



The Society for Research in Child Development
is pleased to announce the 2011 Recipient of the

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



Anna Gassman-Pines, Ph.D.
Sanford School of Public Policy
Duke University



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. Anna Gassman-Pines is the first recipient of the Victoria S. Levin Award. Dr. Gassman-Pines is Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Psychology and Neuroscience at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. She is also a Faculty Fellow of Duke's Center for Child and Family Policy. Dr. Gassman-Pines received her BA with distinction in Psychology from Yale University and her PhD in Community and Developmental Psychology from New York University. Her interdisciplinary work focuses on the effects of welfare and employment policies on the well-being of young children and their mothers in low income families. In addition to the importance of these issues, the work is distinguished by the use of innovative, sophisticated methods to assess the effects of public policy on young children's and mothers' daily functioning.

Please visit www.srkd.org for more details about the award and applicant eligibility. Applications for the 2012 Award will be available on the SRCD website on July 1, 2012. The deadline for applications is September 1, 2012; the award of up to \$25,000 will be announced in November, 2012.