The Society for Research in Child Development
is pleased to announce the 2013 Recipient of the

Victoria S. Levin Grant
For Early Career Success in Young Children’s Mental Health Research

Maureen Zalewski, 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 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. Maureen Zalewski is the recipient of the 2013 Victoria S. Levin Grant. Her selected mentor is Dr. Phil Fisher. Dr. Zalewski is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Oregon. Dr. Zalewski received her BS in Psychology from The Pennsylvania State University, her PhD in Child Clinical Psychology from the University of Washington, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Zalewski investigates the development of emotion and stress reactivity and regulation in the context of maternal borderline personality disorder. Her work focuses on how emotionally dysregulated parenting and mothers’ own trauma experiences influence the physiological and behavioral indicators of children’s developing emotion and stress regulation capacities.

Please visit www.srcd.org for more details about the grant and applicant eligibility. Applications for the 2014 Grant will be available on the SRCD website on July 1, 2014. The deadline for applications is September 1, 2014; the grant will be announced in November, 2014.