



The Society for Research in Child Development
is pleased to announce the 2012 Recipient of the

Victoria S. Levin Award
For Early Career Success in Young Children's Mental Health Research



Heidemarie Laurent, Ph.D.



In 30 years of distinguished service at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Vicki Levin had a special interest in scientific research that addressed young children's mental health. The Victoria S. Levin Award for Early Career Success in Young Children's Mental Health Research, established to honor and carry forward this special focus of Vicki's life's work, was made possible by the donations of hundreds of her friends, colleagues and family members. Its aim is to heighten the chances of early success in achieving federal funding for developmentally-informed research that addresses the early foundations of children's mental health and well-being. Broadly defined, such research addresses all aspects of the early development of competence and risk for children from all types of backgrounds.

We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Heidemarie Laurent is the recipient of the Victoria S. Levin Award. Dr. Laurent is Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Wyoming, soon to be at the University of Oregon. Dr. Laurent received her BA with honors in Psychology from Scripps College and her PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She investigates social-developmental paths shaping early stress regulation and aims to better define "regulation" by relating multiple biological (i.e., neuroendocrine, autonomic, neural) and behavioral aspects of stress response to psychological symptoms. Her work integrates multiple response measures over time and identifies contextual moderators of stress effects to provide a more comprehensive view of what needs to change when to interrupt intergenerational cycles of stress dysregulation.

Please visit www.srcd.org for more details about the award and applicant eligibility. Applications for the 2013 Award will be available on the SRCD website on July 1, 2013. The deadline for applications is September 1, 2013; the award of up to \$25,000 will be announced in November, 2013.