

Other Pre-Conferences and Events at the 2019 Biennial

Aside from the invited and submitted program, there are numerous formal and informal opportunities for networking and learning about the latest developments in the field. The biennial meetings provide an opportunity for child development professionals and other researchers to connect and exchange information and ideas. Please see below for other opportunities offered. Note that these events are not sponsored by SRCD and registration/questions will need to be sent to the contact listed. This page will continue to grow as the meeting draws closer.

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Peer Relationships Pre-Conference

Time: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Location: Baltimore Convention Center - Room 347/348

Questions and Registration: Information and Registration can be found on the [Peer Relationships Pre-Conference website](#). For questions, please email Paul Poteat at [PoteatP\[at\]bc.edu](mailto:PoteatP[at]bc.edu).

About this Pre-Conference: The 2019 Peer Relationships Pre-Conference aims to bring together scholars across disciplines to highlight new advances in scientific research on peer relationships from childhood through adolescence. This year's pre-conference will focus on several major topics, including: (a) scientifically solid procedures for planning, analyzing and sharing peer-based research, (b) urgent social, cultural, and political issues rising to the forefront of peer research, and (c) the relevance of peer research for intervention and policy efforts. During the pre-conference there will be several plenary talks, multiple breakout discussion sessions, a poster session, and networking opportunities throughout the day.

9th SRCD Pre-Conference on Religious and Spiritual Development

Time: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Location: Baltimore Convention Center – Room 329

Questions and Registration: Information and registration can be found on the [Religious and Spiritual Development website](#). For questions, please email Rebekah Richert at [rebekah.richert\[at\]ucr.edu](mailto:rebekah.richert[at]ucr.edu).

About this Pre-Conference: This pre-conference convenes the community of scholars interested in the nature and function of religion and spirituality in child and adolescent development. The pre-conference is designed to engage attendees in discussions on the theoretical and empirical examination of religion and spirituality and to highlight cutting-edge research in these areas. We explore how to conceptualize and operationalize religion as a context in which human development occurs; and we seek to delineate the mechanisms through which spirituality and religious cognitions and beliefs develop. As such, this pre-conference will encourage scholars to consider how religious and spiritual development can inform traditional assumptions and approaches to understanding developmental processes, both for established scholars in this area of work and for scholars interested in engaging in these discussions for the first time. The organizers built the program to incorporate diversity in the religious beliefs and cultural systems represented and discussed. In addition, a broad scope of human development

is considered, with scholars examining interacting domains of development (socioemotional, cognitive, psychopathology) and varying domains of religious and spiritual development (concepts, cognitive processes, moral development, character development, identity, parenting).

The theme of the 2019 Pre-Conference will be **Cognitive & Affective Components of Religious & Spiritual Beliefs**. Presentations and discussions will consider questions such as:

- What do children and adolescents at different developmental points mean when they say they ‘believe’ in religious agents and practices? How do cognitive and emotional processes interact in developmental shifts in the certainty of belief in religious agents and practices?
- To what extent does belief in religious agents and practices play a role in moral development and identity formation?
- How are socialization practices (e.g., parenting, rituals, religious instruction) related to belief religious agents and practices?
- How do transcendent and spiritual experiences contribute to belief in religious agents and practices, and what do those look like over development? How do transcendent and spiritual experiences effect meaning, identity, commitments? How do such experiences direct the development of one’s personal narrative?

In addition to a keynote speaker, the pre-conference will feature a variety of formats, including round-table discussions, poster presentations, and research talks in order to foster discussion, build research networks, and connect younger and more established scholars to each other.

Thanks to generous donations from The John Templeton Foundation and the Thrive Center at Fuller Theological Seminary, this pre-conference is FREE for attendees. To encourage networking and discussion, attendees receive a breakfast, lunch and other refreshments throughout the day. SRCD attendees whose work addresses any of the above topics or who simply wish to learn more about religious and spiritual development are invited to attend.

Evolutionary Development Pre-Conference

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Baltimore Convention Center - Room 312

Questions and Registration: Please email Karin Machluf at [kxm5600\[at\]psu.edu](mailto:kxm5600@psu.edu).

About this Pre-Conference: The Evolutionary Developmental Psychology Pre-Conference will serve as a forum for exposing SRCD members to an explicitly evolutionary-oriented approach, highlighting research from a broad range of fields such as, anthropology, ecology, and biology—fields for which many members of SRCD have limited exposure. We will strive to have a diverse set of research programs showcased by inviting a mix of established academics, as well as up-and-coming new investigators.

Integrating Attachment-Based Science into Public Policy

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Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Baltimore Convention Center - Room 322

Questions and Registration: Information and registration can be found on the [SEAS Attachment Pre-Conference webpage](#). Please email Pasco Fearon at [p.fearon\[at\]ucl.ac.uk](mailto:p.fearon@ucl.ac.uk).

About this Pre-Conference: Attachment theory and research has always been about how best to impact the real lives of children and parents. What are the issues facing new generations of scholars as they enter the field and what are the emerging avenues to get involved and be effective? Engagement with diverse communities, both societal as well as scientific, appear to be key. Join us for this lively day of discussion and networking to help you find or refine your path – wherever you are in your career. This day will include four panels, each to comprise 30 or 60 minutes of presentations followed by time for questions and discussion with the audience. Speakers include Brenda Jones-Harden, Mary Dozier, Carlo Schuengel, Marije Verhage, Elizabeth Carlson, JD Haltigan, Gottfried Spangler, Yair Ziv, Jimmy Venza. Chairs and discussants will

include Pasco Fearon, Jude Cassidy, Miriam Steele, Marinus van IJzendoorn and Howard Steele.

Emotions and Emotional Development Pre-Conference

Time: 11:30 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Baltimore Convention Center - Room 301/302

Questions and Registration: Information and registration can be found on the [SRCD Emotions and Emotional Development Pre-Conference website](#). For questions, please email Tara Chaplin at [tchaplin\[at\]gmu.edu](mailto:tchaplin@gmu.edu).

About this Pre-Conference: Emotions Pre-Conference Event for researchers interested in emotional development.

Moral Development Pre-Conference

Time: 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Baltimore Convention Center - Room 337/338

Questions and Registration: Information and registration can be found on the [Moral Development Pre-Conference website](#). For questions, please email Wendy Rote at [wmrote\[at\]mail.usf.edu](mailto:wmrote@mail.usf.edu).

About this Pre-Conference: This pre-conference will focus on the Development of Moral Emotions. Topics will include moral socialization processes, cultural differences in the development of moral emotions, and relations between emotions and prosocial and antisocial

behavior.

Re-evaluating the Word Gap and Poster Session

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Location: Baltimore Convention Center - Room 308

Questions and Registration: Please email Alana Griffin Schnitz at aschnitz@ku.edu -OR- Judith J. Carta at carta@ku.edu.

About this Pre-Conference: Language acquisition is a crucial childhood accomplishment as it influences school readiness and achievement, self-regulation, and life and health outcomes. Yet, any number of factors can interfere with a child’s ability to become an effective communicator—and one of these factors may be growing up in poverty. This pre-conference will bring together interdisciplinary scholars to discuss a) recent challenges to the existence of a “word gap” associated with poverty and b) the importance of addressing the word gap through interventions). By now there are numerous, promising interventions that promote enriched language experiences -- especially for children in poverty. Talking with children starting at birth is key for the promotion of language growth – at home, in child care, and in school. For this pre-conference poster symposium, invited early childhood experts from diverse fields (e.g., developmental psychology, early intervention, pediatrics, public health, nursing, speech and language pathology, early education, children’s media, technology innovations for instruction, and public policy) will present posters with empirical evidence describing the existence and nature of the language gap and interventions studies that have demonstrated success in promoting early communication and reducing the “word gap”. Panel discussions will identify the highlights of the posters and evoke discussion of the implications of the studies for policy, practice, and the next generation of research on these topics.

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Arizona State University Reception

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Hilton Baltimore - Key 12

Questions: Please email Laura Hanish at laura.hanish@asu.edu.

Foundation for Child Development's Young Scholars Program Meet and Greet

Time: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Hilton Baltimore - Ruth

Questions: Please email Naomie Macena at naomie@fcd-us.org.

About this event: A reception for all who are interested in the upcoming Young Scholars Program (YSP) Call for Proposals launching in April 2019. YSP is a research funding opportunity for post-doctoral, early career researchers. Meet YSP award recipients, Drs. Cecilia Ayon, Gabriela Barajas-Gonzalez, Anna Johnson, Michelle Maier, Jaime Puccioni, Kelly Purtell, and Lisseth Rojas-Flores. Speak with them and foundation representatives to learn more about YSP, the research supported, and how to apply. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited.

Pennsylvania State University Reception

Time: 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Hilton Baltimore - Key 10

Questions: Please email Lauren Teti at [Lot1\[at\]psu.edu](mailto:Lot1@psu.edu).

About this Event: Reception for Penn State faculty, students, staff and alumni attending SRCD.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Reception

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Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Hilton Baltimore - Calloway AB

Questions: Please email Sommer Fousek at [sfousek2\[at\]unl.edu](mailto:sfousek2@unl.edu).

About this Event: Faculty, staff, students, alumni, colleagues and friends are invited to join us at SRCD for a UNL reception!

Canadian Universities Reception

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Time: 8:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Location: Hilton Baltimore - Key 1

Questions: Please email Susan Graham at [grahams\[at\]ucalgary.ca](mailto:grahams@ucalgary.ca).

About this Event: This is our Canadian Universities reception that we have been holding at SRCD since 1997.

Center for Developmental Science Reception

Time: 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Hilton Baltimore - Key 9

Questions: Please email Amy Watson Briceno at [briceno\[at\]unc.edu](mailto:briceno[at]unc.edu).

Minnesota Party for Institute of Child Development

Time: 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Location: Hilton Baltimore - Key 6

Questions: Please email Delores Mordorski at [mordo001\[at\]umn.edu](mailto:mordo001[at]umn.edu).

About this Event: University of Minnesota Institute of Child Development annual SRCD reception.

Society for the Study of Human Development

Time: 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Location: Hilton Baltimore - Peale BC

Questions: Please email Yoko Yamamoto at [yoko_yamamoto\[at\]brown.edu](mailto:yoko_yamamoto[at]brown.edu).

About this Event: Event Description Society for the Study of Human Development (SSHD) Meet & Greet.

Friday, March 22, 2019

Technology and Media in Children's Development (TMCD) Reception

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Location: Hilton Baltimore - Johnson A

Questions and RSVP: You can RSVP for this event on the [TMCD Reception form](#). For any questions, please email Stephanie Reich at smreich@uci.edu.

About this Event: This is an opportunity for researchers focused on tech and/or media to socialize. [Download the Reception Flyer](#).

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Infant Behavior and Development Journal Meeting Breakfast

Time: 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Location: Hilton Baltimore - Paca

Questions: Please email Fowler Lewis at v.egelbaum@elsevier.com.

About this Event: Infant Behavior and Development journal meeting/breakfast for journal editors and publisher, hosted by Elsevier.
