the National Council on Families (NCFR) 2006 Policy Panel featuring federal and state policy makers.

June P. Mead received notification from the eXtension Initiative that the Family Caregiving Community of Practice (CoP), multi-state, multidisciplinary effort of which she is a part, has been funded. June will serve as the Technology Expert on the CoP Steering Committee.

June P. Mead received notification from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents' Urban 4-H Programming Task Force that the Youth Voices Project was named one of the top four 4-H programs in the nation. Youth Voices will be listed in the Directory of Successful Urban 4-H Programs and receive special recognition at the 2006 NAE4-HA Annual Conference in Milwaukee. Steve Goggin was co-director of the project.

June P. Mead has been invited to serve as a reviewer for the National 4-H Curriculum Jury Review at National 4-H Council.

Strengthening HD - September 15, 2006
The goals and membership of the National Mathematics Panel, including HDs Valerie Reyna, are discussed in the September 2006 issue of the APA Monitor.
Karl Pillemer has been named Program Co-Chair for the 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.

**Strengthening HD - September 1, 2006**

Elaine Wethington presented a paper at the Oxford Roundtable on Successful Aging, Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, "Translating Basic Research into Community Practice: The Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging."

Barbara Koslowski presented two invited papers to interdisciplinary audiences at Canterbury University, in Christchurch, New Zealand: "Conclusions about confirmation bias are biased" and "The interaction of formal rules and content in scientific reasoning."


**Strengthening HD - August 25, 2006**

R. Depue gave two invited addresses, at a small conference on Biology of Personality in Trier, Germany, entitled On the nature of extraversion: Contextual activation of dopamine-facilitated behavior and the second on Biobehavioral Basis of Social Bonding in Badenweiller, Germany, entitled Mu-opiate basis of affiliative reward.


S. Robertson has been elected as a Fellow in the Association for Psychological Science. Announcement appeared in the July issue of the APS Observer.


**Strengthening HD - August 18, 2006**


Myra Sabir (Post-Doctoral Fellow, CITRA) has received a $25,000 Pilot Study Award from the NIH-funded Columbia University Resource Center for Minority Aging Research. She will conduct the project "Promoting Well-Being Through Integrative Reminiscence," with older adults in Central Harlem in New York City.


**Strengthening HD - August 8, 2006**
**APA Conference, New Orleans, August 10-13, 2006.**

Ritch Savin-Williams is presenting the Master Lecture in Developmental Psychology. The New Gay Teenager: Not Sick, Not Gay, Not Invisible (#2116, Friday, 10am, Meeting Room 357).

Ritch Savin-Williams is chair and discussant for the symposium, Emerging (Existing) Perspectives on Sexual Minority Youth Issues (#1012, Thursday, 8am, Meeting Room 351).

Tamara Pardo will be presenting at the Roundtable Discussion: Practical Issues in LGBT Research on Friday, Aug. 11, 5:00pm, in the Mardi Gras Ballroom D of the Marriott.

**Strengthening HD – July 28, 2006**
Karl Pillemer was quoted in the Washington Post, Los Angeles Times and many other national news media in an article on George Bush's reaction to turning 60.


**Strengthening HD – June 30, 2006 Part II**
Dear HD Community,
Chuck Brainerd just received word from the Cornell Graduate Council that our new concentration, /Law, Psychology, and Human Development/ has been approved by the Deans. The next steps (Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees) will have to wait until the fall. Although the concentration did not meet the deadline for the on-line grad school application for students applying in for fall '07 admission, we can advertise the concentration as "in the final stages of the approvals process" on our field's website. This process has not always been quick or efficient and we owe a huge THANK YOU to Chuck for seeing it through the process.

The transformation of Human Development continues.

Ritch.

**Strengthening HD – June 30, 2006 Part I**


Ethan **Haymovitz** received the National Institute of Health's **Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award** in support of **The Nadleeh Children Project** (F31HD053941-01), awarded through the National Institute on Child Health and Human Development, sponsored by Drs. Ritch Savin-Williams and Karl Pillemer.

Marianella **Casasola** and Jui **Bhagwat** attended the International Conference on Infant Studies in Kyoto, Japan. Undergraduates in Marianella's lab were co-authors on the presentations: Tara Gilhooly, Kerri Cavaluzzi, Felicia Fojas, Cynthia Neuendorf, Narani Pathmanapan, Regina Myers, Tatiana Fox, Yessenia Serra, and Diana Ballasteros. The conference included a banquet attended by the crown prince of Japan. Conference presentations are as follows:


**Casasola, M., Bhagwat, J., Cavaluzzi, K., & Fojas, F.** (2006, June). Infants' and parents' spatial constructions during play: A bias for containment? In M. Casasola (symposium chair), Does input shape language and conceptual development? Poster presentation given at the International Conference on Infant Studies, Kyoto, Japan.


**Strengthening HD – June 23, 2006**


**Australian Symposiums organized:**


Invited to attend the "Collective Memory Workshop" in Sydney.

**Presentations in Australia**


**Strengthening HD – June 16, 2006**


(Based on Sujin Yang’s research program in conjunction with undergraduates she mentored, C. Herlihy, J. Shih and N. Lee)

Q. Wang was invited to join the editorial board of a new interdisciplinary journal *Memory Studies* to be launched by Sage in 2008.

**Strengthening HD – June 9, 2006**


(Chelenza, Liang, and Marasia were all undergraduates. The first poster was based on Liang's and Marasia's Honor's theses.)

**Strengthening HD – June 2, 2006**


Barbara Ganzel presented a poster at the same conference: *September 11, 2001: The neural and neuroendocrine correlates of trauma in healthy adults*. 
June Mead (Projector Director/Evaluator) and Steve Goggin (PI) received notification from CSREES/USDA that their proposal for the Community Improvement Through Youth (CITY) Project was approved. The CITY Project provides opportunities and supports youth need in order to meet the challenges of growing up in poverty.

June P. Mead and Steve Goggin served as Program Coordinator and Research Committee Chair, respectively, for the Children, Youth and Families At Risk (CYFAR) Conference 2006, Atlanta. In addition, Mead presented a workshop entitled, What a World, What a World! Helping Families During Times of Stress.

Kristi Lekies gave two presentations in Saratoga Springs.

The Early Childhood Workforce Preparation System in New York State at the joint meeting of New York State Early Childhood Teacher Educators and ACCESS at the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children (NYSAEYC) pre-conference meeting.

Preparing Teachers and Caregivers of Infants and Toddlers: A Study of New York State Higher Education Programs. Presentation at the Infant-Toddler Forum at the NYSAEYC conference.

Strengthening HD – May 25, 2006


Gary Evans, among the other previously mentioned HD faculty (last Strengthening HD), also served as a Faculty Fellow for Campus Life during this past year.


Strengthening HD – May 18, 2006


Several HD faculty members served as a Faculty Fellow for Campus Life during this past year: Marianella Casasola, John Eckenrode (also co-chair of the governing council), Jeff Haugaard, and Elise Temple.


Katherine Palmer-House, Cornell Family Development Credential Sr. Instructor, was awarded a doctorate in Adult Education from Columbia University May 17.

**Strengthening HD – May 12, 2006**
Qi Wang was awarded the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development Young Scientist Award, given for her distinguished theoretical contribution to the study of Behavioral Development, her programmatic research of distinction, and her distinguished contribution to the dissemination of developmental science.

Valerie Reyna has been appointed to the National Mathematics Advisory Panel, established by Executive Order of the President. The Panel shall advise the President and the Secretary of Education consistent with this order on means to effectively implement policy with respect to the conduct, evaluation, and effective use of the results of research.


R. Savin-Williams gave the Keynote Lecture for the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, regarding diversity.

Yang, S., Park, S. & Lust, B. presented a poster at the Language Acquisition and Bilingualism Conference in Toronto, Canada titled, "Relating bilingualism and language proficiency in executive attention: Comparison of children and adults."

Elise Kramer was awarded the Zuckerman Award for the best senior honors thesis written in Human Development. Elise's thesis "Freedom from a Pill," a sophisticated historical, semiotic and quantitative content analysis of medical advertisements for the birth control pill from 1968-2002, was advised by Elaine Wethington and Joan Brumberg. Sarah Lavalle, advised by Steve Robertson, won honorable mention for this award.

DUS Elaine Wethington is pleased to inform the department that the college is taking special note of the contributions that Human Development faculty are making to sponsor undergraduate research. Our collective achievements this year include:

* Sponsoring 156 students for research and honors credit; this is a 50% increase from last year.
* Developing and sustaining the largest honors program in the college.
* Mentoring student research presentations: Human Development students are much more likely that honors students from other departments to take part in university-sponsored undergraduate research presentations.
* Engaging 46% of all HD majors this year in research (for credit, pay, or
volunteer). (This compares to 1/3 of Human Ecology students overall.)

*Managing large scale laboratories that engage many students. Marianella Casasola supervised 36 students this year in her lab, the highest total in the college. Gary Evans supervised 32 (the second highest total).

**Strengthening HD – May 5, 2006**

Elise Temple was invited to a follow-up meeting in Reston, VA by the Neuro-Math Education group (funded in part by NSF) she met with in Copenhagen earlier this year. Elise Temple led the forum, "What has reading and neuro and education taught us - pitfalls and promise" and committed to helping write two chapters for the book from this conference.

Posters Presented by the Cornell Language Acquisition Lab at the NE Regional Undergraduate and Graduate Student Sigma Xi Poster Conference at Cornell University. The first three are under the direction of Sujin Yang.


Lyscha Marcynyszyn is the recipient of the 2006 APA Division 7 (Developmental Psychology) Outstanding Dissertation Award. Lyscha will highlight her dissertation research to members of the Division 7 Executive Committee at the APA Conference in New Orleans. Lyscha noted: "I believe this award is indicative of the stellar training, mentorship, and support that I received as an HD graduate students at all levels of the dept and college and in particular from my committee members. It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of former graduate students who have received similar awards for their dissertation work."

**Strengthening HD – April 28, 2006**
Elise Temple gave an invited colloquium talk at Rhodes College Psychology Department in Memphis, TN, entitled "Cognitive Neuroscience of Reading: fMRI of Reading, Reading Disorders, and the Effects of Remediation" to help inaugurate the college's new interdisciplinary neuroscience major.
June P. Mead recently served as a reviewer for the National 4-H Curriculum Jury Review at National 4-H Council, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from National 4-H Headquarters, CSREES/USDA for her service as a reviewer and for helping launch a new National 4-H Curriculum process.


The following HD majors received academic awards at the April 25th Human Ecology Evening of Excellence Dinner:

**Outstanding seniors:**
Emily Breidbart  
Mark Celano  
Marissa Evans  
Judith Katz  
Elise Kramer  
Melissa Medoway  
Julie Ruderman  
Melanie Van Sise  
Jared Wolfe

**College Banner Bearer at Graduation:** Mark Celano (4th highest GPA in the college)

**Degree Marshalls at Graduation:** Melissa Medoway (Highest GPA in the college), Rachel Johnson (2nd highest)

**Human Ecology Honors in Leadership:** Marissa Evans, honoring her founding and leadership of "A Shirt Thing" a local company that donates all profits to charities assisting children.

**Robinson Award for Academic Excellence** (awarded for the highest GPAs in each class):

**Seniors:** Melissa Medoway  
**Juniors:** Gary Linkov and Karyn Hartz  
**Seniors:** Rachel Johnson

**Human Ecology Award for Athletic Leadership, Academic Achievement and Service:** Ashley Johnson

**Human Ecology Scholar Athlete Award:** Andrea Skinner
Strengthening HD – April 21, 2006


Members of Elise Temple's lab presented posters at the Annual Cognitive Neuroscience Society Meeting in San Francisco:

Kathleen M Linnane & Elise Temple (2006) ADHD: Distinct Attentional Networks?


Barbara Ganzel, BJ Casey, H Voss, G Glover, & E Temple (2006) The Neural Correlates of Trauma Exposure in Healthy Adults: In the Aftermath of September 11, 2001


Pilyoung Kim also presented a poster at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society meeting, titled "The Neural Substrates of Human Maternal Behavior: Breastfeeding vs. Formula-feeding Mothers' Brain Response to Infant Stimuli"

Claire Forest and Kathryn Palmer-House presented an update on Cornell Family Development Credential research for the NYS Council on Children and Families for Albany policy makers.

Lisa McCabe served as a panelist and speaker at the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Making Connections: Children Healthy and Prepared to Succeed in School in Atlanta. Her talk, with Mon Cochran, was titled "Caring For Quality: Implementing and Evaluating a Program for Home-Based Caregivers."

Strengthening HD – April 7, 2006
Richard Depue gave an invited talk on A Neurobehavioral Model of Affiliative Bonding: The Role of mu-opiates in affiliative reward at a conference of international researchers in Vienna.

HD senior Melissa Medoway has been named commencement speaker (valedictorian) for the 2006 Human Ecology graduating class. Melissa is also one of the outstanding seniors designated by the College, the recipient of a Merrill Presidential Scholar Award, the Project Coordinator for Prof. Gary Evans research lab, and is completing an honors thesis under the supervision of Prof. Evans. Melissa was the recipient of the Robinson Award
for Academic Excellence for the last four years and served as a teaching assistant for DEA 150. In addition, Melissa has volunteered as a tutor in local Ithaca schools as well as in Denmark during her semester abroad.

Claire Forest led a seminar entitled "How Do Families Coached By A Credentialed Worker Set and Pursue Goals?" at the national Family Support conference in Chicago.

**Strengthening HD – March 31, 2006**

Elise Temple gave invited talks to Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District Staff Development entitled "What Do We Know About Reading and the Brain? Brain Imaging of Reading and Reading Disorders" and to the Guilford Psychology Department entitled "A Cognitive Neuroscience Approach to Reading & Reading Disorders."

Gary Evans gave a colloquium to the Robert Wood Johnson Fellows Program, UC Berkeley and UCSF.


Kristi Lekies and Nancy Wells (DEA) had their research featured in an Ithaca Journal article:


Melissa Medoway has been named a Merrill Presidential Scholar for 2006. She is completing an honors thesis in Human Development under the direction of Prof. Gary Evans.

Elise Kramer has been awarded a SUNY Chancellors Award for academic achievement. After the Merrill Presidential Scholar Award, this is the most prestigious academic award in the college. Elise is a weekly columnist for the Cornell Daily Sun and has edited three student publications on campus, including The Muse. She has won awards for college newspaper journalism. She is completing her honors thesis in Human Development under the direction of Elaine Wethington.

HD graduate students presented posters at The 11th Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence in San Francisco.

Ruohong Wei: "Coping with Academic Stress: Comparing International and Domestic U.S. Students".

Jennifer Southwick Brown: "A Collaborative Approach to Understanding the Components of Successful Youth Development Programs".

Mary Campa and Kara Joyner (PAM): "The meaning of sexual behavior for positive relationship development in adolescent romantic unions".

**Strengthening HD – March 17, 2006**

Elise Temple was an invited presenter at a Copenhagen, Denmark conference, "The Founding Meeting for Establishing a Subfield of Neuro-Mathematics Education." Organized in collaboration with the International Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development - Center for Educational Research and Innovation, select leaders in the fields of cognitive neuroscience of math and reading and math education were included. Dr. Temple will contribute a chapter on the lessons math ed can learn from the study of reading & neurobiology and the connection to education and share authorship on a chapter exploring the fundamentals of brain plasticity and how these can be exploited in education and remediation.

Jeff Haugaard received a grant from the Einaudi Center for International Studies to conduct a pilot study of a multi-method intervention for infants and young children living in environments (Mexico) with high levels of lead. His collaborators are Rick Canfield and Katarzyna Kordas from the Division of Nutritional Sciences.

Gary Evans was elected by the Trustees to an endowed chair, the Elizabeth Lee Vincent Professorship, effective April 1, 2006.


- **Bronfenbrenner**, U., & **Morris**, P.A. The ecology of developmental processes.
- **Bruck**, M., **Ceci**, S.J., & **Principe**, G.F. The child and the law.

Laura Libby, HD undergraduate, was selected to receive $3,000 from the Majorie A. Corwin Undergraduate Fellowship to support undergraduate research in the College of Human Ecology. Her research will be working with Professor Barbara Koslowski during this summer.

**Strengthening HD – March 10, 2006**

Mon Cochran will be a Visiting Scholar at Tufts University for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Claire Forest was selected by the National Council on Family Relations' Policy Section as its representative at NCFR's family policy meeting in Washington. She will convene the section's family policy conference calls for the national conference in November.
Strengthening HD – March 3, 2006
Gary Evans gave a colloquium at the Centre for Health Inequality, University of Stockholm and Karolinska Institute.


The Early Childhood Center had 4 proposals accepted for the NYS Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs May 4th-6th (workshops by Carol Sammis, Elizabeth Stilwell, Trudy Radcliffe, & Wendy Wingate).

Strengthening HD – February 23, 2006


Gary Evans has been invited to join the John D. and Catherine T. Mac Arthur Foundation Network on Socioeconomic Status and Health as a core member.

Strengthening HD – February 17, 2006
Janis Whitlock, Project Director for the Cornell Research Program for Self-Injurious Behavior [www.crpsib.com](http://www.crpsib.com) has been appointed Senior Research Associate in FLDC and Lecturer in HD

The recent book by Chuck Brainerd and Valerie Reyna is receiving rave reviews. An excerpt from a recent review: "*The Science of False Memory* shows all the signs of a work that is likely to be recognized for many years as a classic in the psychology of memory. Brainerd and Reyna have written a work that is simultaneously thorough in its scientific coverage and accessible to the educated layperson. It is breathtaking in its scholarly contribution."

Kristi Lekies gave an invited presentation on NYS Universal Pre-kindergarten to administration and Head Start technical assistance staff at the Department of Health and Human Services Region II office in New York City.
Steve Hamilton (PI) and Jane Powers (Project Director and Co-PI) have been awarded a 5 year contract with the NYS Department of Health to continue their work on the Assets Coming Together for Youth initiative (ACT for Youth) (www.actforyouth.net) by establishing a Center of Excellence for the Integration of Youth Development and Adolescent Programs (a collaboration of the FLDC, University of Rochester School of Medicine/Division of Adolescent Medicine, the NYS Center for School Safety, and Cornell Cooperative Extension New York City). In addition to working with 12 community partnerships across New York State, ACT will be providing support and technical assistance to other DOH adolescent health contractors in utilizing best practice models and strategies for integrating youth development principles and practices. The anticipated funding is for $850,000 a year.

**Strengthening HD – February 3, 2006**

Karl Pillemer has been appointed to serve on an expert federal review panel by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This panel is charged with drafting new federal standards on abuse and neglect in nursing homes, which specify the regulatory compliance for treatment of patients.

Rhoda Meador and Karl Pillemer have received a $100,000 grant from the Community Health Foundation of Central and Western New York to conduct an evaluation of Project HOME, which facilitates discharge of nursing home residents back into community living settings.

**Strengthening HD – January 27, 2006**


Wendy Williams has been awarded through APA, a 2006-2007 G. Stanley Hall Lectureship. She will be giving invited addresses at the annual convention in San Francisco in 2007 and at regional APA meetings. The G. Stanley Hall lecture series honors APA's first president G. Stanley Hall and is designed to improve the teaching of introductory psychology. Candidates are selected to enhance thinking, learning and discussion in the classroom.

**Strengthening HD – January 16, 2006**

Gary Evans, a member of the World Health Organization Scientific Advisory Committee on Children's Environmental Health, was an American delegate to a World Health Organization meeting in Bonn, Germany on Quantifying Disease from Inadequate Housing, December 2005. He presented on housing and mental health.


**Strengthening HD – January 6, 2006**

David Biek presented a poster on January 4, 2006 at the 2006 National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg, Florida, titled "Dont Forget the Moderating Factors When Teaching a Complex Phenomenon: The Case of Stereotype Threat".