Cornell University
College of Human Ecology

Department of Human Development

HD Scholarship
January, February 2011

Publications

Evans, G.W. & Kutcher, R. (2011). Loosening the link between childhood poverty and adolescent smoking and obesity: The protective effects of social capital. *Psychological Science*, 22, 3-7.

Ong, A.D. (2010). Pathways linking positive emotion and health in later life. Current Directions in *Psychological Science*, 19, 358-362.

Presentations

Löckenhoff, C.E., O'Donoghue, T., & Dunning, D. (2010). Age differences in temporal discounting of realistic monetary gains and losses. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Reed, A., **Mikels, J.A.,** & **Löckenhoff, C.E.** (2010). Choice across the adult life span: Who wants it, how much, and why? Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Awards

Tamar Kushnir has been appointed as the first Evalyn Edwards Milman Assistant Professorship in Child Development in the College of Human Ecology.

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March 2011

Anthony Ong has been approved tenure recommendation, effective April 1, 2011. Congratulations to Anthony.

Publications

Pillemer, K., Wells, N. M., Wagenet, L. P., Meador, R. H., Parise, J. T. (2011). Environmental sustainability in an aging society: A research agenda. *Journal of Aging and Health*, *23*, 433-453.

Ong, A. D., Fuller-Rowell, T., Bonanno, G. A., & Almeida, D. (2011). Spousal loss predicts alterations in diurnal cortisol activity through prospective changes in positive emotion. *Health Psychology*, ***30,*** **220-227**.

Meador, R., Chen, E.K, Schultz, L., Norton, A., **Henderson, C.** and **Pillemer, K**. (2011). Going home: Identifying and overcoming barriers to nursing home discharge. *Care Management Journals*, *12*, 2-10.

Purdie-Vaughns, V., Sumner, R., & Cohen, G.L. (2011). Sasha and Malia: Re-envisioning black youth. In G.S. Parks & M.W. Hughey (Eds.) *The Obamas and a (Post) Racial America?* Oxford University Press.

Awards

Tamar Kushnir has been appointed as the first Evalyn Edwards Milman Assistant Professorship in Child Development in the College of Human Ecology.

Elizabeth Stilwell received a grant from the Cornell Public Service Center to present the first Faculty Fellows In Service Community Based Training series, “Play in young children: How it shapes the mind, opens the imagination and supports lifelong learning”.

Presentations

Corinna Loeckenhoff gave an invited talk at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Preventive Oncology, titled, “Aging, emotions, and decision-making - Implications for cancer prevention, detection, and control.”

Other

Thomas Fuller-Rowell has accepted a two-year Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) postdoctoral fellowship in the psychology department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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April 2011

Publications

Pillemer, K., Breckman, R., Sweeney, C.D., Brownell, P., Fulmer, T., Berman, J., Brown, E., Laureano, E., and Lachs, M.S. (2011) Practitioners’ views on elder mistreatment research priorities: Recommendations from a research-to-practice consensus conference. *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*, 23:115–126.

Presentations at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development

Brainerd, C. J., & **Reyna, V. F.** How does emotion affect developmental reversals in false memory?

Fuller-Rowell, T., **Evans, G.W**., & **Ong, A.** Stigma mediates the association between poverty and allostatic load.

Whipple, S.S., **Evans, G.W.**, Barry, R., & Maxwell, L.E. An ecological perspective on cumulative risk and school-wide academic achievement.

Kutcher, R., **Evans, G.W., Whitlock, J.**, & Swisher, R. Social capital, poverty, and adolescent mental health.

Evans, G.W., Klebanov, P., & Brooks-Gunn, J. Early origins of the SES-health gradient.

Clark, C. **Kushnir, T.** Preschoolers use of magic as a causal explanation when events violate their prior causal beliefs in contact causation. (Poster)

Chernyak, N. & **Kushnir, T.** Is morality a choice? Investigating the links between preschoolers' awareness of their abilities to act morally or immorally. (Paper)

Kushnir, T. & Vredenburgh, C. Who can help fix the toy? The distinction between conventional knowledge and causal expertise guides preschoolers' future requests. (Paper)

Yu, Y. & **Kushnir, T.** Toddlers' imitation of novel causal actions is influenced by the demonstrator's prior intention. (Poster)

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May 2011

Publications

Zhang, G., Chow, S. M., & **Ong, A.D.** (2011). A standard error estimator of SEM models with multivariate time series. *Psychometrika*, 76, 77-96.

Holliday, R.E., **Brainerd, C.J.**, & **Reyna, V.F.** (2011). Developmental reversals in false memory: Now you see them, now you don't! *Developmental Psychology*, 47(2) 442-449.

Brainerd, C.J., Reyna, V.F., & Zember, E. (2011). Theoretical and forensic implications of developmental studies of the DRM illusion. *Memory and Cognition*, 39, 365-380.

Yang, S., Yang, H.,& **Lust, B.** (2011) Early childhood bilingualism leads to advances in executive attention: Dissociating culture and language. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*. Cambridge Univ. Press. Pp. 1-11.

Presentations

Ritch C. Savin-Williams did a one-hour live call-in show with NPR affiliate KSKA in Anchorage, Alaska. http://kska.org/category/lineone/

Cohen Sherman, J., Flynn, S., Gair, J., **Whitlock, J.**, Immerman, A. , Costigan, A, Rak, D. & **Lust, B.** (2011). New research results dissociate linguistic deficit from cognitive decline in MCI. Alzheimer's Association's Map Through the Maze Conference. Marlboro, Ma.

Lust, B., Flynn, S., Cohen Sherman, J., Gair, J.,**Whitlock, J**., Immerman, A., & Rak, D. (2011). Language in aging and dementia. In Flynn and Katada. Workshop: "Language Disorders/Language Atypicalities". Symposium at Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, Penn.

Cohen Sherman, J., Flynn, S., Gair, J., Immerman, A., **Whitlock, J**., Rak, D., Mancuso, S., Costigan, A. & **Lust, B.** (2011). Linguistic deficits in MCI relative to healthy elderly and young adults: Pilot results from a multi center investigation. Poster presented at Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Boston University Alzheimer's Disease Center Twenty-Fourth Annual Scientific Poster Symposium. Mass General Hospital, Boston.

Ritch C. Savin-Williams was interviewed by the New York Times, Voice of America, and Reuters Health about gay youth suicide; he also presented to the Los Angeles Gay Healers Circle (a "nontraditional" clinical group) about being young, healthy, and gay.

Valerie Reyna's project teaches CU students and teens. Students from her Laboratory for Rational Decision Making have been working in collaboration with New Roots Charter School in Ithaca as well as Cooperative Extension offices in New York City and Broome County to offer innovative curricula to teens. http://www.hdtoday.human.cornell.edu/2011/04/research-extension-project-teaches-cu-students-and-teens/

Löckenhoff, C.E., Laucks, S.S., Port, A.D., Tung, J., **Wethington, E.**, & Reid, M.C. (2011). Perceived temporal trade-offs in pain management: Does age matter? Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society, Washington, DC.

Port, A.D., Laucks, S.S., Reid, M.C., Tung, J., **Wethington, E.,** & **Löckenhoff, C.E**. (2011). Age differences in pain management: Ascertaining the provider's point of view. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society, Washington, DC.

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Awards

Corinna Loeckenhoff is among a group of researchers featured as "rising stars" in this month's APS Observer.
http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/publications/observer/2011/may-june-11/rising-stars-3.html

Corinna Loeckenhoff received a pilot award through the Cornell ISS Small Grants Program (Spring 2011) entitled: "Age and Intertemporal Choice Among Aversive Experiences."

Corinna Loeckenhoff was also awarded the Preisdent's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW) Affinito/Stewart Grant to support her work, "Joint decision-making among older leukemia patients."

HD Scholarship
June 2011

Publications
Savin-Williams, R.C., Cohen, K.M., Joyner, K., & Rieger, G. (2011). Rejecting the refutation that never was: Reply to Meyer's (2010) comments on Savin-Williams, Cohen, Joyner, and Rieger (2010). *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 40, 659-661.

Löckenhoff, C.E., & O'Donoghue, T., & Dunning, D. (2011). Age differences in temporal discounting: The role of dispositional affect and anticipated emotions. *Psychology and Aging*, 26(2), 274-284.

Smiler, A. P., Frankel, L. B., & **Savin-Williams, R. C.** (2011). From kissing to coitus? Sex-of-partner differences in the sexual milestone achievement of young men. *Journal of Adolescence*, 34,727–735.

Lust, B., Flynn, S., Gair, J., Cohen Sherman, J., Immerman, A., Costigan, A. & **Whitlock, J.** (2011). Working memory dissociates from linguistic processing in subjects with mild cognitive impairment, healthy aging and young controls. *American Psychological Society*, Washington, DC.

Suitor, J.J., Sechrist, J., Gilligan, M., & **Pillemer, K.** (2011). Intergenerational relations in later-life families. In R. Settersten, & J. Angel (Eds.), *Handbook of the sociology of aging*. (pp, 161-178), New York: Springer.

Presentations

Ritch C. Savin-Williams was interviewed by the New York Times for a video feature on the lives of gay youth.

Qi Wang gave an invited address at the APS Convention. The title of her talk was What makes people happy?: Emotion knowledge in autobiographical memory.

Koslowski, B. and Vermeylen, F.M. Confirmation bias may be more nuanced than had been thought. Poster presented at the meetings of the American Psychological Society, Washington, D.C.

Koslowski, B., Sue-Wern P'ng, J., and Kim, J. Societal/educational influences affect whether people consider alteranative explanations. Poster presented at the meetings of the Jean Piaget Society, Berkeley, CA.

Koslowski, B. Adolescents' conceptual and technical knowledge in proposing and evaluating hypotheses. Paper presented as part of a symposium on, What we know affects how we think: belief and strategy in the development of reasoning, Jean Piaget Society, Berkeley, Ca.

Ritch C. Savin-Williams was recently interviewed discussing sexual-minority research by ABC News, CBS BENET, and MSNBC (Live Science).

Yang, S., Yang, H., **Lust, B.**, Pierre, D. & Kim, C. (2011). Investigating typological distance effects in executive attention among bilinguals. Canadian Psychological Association. 72nd Annual Convention. Toronto, Canada.

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Vrangalova, Z., & **Savin-Williams, R.C.** (2011). Adolescent sexuality and positive well-being: A group-norms approach. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*,40, 931-944.

Meier, S., Fitzgerald, K., Pardo, S., & Babcock, J. (2011). The effects of hormonal gender affirmation treatment on mental health in female-to-male transsexuals. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*, 15, 281-299.

Doan, S.N., & **Evans, G.W.** (2011). Maternal responsiveness moderates the relationship between allostatic load and working memory. *Development and Psychopathology*, 23, 873-880.

Savin-Williams, R.C. (2011). Identity development among sexual-minority youth. In S. J. Schwartz, K. Luyckx, & V. L. Vignoles (Eds.), *Handbook of identity theory and research* (pp. 671-689). New York: Springer

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Gary Evans presented a seminar on housing and the physical environment to the Center for the Developing Child, Harvard University

Yu, Y. & **Kushnir, T.** (2011). It's all about the game: Infants' action strategies during imitation are influenced by their prior expectations. In L. Carlson, C. Hölscher, & T. Shipley (Eds.), Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

Chernyak, N., **Kushnir, T.**, Sullivan, K. M., & **Wang, Q.** (2011). A comparison of Nepalese and American children's concepts of free will. In L. Carlson, C. Hölscher, & T. Shipley (Eds.), Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Austin, TX: Cognitive Science Society.

HD Scholarship
August 2011

Publications

Ong, A.D., Mroczek, D.K. , & Riffin, C. (2011). The health significance of positive emotions in adulthood and later life. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, 538-551.

Presentations

Wach Miller, D., & **Eckenrode, J.** (2011). Precursors to borderline personality disorder among maltreated youth [poster presentation]. American Psychological Association 119th Convention, Washington, DC.

Anthony Ong gave an invited talk at the 2011 APA Convention (Washington, DC) entitled "Positive Emotions as Basic Building Blocks of Resilience".

Other

John Eckenrode has been appointed as the Director of the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research for a 5-year term.

Steve Hamilton has been appointed as the Research Director of 4-H Youth Development at the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research.

HD Scholarship
September 2011

Publications

Abrahamson, K, **Pillemer, K.,** Sechrist, J., & Suitor, J.J. (2011). Does race influence conflict between nursing home staff and family members of residents? *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences.* First published online: September 1, 2011.

Other

Qi Wang was appointed as the Associate Director of Cornell's East Asia Program.

Ritch Savin-Williams spoke at the Child Welfare Summit in Washington, DC on gay youth research and was interviewed by Slate Magazine/Washington Post on the relationship between gender nonconformity and sexual orientation.

HD Scholarship
October 2011

Publications

Löckenhoff, C.E. (2011). Age, time, and decision making: From processing speed to global time horizons. Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, 1235(1), 46-56.

Sechrist, J., Suitor, J., Riffin, C., Taylor-Watson, K., **Pillemer, K.** (2011). Race and older mothers' differentiation: A sequential quantitative and qualitative analysis. Journal of Family Psychology, Published online Oct 3, 2011

Coccaro, E.F., **Ong, A.D**., Seroczynski, D. & Bergeman, C.S. (2011). Affective intensity and lability: Heritability in adult male twins. Journal of Affective Disorders, 134, 1-6.

Ong, A.D., Rothstein, J.D., & Uchino, B.N. (2011). Loneliness accentuates age differences in cardiovascular responses to social evaluative threat. Psychology and Aging, 26, 1-9.

Burrow, A.L., & Hill, P.L. (in press). Purpose as a form of identity capital for positive youth adjustment. Developmental Psychology, 47, 1196-1206.

Reyna, V.F., Estrada, S.M., DeMarinis, J.A., Myers, R.M., Stanisz, J.M., & Mills, B.A. (2011). Neurobiological and memory models of risky decision making in adolescents versus young adults. Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition, 37, 1125-1142.

Reyna, V.F., & **Brainerd, C.J.** (2011). Dual processes in decision making and developmental neuroscience: A fuzzy-trace model. Developmental Review, 31, 180–206.

Presentations

Gary Evans gave the 2011 Harold Proshansky Lecture, "The environment of childhood poverty," at the American Psychological Association annual meeting.

Reyna, V.F. (2011, September). Risk, rationality and neurodevelopment. Paper presented a Society for Neuroeconcomics, Chicago, IL.

Presentations

Ritch C. Savin-Williams (with Kenneth Cohen) presented an all-day clinical workshop for the Oregon Psychological Association in Portland; presented to the Long Island Cornell Alumni group in Garden City, NY, on bullying; and talked with The New York Times twice (gay youth accepting their sexuality; the use of gender terms among adolescent girls); the Weekly Reader on advice to youth on coming out to parents, and The National Geographic TV channel on love and relationships. His interview with Time magazine on whether gay schools are a good/bad thing is out this week.

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Awards

Elaine Wethington is among a group of collaborators at the University of Pittsburgh, Stony Brook University, Columbia University, Cornell University and Carnegie Mellon University who have been

awarded a grant from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, "The Validation and Field Testing of New Tools for Characterizing the Personal Environment."

Other

Some of **Raj Raizada's** work using EEG is discussed in the New York Times magazine:
The Cyborg in Us All

The third page of that article discusses this work:
NeuroPhone: Brain-Mobile Phone Interface using a Wireless EEG Headset

HD Scholarship
November 2011

Publications

Ganzel, B. & Morris, P. (2011).Allostasis and the developing human brain: Explicit consideration of implicit models. Development & Psychopathology, 2nd Special Issue on Allostasis, 23, 953-974. (selected to be lead article of this special issue)

Brainerd, C.J., Reyna, V.F., Petersen, R.C., Smith, G.E., & Taub, E.S. (2011). Is the apolipoprotein e genotype a biomarker for mild cognitive impairment? Findings from a nationally representative study. Neuropsychology, 25, 679-689.

Löckenhoff, C.E, Duberstein, P., Friedman, B., & Costa, P.T. Jr. (2011). Five-factor personality traits and subjective health among caregivers: The role of caregiver strain and self-efficacy. Psychology and Aging, 26(3), 592-604.

Natsuaki, M.N., Leve, L.L., & **Mendle, J.** (2011). Going through the rites of passage: timing and transition of menarche, childhood sexual abuse, and anxiety symptoms in girls. Journal of Youth and Adolescence, Special Issue: New Studies to Explain Pubertal Timing Effects,40, 1357-1370.

Talks

Qi Wang gave a talk at the psychology colloquium at Stanford University, on November 9, 2011. The title of her talk was "The totalitarian ego, or not? The cultured self in autobiographical remembering."

Gary Evans gave a keynote address, "The environment of childhood poverty" to the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.

Other

Gary Evans was appointed to a second, three year term on the Board of Children, Youth, and Families of the National Academy of Sciences.

Papers presented at meetings of the Psychonomic Society and the Judgment and Decision Making Society, in Seattle.

Brainerd, C.J., Reyna, V.F., Kenney, A.E., Gross, C.J., & Taub, E.S. (2011). Modeling episodic memory declines in Alzheimer's dementia and mild cognitive impairment: Differential characterization and early identification. Paper.

Gomes, C.F., Stein, L.M., & **Brainerd, C.J.** (2011). Emotional recall: A dual-trace analysis. Poster.

Reyna, V.F., Kharmats, A., & Pardo, S.T. (2011). Improving health outcomes for adolescents using social cognitive theory and goal-setting: A randomized control trail of the EatFit Curriculum. Paper.

Reyna, V.F., Wilhelms, E.A., Brust, P.G., Sui, W., Pardo, S.T., & Corbin, J.C. (2011). Delay discounting and reward sensitivity: A fuzzy trace theory approach. Poster.

Reyna, V.F., Hsia, A., Chick, C.F., & Pardo, S.T. (2011). Professional risk takers are more susceptible to framing effects: Expertise and developmental reversals in fuzzy-trace theory. Poster.

Brust, P.G., **Reyna, V.F.,** Wilhelms, E.A., Sui, W., & Corbin, J.C. (2011). The gist of choice: The role of numbers in decision making. Poster.

Wilhelms, E.A., **Reyna, V.F.,** & Brust, P.G. (2011). A better way to assess financial risk and well-being: A reliable and externally valid spendthrift scale. Poster.

Furlan, S., Agnoli, F., & **Reyna, V.F.** (2011). Time pressure makes intuition evident in probability estimates: Individual differences in ratio bias. Poster.

Reyna, V.F., Wilhelms, E.A., Brust, P.G., Sui, W., & Pardo, S.T. (2011). The gist of delay discounting: Neurobiology and representation. Paper.

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December 2011

Publications

Mendle, J., Leve, L.D., van Ryzin, M., Natsuaki, M.N., & Ge, X. (2011). Associations between early life stress, child maltreatment, and pubertal development in foster care girls. Journal of Research on Adolescence, 21, 871-880.

Harden, K.P., **Mendle, J.,** & Kretsch, N. (2012) Environmental and genetic pathways between early pubertal timing and disordered weight control behaviors. Psychological Medicine, 42, 183-193.

Evans, G.W., Brooks-Gunn, B., & Klebanov, P.K. (2011). Stress out the poor: Chronic physiological stress and the income-achievement gap. Community Investments, Federal Bank of San Francisco, 23, 22-27.

Suitor, J.J., Gilligan, M., & **Pillemer, K.** (2011). Conceptualizing and measuring intergenerational ambivalence in later life. (2011). Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, 66:769-781.

Abrahamson, K., **Pillemer, K.,** Sechrist, J., & Suitor, J.J. (2011). Does race influence conflict between nursing home staff and family members of residents? Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, 66: 750-755.

Talks and Presentations

Löckenhoff, C.E., O'Donoghue, T., & Dunning, D. (2011). Age differences in temporal discounting of emotional experiences. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Reed, A.E., Maresca, S.N., & **Löckenhoff, C.E.(**2011). Who saves the best for last? Age differences in decisions about affective sequences. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Chen, E.K., **Pillemer, K.,** Van Haitsma, K., Teresi, J.A., & Lachs, M. (November 2011). A descriptive typology of resident to resident aggression in nursing homes. Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Reid, C., Kwon, R., Parker, S.J., Chen, E.K., & **Pillemer, K.** (2011). Comparing an adapted (vs. original) self-management pain program: Is adaptation always necessary? Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Wethington, E., Brennan, T., Kwon, R., Parker, S., & Reid, C. (2011). The relationship between loneliness and chronic pain in a national sample of Americans. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston MA.

Wethington, E., Anderson, B., & Kamarck, T. (2011). Reliability and validity of the life events assessment profile: A new tool for stress research. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston MA.

Other

Jane Mendle was interviewed by WebMD about pubertal timing in boys.