

Interdisciplinary Committee

Mission Statement

The Interdisciplinary Committee takes its charge from the statement of the multidisciplinary task force:

SRCD will reflect the fact that an understanding of development requires the perspectives and methods of multiple disciplines. SRCD encompasses psychology, human development, sociology, family studies, biology, education, pediatrics, psychiatry, social work, public health, economics, anthropology, and other disciplines that are relevant for an understanding of development. It embraces the rich diversity of quantitative and qualitative methods associated with these specializations. As the scientific world leans increasingly towards division and compartmentalization, SRCD's role in encouraging a multidisciplinary perspective for understanding human development becomes increasingly important. SRCD will increase its efforts to provide a forum in which scientists of various disciplines can share research and interdisciplinary scientific methods and to promote a receptive climate for truly transdisciplinary research that will advance understanding of the complexities of child and adolescent development.

> [Read the Interdisciplinary Committee Spotlight - February 22, 2019](#)

Committee Roster

Alan L. Mendelsohn, Co-Chair	2017-2023	New York University School of Medicine & Bellevue Hospital
Bridget Hatfield, Co-Chair	2019-2023	Oregon State University
Cecile Ladouceur	2019-2023	University of Pittsburgh
Mia Smith-Bynum	2019-2023	University of Maryland
Samantha Brown	2021-2025	Colorado State University

Bruce Ellis	2021-2025	University of Utah
Jeffrey Liew	2021-2025	Texas A&M University - College Station
Carol Scheffner Hammer	2021-2025	Columbia University
Nicholas Allen, Governing Council Representative, Ex-Officio	2021-2023	University of Oregon
Meltem Yucel, SECC Representative	2021-2023	University of Virginia
Staff Liaison		Society for Research in Child Development

Activities and News

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Awards

- [Jacobs Foundation](#)
- [Jefress Trust Awards Program in Interdisciplinary Research](#)
- [2015-2016 Research Incubator Awards \(Duke University\)](#)
- [King's Experience Interdisciplinary Award](#)
- [SNI Interdisciplinary Scholar Awards](#)
- [Monroe G. Sirken Award in Interdisciplinary Survey Methods Research](#)
- [Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Science Research \(IBSS\)](#)
- [Distinguished Awards for Interdisciplinary Sustainability](#)
- [James H. Zumberge Research and Innovation Fund](#)
- [Jeffres Trust Awards Program in Interdisciplinary Research](#)

- **Mizzou Advantage: Faculty Interdisciplinary Development Awards**
- **Welcome Trust: The Hub Award**
- **University of Oregon: Incubating Interdisciplinary Initiatives**

Programs

In this page, we include some suggestions of interdisciplinary programs of potential interest for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty. The list of programs is not comprehensive, so you can [contact the Committee co-chairs](#) to ask for the consideration of other programs.

- **Early Career Interdisciplinary Scholars Fellowship Program (Society for Research in Child Development)**
- **Behavioral Health Programs (Arizona State University)**
- **Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study and Human Development (Tufts University)**
- **Learned Centered Curricula (University of Southern California)**
- **LIFE Course: Evolutionary and Ontogenetic Dynamics (University of Michigan)**
- **Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences (University of Florida at Gainesville)**
- **Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (Davidson College)**
- **The Department of Biobehavioral Health (Penn State)**
- **Interdisciplinary Studies in Child Development Concentration (California State University)**
- **PhD in Human Development and Social Policy (Northwestern University)**
- **Doctoral Program in Behavioral and Social Health Sciences (Brown University)**
- **Mind, Brain and Education Program (Harvard University)**
- **Interdisciplinary Studies (Institute for Advanced Study)**
- **Spring 2015 Interdisciplinary honors seminars (Rutgers)**
- **2015 Interdisciplinary Progame (Loyola University New Orleans)**

Interdisciplinary Special Issues

- The journal *Research in Human Development* has just published a new special issue calls “**Just one wish for the study of human development**” edited by Richard A. Stetterston and Megan McClelland (Oregon State University). The issue includes the section “Interdisciplinary collaboration and playing well with others” which contains the following papers:
 - **Interdisciplinarity, Nature**
 - **Sustainable humanity, sustainable nature: Our responsibility, Pontifical Academy of Sciences**

- **Towards Truly Interdisciplinary Research on Human Development**, *Ursula M. Staudinger*
- **Teams Do It Better!**, *Toni C. Antonucci*
- **Let's Work Together: Towards Interdisciplinary Collaboration**, *Ingrid Schoon*
- **The Study That Got Away**, *Frank F. Furstenberg*
- **Understanding Human Development: Toward a Comprehensive Framework**, *Frederick J. Morrison*

Interdisciplinary Awardees Presentations and Interviews

- Gary W. Evans (2017 SRCD Interdisciplinary Awardee)
- Thomas S. Weisner (2017 SRCD Interdisciplinary Awardee)
- **Carol Worthman (2015 SRCD Interdisciplinary Awardee)**
- **Tom Boyce (2015 SRCD Interdisciplinary Awardee)**

Events

2017

- **Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development**

2016

- **Interdisciplinary research methods. What? Why? How? Who? (Interdisciplinary net)**
- **5th International Conference on Adoption Research**
- **The International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences**
- **End-of-Academic-Year Multidisciplinary Conference in Munich**
- **Education and Development Conference 2016**
- **Interdisciplinary Forum (Missouri State)**
- **3rd International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Study**
- **4th Annual International Conference on Cognitive - Social, and Behavioural Sciences (icCSBs)**
- **2016 Asia-Pacific Conference on Education, Society and Psychology**
- *10th annual International Technology, Education and Development Conference,*
- **Interdisciplinary symposia (University of Calgary)**
- **Second International Conference on Loss, Bereavement and Human Resilience in Israel and the World: Facts, Insights and Implications**
- **IACAPAP Congress 2016: International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions**

- **IMBES 2016 Conference**
- **FENS Forum**

2015

- **International Conference on Education, Psychology and Social Sciences**
- **2015 FPR-UCLA Interdisciplinary Conference on Gender (UCLA)**
- **A Critical Moment: Sex/Gender Research at the Intersection of Culture, Brain, & Behavior**
- **The Annual International Conference on Cognitive - Social, and Behavioural Sciences**
- **Interdisciplinary Research Regional Conference**
- **1st International Congress of Clinical and Health Psychology with Children and Adolescents**
- **Improving Outcomes for Looked After Children Conference**