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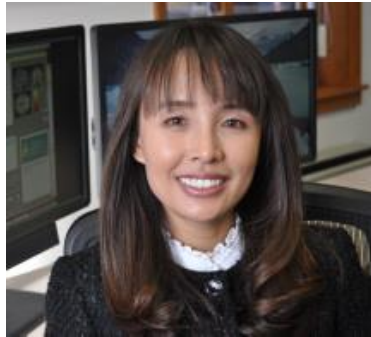
is pleased to announce the 2014 Recipient of the

**Victoria S. Levin Grant**

**For Early Career Success in Young Children's Mental Health Research**

**Pilyoung Kim, Ph.D.**

**Department of Psychology, University of Denver**



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 Grant 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. Pilyoung Kim is the recipient of the 2014 Victoria S. Levin Award. Dr. Kim is Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Denver. Her selected mentors are Drs. Elysia Davis and Seth Pollak. Dr. Kim received her BA in Psychology and English Literature from Korea University in South Korea, her EdM in Human Development & Psychology at Harvard Graduate School of Education, and her PhD in Developmental Psychology from Cornell University. Dr. Kim completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Developmental Affective Neuroscience at the National Institute of Mental Health. Her long-term research career trajectory is to examine the early life origins of socioeconomic disparities in health from a neurobiological perspective. Her current work focuses on the prospective effects of perinatal exposures to poverty-related chronic stress on the neural systems in new mothers and infants. She aims that the knowledge gained from her research will advance understanding of specific neurobiological processes by which poverty is associated with magnified risks for parental depression, harsh parenting in new parents, and for mental illness for infants and young children.

Please visit [www.srcd.org](http://www.srcd.org) for more details about the grant and applicant eligibility. Applications for the 2015 Grant will be available on the SRCD website on July 1, 2015. The deadline for applications is September 1, 2015; the grant will be announced in November, 2015.