Navigating Critical Transitions & Challenges Across the Life-Course
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PART ONE: WELCOME
A word from the CRDH Director: Bill Bukowski

Throughout its nearly 30 year history, CRDH has been more than a simple collection of researchers. It has always been more than a sum of its individual members and their active labs. Even during its earliest days the essential feature of CRDH has been the collaboration between its individual researchers. This basic intersection between CRDH labs has been a source of the Centre’s vitality and productivity. An important challenge for CRDH during the 2009/2010 year has been to extend this collaboration between CRDH members. This task is especially challenging and important now as the Centre has become increasingly more multidisciplinary.

During this past year much progress has been made. At this time there are more shared grants and more shared publications than in any time in our history. Many of these collaborations involve students from different labs and disciplines. Genuine collaboration evolves over time. A main goal for CRDH is to promote real collaboration between CRDH from different disciplines and across university contexts.

Bill Bukowski
CRDH Director

A message from the CRDH Associate Director, Karen Li

The past year has been full of outstanding accomplishments from individual members and research teams. Several memorable events deserve mention. First, we were delighted to receive an additional Stage Internationale award for graduate training abroad which was given to Paula Ruttle, who spent two months at the University of New Orleans to learn new methods of analyzing stress hormones in adolescent populations. Paula joins three other CRDH trainees in receiving funds from this FQRSC-funded program to go abroad for 2-4 months of research training. The other three trainees have returned from their respective international stages and given excellent presentations to the CRDH membership about their experiences and new skills. Several of the award recipients have already written or published scientific papers stemming from their stages. This has significantly strengthened new or previously existing collaborations between CRDH research labs and others abroad. We hope to continue with this very beneficial program in the coming year.

Another notable accomplishment in the past year was the launching of our Centre’s Charter: a set of guidelines to formalize the conditions of Centre membership, roles for trainees and researchers, and details about the governance and Centre structure. The Charter was created by CRDH member, Anna-Beth Doyle, whose efforts will be appreciated by current and future Centre members for years to come.

Lastly, planning for our 2010 CRDH retreat deserves mention. This year, as in past years, we look forward to hearing from the trainees about their ideas for new workshop topics, Centre activities, and organizational strategies. The main focus for both researchers and trainees this year is to think towards the next five years. We are preparing to write a new grant proposal for the Regroupement, and so the intensive brainstorming of our retreat is sure to be productive and push our grant preparations forward. As always, the retreat will be an excellent chance for old and new members to meet and exchange research ideas.

I have highlighted only a few of the Centre’s recent activities here, and urge you to read on to learn more about the tremendous energy and innovation that our members have given to CRDH in the past year.

Karen Li
Associate Director
What is the Centre for Research in Human Development?

CRDH is an internationally recognized research and training centre, with central facilities housed at Concordia University, in Montreal, Quebec. The Centre is a multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional organization with a membership of 34 faculty researchers and over 100 graduate and post-doctoral trainees, from 7 disciplines at 5 universities and colleges across Quebec. The Centre includes a growing number of community partners and international research associates who help to guide our research program, and participate in our ongoing research and training projects. The Centre and its members are committed to advancing our understanding and support of human growth and development from birth through old age. Using a model that focuses on key transitions in the human life cycle, CRDH serves as a centre for advanced research training, collaboration, and cross-disciplinary work.

Life transitions present opportunities for growth. But they can also present serious challenges across the life-course. A baby learning to talk, an adolescent beginning to take on more adult responsibilities, and an adult becoming a parent for the first time, all face critical tests of the skills they have learned up to that point. When a life transition does not go well, for whatever reason, that individual is likely to be ill-prepared for the next inevitable challenge. A negative cascade begins, and it can affect the individual, the family, and the community. On the other hand, when developmental challenges are successfully met, positive outcomes and enhanced contributions to society are likely to follow.

The CRDH is committed not only to state-of-the-art science and training, but also to bringing the best research to the community. CRDH and its members reach out to service organizations and policymakers whose goals are to translate understanding of human development into effective public policy.

Qu’est-ce que le Centre de recherche en développement humain ?

Le Centre de recherche en développement humain (CRDH) est un centre de recherche et de formation de réputation internationale basé à l’Université Concordia, Montréal, Québec. Organisation multidisciplinaire et multi-institutionnelle, le Centre regroupe 34 chercheurs-enseignants et plus de 100 étudiants des programmes de maîtrise, de doctorat et de post-doctorat. Le CRDH recoupe sept disciplines dans cinq universités et collèges du Québec. De plus, il comprend de nombreux partenaires de la collectivité et d’associés de recherche internationaux qui aident à orienter son programme de recherche et qui participent à ses projets de recherche et de formation. L’objectif du Centre et de ses chercheurs consiste à comprendre, à soutenir et à faire progresser la croissance et le développement humain, de la naissance à la vieillesse. Axé sur les transitions clés du cycle de la vie, le CRDH favorise la collaboration, la formation avancée en recherche et les travaux multidisciplinaires.

Les transitions qui jalonnent la vie sont certes des occasions de croissance, mais elles posent également de sérieux défis. Qu’il s’agisse d’un bébé qui apprend à parler, d’un adolescent qui commence à prendre de plus en plus de responsabilités ou d’un adulte qui devient parent pour la première fois, tous sont confrontés à des situations qui mettent à l’épreuve les habiletés acquises jusque là. Une transition mal franchie, peu importe la raison, rendra la personne vraisemblablement mal préparée pour négocier les inévitables défis qui vont suivre. Sensus une cascade d’événements négatifs qui l’affecteront ainsi que sa famille et sa communauté.

Par contre, il y a de fortes chances qu’un défi développemental surmonté avec succès s’accompagne de retombées positives pour un individu, incluant une plus grande contribution à la société.

Le CRDH est engagé non seulement à promouvoir la science et la formation de pointe, mais aussi à produire la meilleure recherche possible pour la communauté. Ainsi, le CRDH et ses membres bénéficient du partenariat des organismes de service et de ceux et celles qui établissent les politiques et qui ont pour mandat de traduire notre compréhension du développement humain en des politiques sociales publiques et communautaires efficaces.
CRDH Mission Statement

The Centre de Recherche en Développement Humain (CRDH) mission is: (a) to support interdisciplinary research on human development across the lifespan; (b) to promote the development and maintenance of a critical mass of researchers in the area of human development; (c) to support and to help to increase overall research capacity in the area of human development, including the training of new researchers; and (d) to stimulate and facilitate the creation of partnerships between groups of researchers who belong to the CRDH as well as with public and private institutions. The CRDH’s ultimate goal is to increase knowledge about the biological, psychological, environmental, and social factors affecting human development and to transfer this knowledge to people who use it, including clinicians, government decision-makers, and the general public in Québec and internationally. By fulfilling its mission, the CRDH will help to promote successful development across the human lifespan and to prevent the expression of difficulties in human development.

Mission du CRDH

La mission du Centre de Recherche en Développement Humain est: (a) de soutenir la recherche interdisciplinaire sur le développement humain tout au long de la vie; (b) de promouvoir l’expansion et le maintien d’une masse critique de chercheurs dans ce domaine; (c) de soutenir et favoriser l’accroissement du potentiel de recherche dans le domaine du développement humain, y compris la formation de nouveaux chercheurs; et (d) de stimuler et faciliter la création de partenariats entre des groupes de chercheurs membres du CRDH, de même qu’avec des institutions publiques et privées. Son but ultime est d’accroître les connaissances par rapport aux facteurs biologiques, psychologiques, environnementaux et sociaux qui affectent le développement humain, et de transmettre ces connaissances aux gens qui s’en servent, comme les cliniciens, les décideurs politiques et le grand public, au Québec comme ailleurs dans le monde. En remplissant sa mission, le CRDH favorisera la promotion du développement humain la vie durant et la prévention des difficultés qui peuvent l’entraver.
CRDH Theme & Axes

Research theme: Critical transitions and challenges across the life-course

The members of the Centre for Research in Human Development study human development from infancy to old age. The main objective of our research program is to examine individual and family adaptation across critical developmental transitions. Our research program focuses on the acquisition and maintenance of human competencies across the life course, and the social and environmental factors that allow individuals to successfully use these competencies to face the challenges of successive developmental transitions. The theoretical and methodological underpinnings of our approach are drawn from the social and life sciences. This approach integrates models and methods drawn from related social, health, and neuroscience disciplines. To have the most innovative and comprehensive approach possible, CRDH integrates the unique and complementary strengths of researchers from psychology, sociology, education, geography, political science, decision science, and exercise science.

We include normative, atypical, and clinical populations within our research program. Each distinct group can contribute to our understanding of specific developmental, health, and policy issues, including population needs and potential solutions. Because basic competencies and adaptations to successive transitions affect future developmental outcomes, we take a life-course approach to understanding and studying development. Due to the complexity of the issues, we have intensified our cross-disciplinary approach to the specific areas of transition within our research program. Our methods are integrated from across disciplines, in order to have the most innovative and comprehensive approach possible. Accordingly, the development and application of innovative methods is one of the basic research priorities of our program. Health, education, and social policy in relation to developmental transitions is integrated within each axis, enabling us to integrate policy needs and implications within each of our research and dissemination programs. The specific axes of our research program are described below:

Thème de recherche: Les transitions et les défis critiques qui jalonnent la vie


Notre programme de recherche inclut des populations normatives aussi bien qu’atypiques et cliniques, car chacun de ces groupes contribue, à sa façon, à notre compréhension des problématiques liées au développement, à la santé et aux politiques, y compris les besoins des populations et les solutions possibles. Parce que les compétences de base et l’adaptation aux diverses transitions successives ont des répercussions sur le développement ultérieur, notre programme couvre tous les cycles de vie. Étant donné la complexité des problématiques, nous avons intensifié notre approche interdisciplinaire face aux diverses transitions qui font l’objet de notre programme de recherche. Nos méthodologies intégrées recoupent diverses disciplines pour arriver à une approche qui soit la plus innovatrice et la plus globale possible. En fait, l’élaboration et l’application de méthodes novatrices constituent l’une de nos priorités. Nous intégrons les problématiques en matière de santé, d’éducation et de politiques à l’intérieur de chaque axe de recherche, afin d’inclure les besoins en matière de politiques et leurs implications dans chacun de nos programmes de recherche et de dissémination. Voici maintenant une description de chacun de nos axes de recherche.
Axes

Infancy and Early Childhood

Acquiring basic skills and entering the social world

Our general goal is to identify the risk and protective factors that influence children's development of essential skills and abilities in the years leading up to the critical transition into school. Our current research projects focus on, (a) learning basic skills and interpersonal competencies, (b) temperament, disposition, and individual vulnerability, (c) environmental and socioeconomic factors, community and neighborhood effects on early development and health, (d) school (e.g., classroom composition and environment) and neighborhood effects on school adjustment and achievement, (e) understanding and overcoming the inequities faced by children within socially vulnerable groups (e.g., economically disadvantaged, low birthweight, cultural minorities).

Adolescence

A period of multiple transitions and challenges

Our main objective is to examine how the key transitions of adolescence (e.g., puberty, rapid cognitive and physical changes, school transitions, increasing autonomy and individualization; entering the workforce and accepting new social and family roles) are affected by the interactions between individual characteristics and the environment, using an interdisciplinary approach. Ongoing research projects concern (a) genetic influences on the development of psychopathology in childhood through early adulthood, (b) the effects of behavioural predisposition, family relationships, experience, and cultural context on healthy adaptation, (c) the effects of neighborhood poverty, racial inequality, school characteristics and social networks on health outcomes, (d) parental, peer, and romantic relationships and their subsequent influence on adjustment (e.g., school achievement, drug use, delinquency).

Enfance

Acquisition des habiletés de base pour s'intégrer au monde social

Notre objectif général est d'identifier les facteurs de risque et de protection qui contribuent au développement des aptitudes et des habiletés essentielles pendant les années qui mènent à l'importante transition vers l'école. Nos projets actuels portent sur: a) l'acquisition des habiletés et des compétences interpersonnelles de base; b) les variations de tempérament, la disposition et les vulnérabilités personnelles; c) les effets des facteurs environnementaux et socio-économiques, et ceux de la communauté où habite l'enfant, sur son développement et sa santé pendant ses premières années; d) l'école (par ex., composition de la classe et environnement scolaire) et le quartier comme facteurs d'adaptation et de rendement scolaire; et e) la compréhension et la remédiation des inégalités avec lesquelles composent les enfants des groupes socialement vulnérables (par ex., le désavantage économique, le faible poids à la naissance, les minorités culturelles).

Adolescence

Période où se multiplient transitions et défis

Notre objectif principal, ici, est d'identifier comment les transitions clés de l'adolescence (par ex. puberté, changements cognitifs et physiques rapides, transition scolaire, autonomie et individualisation accrues, entrée sur le marché du travail, acceptation de nouveaux rôles sociaux et familiaux) sont affectées par les interactions entre les caractéristiques individuelles et l'environnement, en utilisant une approche multidisciplinaire. Les projets en cours traitent a) des influences génétiques sur l'étiologie de la psychopathologie, de l'enfance au début de l'âge adulte; b) des effets de la prédisposition comportementale, des relations familiales, de l'expérience et du contexte culturel sur l'adaptation; c) des effets de la pauvreté du voisinage, des inégalités raciales, des caractéristiques du milieu scolaire sur la santé; et d) des relations avec les parents et les pairs, des relations amoureuses, et de leur influence sur l'adaptation (par ex. rendement scolaire, usage de drogues, délinquance).
Parenthood

New roles and responsibilities

Our general goal is to identify differences in family structure and child-rearing approaches, and to understand the diversity of parenting strategies used to promote healthy outcomes in children. We presently focus on the following problems: (a) social and economic factors that impact family structure, parenting distress, and post-partum health, (b) the transfer of parenting style from one generation to the next, (c) diverse family structures (e.g., lesbian, single parent) and influence of immigrant and minority status on parenting practices, (d) parenting in the context of special populations (e.g., very low birthweight infants, low income families, autistic toddlers, aggressive or withdrawn children).

Healthy Aging

Managing loss and maintaining quality of life

This axis focuses on identifying specific losses, potentially positive or negative outcomes, and adaptive processes that seniors use to manage late-life transitions. Our current projects focus on (a) how seniors use active strategies (e.g., use of external support structures) versus internal adjustments (e.g., downscaling, re-prioritizing) to handle losses, (b) how societal factors (e.g., social networks, health care institutions) facilitate successful outcomes, (c) lifestyle and individual factors that lead to smooth retirement transition, (d) the epidemiological examination of risk factors for Alzheimer’s disease, vascular-related dementias, and depression, (e) the identification of normative patterns of cognitive, sensorimotor, and neuronal decline in healthy seniors.
Methodology

Bringing innovation to research in human development

Our researchers employ a diverse range of innovative methodologies, both in terms of measurement (e.g., eye movements, brain activity, stress hormones, motor skills) and data analyses (e.g., Hierarchical Linear Modeling, Growth Curve Analysis). CRDH has significant strengths in the analysis of longitudinal data sets, neighborhood effects, and epidemiological data. The Centre’s multidisciplinary composition facilitates the emergence of new applications of these cutting-edge research methods in the context of developmental phenomena.

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Part Two: Members

CRDH has 34 Researchers within Québec. The extent of their experience and expertise ranges from talented, young faculty with promising research programs to senior scientists who have achieved world-recognition for their accomplishments and unique expertise. Each of our members holds research grants, and reviews regularly for scientific journals and funding agencies. Several serve in senior editorial positions or as members of standing review committees for provincial, federal, or US funding agencies. Many of our current members play leadership roles in the direction of research networks in the areas of health, education, and social services and also hold research advisory roles to public policy makers and service agencies.

CRDH’s INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS:

CRDH has also developed and maintained many National and International collaborations over the years. Collaborations on developmental topics across the lifespan include researchers within Canada (Ontario, New Brunswick, and Manitoba to mention a few) and outside our Canadian borders (i.e., USA, United Kingdom, Germany). The richness of these collaborations is demonstrated in the exchange of research theory, methodology and by strengthening exiting developmental findings by asking similar research questions in different environments.
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Feature: 
Patrik Marier, PhD

Politics, Pensions, and Seniors

The upcoming challenges related to an aging population have been the source of multiple debates in both academic and popular circles. The proportion of individuals above the age of 65 is expected to double in Canada by 2030 and this will have a disproportionate effect across the ten Canadian provinces as a result of divergent population pyramids. The consequences of this demographic change are stirring up passions and they result in wide ranging prognostics ranging from the “gloom and doom” to the status quo. It is within this context that Dr. Marier analyses the development and implementation of social policies and the policy challenges created by an aging population in industrialized countries. He is involved in three main research projects and in other projects surrounding the role of the public bureaucracy in the policy making process such as facilitating the diffusion of policies.

The first main project is a comparative book on how provincial authorities are preparing themselves in a society with a growing number of older citizens. Based primarily on interviews with policy makers, data from statistical agencies across the country, and official governmental documentation, this contribution seeks to analyze the formulation and implementation of policies and strategies to face the challenges and opportunities associated with an aging population. This is the primary research agenda associated with the Canada Research Chair in Comparative Public Policy and it tackles multiple policy challenges such as health care, changing labour markets, the sustainability of pensions and the future of rural areas. As part of this investigation, strong collaboration has been established with CRDH resulting in the creation of an Ageing Research Network at Concordia. Following from this beneficial relationship, we are also analyzing the relationship between the type of pension benefit received by seniors and its effect on well being.

Second, Dr. Marier is involved in an international research team that studies the impact of recent pension reforms on its governance. Following from his 2008 book, he is analyzing how social partners are involved in the governance of both public and private pension schemes in Europe. In addition, his contribution seeks to draw parallels between European and Canadian experiences. The stability of the Canadian pension system and its fragmented regulation provides valuable lessons for European policy makers while recent European reforms provide a wealth of solutions to improve our own pension system as we seek to expand coverage to the increasing number of private sector workers without an occupational pension plan.

Third, in conjunction with Dr. Mayer (Political Science, Concordia), Dr. Marier is conducting research on labour movements in Latin America and their impact on the implementation of welfare state reforms. This Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada funded research investigates the new ways in which labour movements influence the policy making process.
Feature:
Stephanie Paterson, PhD

Public Policy and Everyday Life

How do public policies shape our everyday life? How do they constitute (and reflect) social relations? How do they open or close space for the transformation of the contemporary socio-political order (transformative politics)? These overarching questions guide my research. I am an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science and a Fellow at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute at Concordia University. I earned my PhD in Public Policy from the School of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University in 2007, where I specialized in feminist and Canadian policy studies and political economy. My research interests include policy theory, gender and public policy, and the politics of reproduction and motherhood.

While it is often accepted that the political environment is socially constructed, the role of public policy in constructing that environment is often obscured. Often it is assumed that policies are simply instrumental, merely responding to problems and people. My work, however, starts with the assumption that policies are also productive, creating not only ‘problems’, but also subjectivities. My work is organized around two broad and often overlapping themes: state feminism and the ‘lived effects’ of public policy. Regarding the former, my work critically examines ‘feminist’ or ‘woman friendly’ policy, examining the ways in which policy and policy machinery (e.g., bureaucracies) open or close opportunities for transformative politics. Within this theme, I have published in the areas of gender mainstreaming and conjugal violence against women. Regarding the latter, my work examines the potential effects of public policies as they are experienced in everyday life, exposing the ways in which subjects are stratified through gendered, racialized, heteronormative, and ablist discourses. Within this theme, I have published works on the National Child Benefits System in Canada (co-authored with Karine Levasseur and Tatyana Teplova), conjugal violence against women, and midwifery in Ontario.

My recent work on the politics of midwifery in Ontario and Quebec, for which I have received an FQRSC Programme Établissement de nouveaux professeurs-chercheurs award and a Concordia University General Research Fund award, also addresses these two themes. Focusing on the discursive politics of midwifery, my work examines shifting relations between women, midwives, and the state, tracing the issue as it emerged in civil society and shifted to the state, illuminating ‘transformative moments’ in midwifery dialogue that opened (or closed) space for change. Within this body of research, I explore the diverse meanings of midwifery through the Alternative Birth Movement to regulated midwifery and unassisted childbirth. Of particular interest are shifting conceptualizations of reproductive empowerment and how the state is implicated in its achievement. I also examine the implications of regulated midwifery for how midwifery (and childbirth more generally) is experienced by midwives, pregnant women and women capable of childbirth. I explore the degree to which regulated midwifery disrupts the discursive power of bio-medical science and fosters reproductive empowerment of birthing women. Some of this work will be showcased in September 2010, at a SSHRC-funded workshop on the Politics of Reproduction and Motherhood in Canada, which I am co-organizing with Dr. Marlene Sokolon and Dr. Francesca Scala, a fellow CRDH member.

In addition to this work, I am a member of the Concordia Ageing Research Network, with fellow CRDH members Drs. Dolores Pushkar, Patrik Marier, Karen Li, Carsten Wrosch, and Francesca Scala. I was also recently named a recipient of the Dean of Arts and Science New Scholar award.
### Selected Member Activities

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PART THREE: RESEARCH
Since the funding of CRDH under the new Regroupements Statégiques program in 2004, a large number of recent research collaborations have resulted in an enormous growth at CRDH. During the 2009-10 fiscal year, CRDH Researchers held approximately 130 grants, corresponding to $6,696,237 of research funds. Many of these projects were new initiatives from teams composed of faculty affiliated to psychology, sociology, exercise science, public health, neurosciences, gerontology, psychiatry, education, and political science departments from across Québec and Canada.

List of selected Grants; 2009-10

Note: CRDH Researchers in bold

Abela, J. Vulnerability to depression in Canadian and Chinese Youth (2005-09; McGill)

Abela, J., Hankin, B.L., Turecki, G., Bureau, A., Van Horn, M.L., & Rudolph, K. Genetic, cognitive, and interpersonal vulnerabilities to depression in youth (2006-11; NIMH)


Abela, J.R.Z., Hankin, B.L., & Ho, Moon-Ho R. Cognitive and interpersonal vulnerability to depression during the transition from middle to late adolescence (2006-11; CIHR)

Aboud, F. & Tredoux, C. Evaluation research of programs to reduce prejudice in the early childhood years (2008-10; Queen's U, Belfast)

Aboud, F. Friends and foes in mixed ethnic schools (2007-10; SSHRC)

Barr, R., Zelazo, P.R., Young, S., et al. Food for thought: Care-giving determinants of infant memory (2005-10; CIHR)


Bouffard, T. & Vezeau, C. Causes et effets du biais négatif dans l’évaluation de soi (2007-10; SSRC)


Bukowski, W. & Brendgen, M. Peer contagion effects: Variations as a function of self, social cognition, and culture (2007-10; SSHRC)


Burgos, G. National Arts and Youth Demonstration Project: Phase II (2007-10; SSHRC)

Chamberland, L. The impact of policies and programs to reduce homophobia and insure a LGBTQ-friendly school - Climate in Canada: What do we know? What research needs to be done? (2010; SSHRC)


Conway, M. Social status-related attentional biases in people’s information processing (2006-10; SSHRC)


Des Rivières-Pigeon, C. La dépression postnatale en question: Analyse de la littérature d’aide destinée aux nouvelles meres (2006-09; FQRSC)


Ellenbogen, M. A longitudinal study of social information processing and interpersonal functioning (2008-11; SSHRC)

Ellenbogen, M.A. Canada Research Chair in Developmental Psychopathology Tier 2 Renewal (2009-14; SSHRC)

Etezadi, J. A longitudinal study of social information processing and interpersonal functioning (2008-11; SSHRC)


Giannopoulos, C. & Conway, M. Gambling prevention/sensitization program for young adults in a university setting (2008-09; Fondation Mise sur toi)

Gyorkos, T. & Aboud, F. Consensus-seeking workshop on responsive complementary feeding (2009; CIHR)

Hall, J., Sandberg, J., et al. The economic consequences of the size of nations (2008-12; SSHRC)

Hastings, P.D. A psychophysiological study of mother’s compassionate love and children’s prosocial development (2009-11; Fetzer Institute, USA)

Hastings, P.D. Parents’ prevention of aggressive development in children through the socialization of empathic responsiveness (2004-09; CIHR)

Hastings, P.D. Supporting the systematic study of emotional methodologies and focused applications (CFI; 2004-10)

Howe, N. Siblings’ construction of social cognitive knowledge in the home context (2007-10; SSHRC)

Howe, N. Co-constructing shared meanings in children’s play with siblings and friends: Links with social understanding (2009-12; SSHRC)

Julien, D. & Greenbaum, M. Les familles homoparentales: S’ouvrir à leur réalité pour mieux répondre à leurs besoins (2008-10; MELS)


Julien, D., Chamberland, L., & Hastings, P.D Vulnerabilité et résilience chez les minorités sexuelles au Québec (2006-10; FQRSC)


Li, K.Z.H. Attentional control of sequential action in adulthood and aging (2005-10; NSERC)

Li, K.Z.H. Age differences in fine motor reprogramming and conflict detection using simultaneous 3D motion capture and ERP (Concordia University; 2009-11)

Marier, P. & Mayer, J. Unions and pension privatization in Latin America (2008-11; SSHRC)

Marier, P., Paterson, S., Pushkar, D., Scala, F., & Hebblethwaite, S. The multiple facets of ageing (2009-10; Concordia University)

Marier, P. Canada Research Chair in Comparative Public Policy (2005-10; Concordia University)


Miller, G., Wrosch, C., et al. The psychobiology of caregiving for a spouse with cancer (2008-13; CIHR)


Moss, E., Bernier, A., Tessier, R., & Tarabulsy, G. Les relations d’attachement au cours du développement humain (2008-12; FQRSC)

Nadeau, L., Tessier, R., Hastings, P. & Schneider, C. Réponse physiologique à une situation de stress social chez des jeunes adultes new tresp remat urement (CIHR; 2008-10)

Paradis, G., Ross, N.A., Fuhrer, R. et al. Programme de formation transdisciplinaire en recherche en santé publique et en santé des populations: accroître la capacité de recherche et d’action dans le système de santé publique au Canada (2003-09; CIHR)

Paterson, S. Reproducing gender: The politics of the “new midwifery” in Canada (2008-09; Concordia University)

Paterson, S. The Discursive Politics of the “New Midwifery”: A Comparative Analysis of Ontario and Quebec (2009-12; FQRSC)

Penhune, V. Neural basis of human motor learning and memory (2009-10; Concordia University)

Penhune, V. Neural and developmental bases of human motor skill learning (2007-10; FRSQ)

Penhune, V. Human motor skill learning: The interaction between individual differences in brain function, experience and development (NSERC, 2010-15)

Penhune, V.B. & Li, K.Z.H. Walking and talking: Cognitive motor interactions in healthy aging (2009-10; Concordia University)

Phillips, N.A. Executive control of language in young and older bilinguals (2009-10; NSERC)

Phillips, N.A. Electrical brain mechanisms of executive control in task switching (2003-09; NSERC)

Phillips, N.A., Baum, S., & Taler, V. Comprehension of phonetic and prosodic information with audio-visual and linguistic cues in Alzheimer’s disease and mild cognitive impairment (2007-09; Alzheimer Society)

Phillips, N.A. & Gagné, J-P. Perceptual and cognitive mechanisms of audio-visual speech perception in younger and older adults (2009-13; CIHR)

Phillips, N.A. & Baum, S. An electrophysiological investigation of processing quantifiers in discourse (2006-09; SSHRC)

Phillips, N.A. Comprehension of phonetic and prosodic information with audio-visual and linguistic cues in Alzheimer’s disease and mild cognitive impairment (2007-09; Alzheimer Society of Canada)

Poulin-Dubois, D. Developmental origins of naive psychology: Scope and depth of infants’ understanding of human behavior (2009-12; SSHRC)

Poulin-Dubois, D. Infants’ object categories: Principles of developmental changes (2007-12; NSERC)

Poulin-Dubois, D. Precursors of a theory of mind: Integration, continuity, and domain-specificity in infants’ psychological understanding in human behavior (2006-09; SSHRC)


Pushkar, D. Information Sessions on research Results / follow-up (2009-10; Concordia University)

Pushkar, D., Chaikelson, J., Etezadi-Amoli, J., Giannopoulos, C., Li, K.Z.H., Wrosch, C., & Conway, M. Reconstructing life after employment: Transition to retirement (2005-10; CIHR)

Pushkar, D., Marier, P., Li, K.Z.H., & Wrosch, C. The multiple facets of ageing (2009-10; Concordia University)


Rakheja, S. & DeMont, R. Musculoskeletal loading of seated occupational drivers exposed to whole body vibration; vibration control (2006-10; CIHR)

Rinaldi, C. & Howe, N. Mutuality in parent-child interactions: The emergence of emotion regulation strategies and social competence in early childhood (2006-09; SSHRC)


Ross, N. Predictors of weight and quality of life: A 12-year national longitudinal study (2008-10; NIH)

Ross, N. & Dasgupta, K. Exploring hypotheses linking neighbourhoods and type 2 diabetes (2009-10; CIHR)


Sandberg, J. The development of objective tools to measure the impact of social networks on individual behavior in a unique setting in Senegal with a view to broader application to public health policy issues (2006-10; SSHRC)

Scala, F., Marier, P., & Pushkar, D. Concordia Ageing Research Network (2009-10; Concordia University)


Serbin, L.A. Concordia University Research Chair in Human Development (2008-15; Concordia University)

Shizgal, P., Penhune, V.B., & Plourde, G. Neural correlates of thermal comfort and discomfort (2008-13; CIHR)


Tessier, R., Nadeau, L., & Schneider, C. Conférence internationale sur les soins maternels kangourous (2010; CIHR)

Tessier, R., Forest, J-C., et al. Plateforme d’appariement de banques de données intersectorielles à des fins de recherche (2006-09; CFI)


Van den Berg, A. & Marier, P. L’évolution des régimes sociales et d’emploi au Québec et au Canada dans une perspective comparative (2009-11; MDEIE)

Wrosch, C. Functions and management of life regrets in young adulthood and old age (2007-10; SSHRC)

Wrosch, C. Self-regulation of health threats and life regrets in old age: Effects on diurnal cortisol rhythms and physical health (2006-11; CIHR)

Wrosch, C., Miller, G., & Lupien, S. Self-regulation of common age-related challenges: Benefits for older adults’ psychological and physical health (2007-12; CIHR)

Zelazo, P.R. Parent-implemented developmental behavioral program (2010; Unity for Autism)

**SUMMARY:**

Figure 1: Distribution of total number of grants received by CRDH faculty members according to the funding sources. Federal (i.e., CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC); Provincial (i.e., FQRSC, FRSQ); University (i.e., Concordia, UQAM, McGill); International (i.e., NIH, NIMH); Other (i.e., Alzheimer’s Society, Phonak).
The influence of race and ethnicity on life opportunities

My research centers on how the life opportunities of individuals are structured along the lines of race and ethnicity. One of the most persistent problems in the social sciences is understanding why some racial and ethnic minorities tend to fare worse in the labor market, have lower academic achievement, and lower levels of physical and mental health than members of the dominant group. Drawing on work in the areas of criminology, race relations, stratification, and medical sociology, my primary research and teaching interests focus on exploring the impact that income inequality, segregation/racism, and discrimination have on the health of youth of color in the U.S., Canada, and Latin America. Currently, I’m exploring the pathways that link these structural conditions to the physical/mental health of Latino youth and their families in a multi-level context. I’m also examining how these structural conditions affect the health of recent immigrants in the U.S. and Canada.
Quel est l’impact de la violence homophobe sur la persévérance et la réussite scolaires?

La recherche Homophobie en milieu scolaire a émergé en réponse à des inquiétudes sociales quant à la présence de violence homophobe à l’école et à ses conséquences sur les élèves qui en sont victimes. Amorcée en 2007 dans le cadre du programme d’Action concertée sur la persévérance et la réussite scolaire (MELS et FQRSC), elle poursuit deux objectifs: 1) tracer un portrait des manifestations de violence verbale, physique et sexuelle à caractère homophobe dans les établissements offrant un enseignement secondaire (2e cycle) ou collégial au Québec; 2) examiner les effets de l’homophobie sur les expériences scolaires des jeunes de minorités sexuelles qui en sont des victimes directes ou potentielles. Nous nous intéressons également à la place de la diversité sexuelle dans l’environnement scolaire et nous procédons à une recension évaluative des guides d’intervention disponibles pour les enseignant-es.

Dirigé par Line Chamberland (sexologie, UQAM), ce projet réunit une équipe multidisciplinaire de chercheurs de trois universités: Gilbert Émond (Concordia), Danielle Julien et Joanne Otis (UQAM) ainsi que Bill Ryan (McGill). Il est mené en collaboration avec deux tables nationales de concertation, aux niveaux scolaire et collégial, regroupant des acteurs du monde de l’éducation: enseignants et autres personnels, directions d’établissement, commissions scolaires, MELS, associations de parents et d’élèves. Cette coopération a grandement facilité la collecte de données qui s’est déroulée dans 26 cégeps au printemps 2008 (n=1844) et dans 30 écoles secondaires au printemps 2009 (n=2747).

Quelques constats ressortent des résultats préliminaires présentés aux partenaires de la recherche au printemps 2010. Tout d’abord, 8 % des élèves du secondaire et 5,7 % des collégiens-nes se définissent comme gais, lesbiennes, bisexuel-les, queer (du côté anglophone) ou en questionnement sur leur orientation sexuelle. C’est là une minorité substantielle, l’équivalent de deux élèves par classe dans une école ou un cégep. Au secondaire, près de quatre élèves sur dix (38,6 %) rapportent avoir été victimes d’au moins un incident de bullying homophobe, principalement des insultes, des moqueries, des rumeurs visant à nuire à leur réputation et du rejet. Un très grand nombre d’élèves hétérosexuels sont donc touchés par ce phénomène, que ce soit sous prétexte de leur non-conformité de genre; parce qu’ils sont issus d’une famille homoparentale, qu’ils côtoient un-e ami-e homosexuel-le ou pour toute autre raison. Cela dit, la victimisation est plus fréquente, sous une forme ou sous une autre, dans le cas des jeunes de minorités sexuelles.

L’exploration des résultats quantitatifs et qualitatifs (73 entrevues, dont 8 avec de jeunes transsexuel-les) se poursuivra durant l’année 2010, mobilisant une équipe d’adjoint-es composée de Michaël Bernier, Marilyne Chevrier, Christelle Lebreton et Gabrielle Richard, qui poursuivent des études en sociologie, et de Marie-Pier Petit, qui vient de s’inscrire au doctorat en psychologie. Deux d’entre eux ont choisi de faire porter leur mémoire de maîtrise sur un thème relié à la recherche, en abordant la question du point de vue des enseignants : l’éducation à la diversité des orientations sexuelles dans les curricula formel et informel de l’école secondaire québécoise (G. Richard) et les défis posés aux futurs enseignants par l’éducation à la diversité sexuelle et la lutte contre l’homophobie (M. Bernier).

L’engagement de tous et toutes dans cette recherche est d’autant plus élevé que les collaborations établies avec des partenaires institutionnels, syndicaux et associatifs lui assureront une diffusion importante auprès des publics cibles directement concernés par le problème de l’homophobie en milieu scolaire.
(Note: CRDH Researchers are bolded, and Trainees are underlined; both past and present.)


PART FOUR: TRAINING
CRDH provides an enriched training milieu in terms of quality and variety of research training experiences, support services, state of the art facilities, and many other resources available to trainees. Following our distinctive model of integrated research training, students at CRDH receive a broad background in both basic and applied aspects of human development, along with intensive training within their specialized research area. Students receive direct exposure to trans-disciplinary conceptual and methodological approaches and policy applications are being integrated into our training program. There are currently over 150 graduate students and post-doctoral fellows supervised by CRDH members, plus numerous undergraduate students completing advanced research projects (e.g., honours theses) or summer projects (e.g., NSERC Undergraduate awards). In addition, CRDH annually trains and employs a large number of BA and MA level research assistants who work closely with faculty, senior research coordinators, graduate students and laboratory technicians. These individuals typically enroll in graduate programs following this “hands-on” training experience, or become advanced research technicians at the Centre or at other research facilities across Quebec.

During their training at CRDH, students are expected to engage in multiple research projects in addition to their thesis research, are strongly encouraged to publish their research findings (please see the list of publications in this report). In addition, they are offered financial support from the CRDH when they present their research at national and international conferences. All CRDH students participate in a regular series of research seminars, methodological workshops, and colloquia focusing on specific topics, including basic, applied, and policy implications of the topic under discussion. The CRDH Developmental Seminar Series provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of important issues in developmental science by faculty and students. Graduate students participating in the CRDH Seminar Series, called “Seminar in Developmental Research” are able to receive course credit. Designed to give students an opportunity to participate actively in planning, presenting, and moderating the seminar series, the course allows students to receive credit and an acknowledgement of their participation in the Developmental Research Seminar on their official university transcripts. This course is open to students from all participating departments and institutions in CRDH, with the consent of their research advisor. Our CRDH Colloquium Series is held in partnership with our various participating academic departments, through which distinguished speakers are invited to present their research and hold informal round table discussions with CRDH faculty and student members. Monthly workshops are given by the CRDH Statistical and Technical Consultants on design issues, advanced methods of data analyses, and the use of equipment and software.

Another important aspect of training at CRDH involves introducing students to evolving state-of-the-art methodologies (see Axis 5). Laboratories are well-equipped with specialized equipment, a significant percentage of which has been purchased with awards from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) program. Technical and methodological support for training is provided by research professionals, as well as post-doctoral fellows, consultants and faculty who provide training and workshops in their areas of expertise.

![Figure 2: Number of graduate trainees and post-doctoral fellows at the CRDH during the academic year 2009-10. Total number of trainees in blue columns and total number of trainees funded in red columns.](image-url)
Le CRDH fournit un environnement riche, tant par la qualité que par la diversité des expériences de formation en recherche qu’il offre, ainsi que par les services de soutien, les aménagements à la fine pointe de l’art et les nombreuses autres ressources qu’il met à la disposition des étudiants. Selon notre modèle distinctif de formation intégrée, les étudiants reçoivent une base solide sur les aspects fondamentaux et appliqués du développement humain, combinée à une formation intensive dans le domaine de recherche propre à chacun. Nous remanions notre programme pour que les étudiants soient exposés directement aux approches conceptuelles et méthodologiques transdisciplinaires et afin que les applications politiques en fassent partie intégrante. Les membres du CRDH supervisent collectivement plus de 150 étudiants des cycles supérieurs et boursiers postdoctoraux, sans compter le nombre d’étudiants de cycles supérieurs et les techniciens de laboratoire. Cette expérience de formation sur le terrain les conduit habituellement aux cycles supérieurs en recherche ou à des postes de techniciens d’expérience en recherche, que ce soit au CRDH ou dans d’autres organismes à travers le Québec.

Nous nous attendons à ce que les étudiants, pendant leur formation au CRDH, participant à plusieurs projets de recherche, en plus du leur et nous les encourageons fortement à publier les résultats de leurs travaux (voir la liste des publications ci-jointe). De plus, le CRDH leur offre un soutien financier lorsqu’ils présentent leurs travaux à des congrès nationaux et internationaux. Tous nos étudiants prennent part aux séminaires de recherche, aux ateliers de méthodologie et aux colloques consacrés à des sujets précis, y compris les retombées en science fondamentale et appliquée et les politiques. Ainsi, la série de séminaires sur le développement fournit aux professeurs et aux étudiants un forum où ils présentent un exposé sur des questions importantes en science développementale et en discutent avec d’autres membres du Centre. Les étudiants des cycles supérieurs qui participent aux Séminaires en recherche développementale reçoivent des crédits. Ce cours offre l’occasion de participer activement, de planifier et d’agir comme présentateur et modérateur au cours de la série. Outre les crédits, ils obtiennent une attestation de leur participation sur leur relevé universitaire. Ce cours est ouvert aux étudiants de tous les départements et institutions rattachés au CRDH, avec l’assentiment de leur superviseur. De plus, la série de colloques du CRDH, tenue en partenariat avec les divers départements que nous regroupons, invite des chercheurs émérites à présenter leurs travaux et à ouvrir des discussions informelles avec les professeurs et les étudiants. Enfin, nos consultants statistiques et techniques donnent chaque mois un atelier portant sur différents modèles, des méthodes avancées de traitement statistique et sur l’utilisation de divers équipements et logiciels.

Un autre aspect important de la formation au CRDH consiste à familiariser les étudiants avec les méthodologies de pointe (voir l’ Axe 5). Nos laboratoires bien équipés sont dotés d’appareils spécialisés achetés en grande partie grâce à des subventions de la Fondation canadienne pour l’innovation (FCI). Le soutien technique et méthodologique est assuré par les professionnels de recherche, les stagiaires postdoctoraux, les consultants et les professeurs, qui offrent des ateliers et des sessions de formation dans leurs domaines d’expertise.
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**TOTAL:**

- 45 MA trainees
- 16 held Fellowships
- 119 PhD trainees
- 83 held Fellowships
- 8 Post-Doc trainees
- 1 held Fellowships
## CRDH Training Activities

### CRDH Activities 2009 - 2010

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*Please note that detailed information on the CRDH Conference listed in this table is provided in section 5.
Caroline Doramajian, one of the CRDH PhD trainees received the Vanier Scholarship for her PhD research proposal entitled: “Promoting youth-led interventions against peer victimization and its negative effects: Individual, interpersonal, and group-level factors”. For a description of the purpose Vanier Scholarship and the 2010 scholars please go to: www.vanier.gc.ca/nr-co/nr-co-20100513-eng.shtml.

Caroline’s research focuses on peer victimization or bullying, which is a prevalent problem in Canadian schools and is associated with multiple negative outcomes. Peers are natural observers of the bullying context and promoting youth-led interventions is a promising way to curb school violence. The first objective of my project is to move the spotlight beyond bullies and their victims in order to take a look at the role that other peers play in aggravating, or in stopping victimization (what encourages them to defend victims?). Both individual factors such as self-efficacy (e.g., knowing how to defend victims) and the social environment (e.g., classroom attitude toward bullying, school anti-bullying policies), are expected to account for a greater willingness to defend victims. Considering that bullying is an on-going problem and that the victims need help to cope, a second objective of her project is to examine the protective effects of friendship in reducing victimized early adolescents’ risk for negative outcomes such as depression.

Her long-term goals involve forging partnerships with Canadian researchers, school staff, families, and policy makers and to promote youth-led interventions against bullying and its negative psychosocial effects. Together, we can contribute to existing national intervention programs and facilitate an open dialogue on bullying.
When hormones interact, how does this influence development?

Last October I boarded a plane and took off to New Orleans for what I soon realized would be one of the most fantastic experiences of my life. I had applied for, and received, funding from the FQRSC in order to work alongside Dr. Elizabeth “Birdie” Shirtcliff at the University of New Orleans. With this fellowship, I could broaden my own research on how stress hormones relate to mental and physical health problems in youth to include other hormones and to really understand the role of development in this context. Given that Birdie is a world renowned researcher in developmental psychophysiology and a whiz at advanced statistical analyses, my choice of her as supervisor was clear.

When asked about my experience in New Orleans, the first thing that comes to mind are the people. The people of New Orleans are some of the most good-hearted people in the world. Birdie was, and continues to be, a friend, a mentor, and a source of endless knowledge. She cleared her schedule on a daily basis to help me solve numerous “crises” and since I left we have maintained regular contact and continue to work on several projects together. But the kindness didn’t stop at Birdie: the graduate students welcomed me with open arms to join their classes, sports teams, and social outings (including a sky diving expedition!). Even the secretaries and other staff went out of their way to help me in any way they could...they actually cooked me traditional dishes so I could taste the best New Orleans had to offer!!

Although the people and the food were amazing, equally incredible was the knowledge I gained. The main purpose for my stage was to increase my understanding of the most advanced and reputable techniques and protocols for collecting, storing, assaying and analyzing saliva samples. Given that salivary hormones and enzymes are very easily influenced by a number of variables (e.g. sleep, food, mood, etc.) learning how to obtain the most valid samples is imperative when researching with hormones. Furthermore, because salivary biomarkers are measures of interrelated systems it is important to examine how these biomarkers may interact with each other to influence developmental trajectories and possibly contribute to the development of various psychopathologies. Birdie worked with me one-on-one for several hours each day to help me learn the theory and perfect the methodological techniques I needed to assay and analyze the data for my dissertation as well as develop skills that will be critical for my future success as a researcher. Furthermore, as a result of my time in New Orleans, I have co-authored a chapter in a book and have submitted two first-author manuscripts for publication.

Other invaluable resources I received from participating in this stage are the connections I have made. I am currently spear-heading a multi-site, collaborative project which examines how various hormones co-vary from childhood to adulthood. Using connections I established while in New Orleans, I have already developed relationships with and received data from twelve different researchers to examine this phenomenon, a feat not typically accomplished at my level of professional development. Lastly, but possibly most importantly, as an indirect result of my stage, I have received an offer for a post-doctoral position in Madison, Wisconsin beginning in 2011.

My international stage experience is the most remarkable research experience I have ever had. I learned so much and grew both personally and professionally. My future success in the field of psychology is largely due to the information I learned, the skills I acquired, the connections I made, and the sense of competence I developed while on my stage.
La problématique

De nombreuses études ont montré qu’à l’instar des adultes, les enfants et les adolescents ont généralement tendance à surévaluer leurs capacités sociales; on parle de biais positif d’évaluation de sa compétence sociale. Cependant, certains enfants sont moins optimistes et tendent au contraire à se sous-évaluer; on parle alors de biais négatif d’évaluation de sa compétence sociale.

Des perceptions négatives de sa capacité à établir des relations positives avec les autres les conduisent à une motivation faible dans l’apprentissage d’habiletés sociales et sont associées à des attitudes et problèmes de comportement nuisibles à de bonnes relations; timidité et retrait social, sentiment d’être mal accepté par les pairs et faible sentiment de valeur personnelle. D’autres études ont aussi montré que comparés aux jeunes présentant un biais positif ou ne présentant aucun biais de leur compétence sociale, ceux affectés par un biais négatif rapportent peu d’affects positifs. Sauf rares exceptions, ces études ont portés sur de jeunes enfants de sorte que les informations sur les jeunes à l’adolescence manquent toujours.

Comme l’arrivée à l’adolescence correspond à un besoin plus grand de s’identifier et de se conformer aux pairs, il s’agit d’une période particulièrement cruciale pour un jeune souffrant d’un biais négatif d’évaluation de sa compétence sociale. À l’adolescence, l’adaptation psychosociale du jeune passe souvent par l’établissement de rapports sociaux positifs avec ses pairs. L’intégration à un nouveau groupe d’amis, la redéfinition de son statut parmi eux et l’adoption de nouvelles valeurs véhiculées par le groupe de pairs deviennent alors des enjeux développementaux importants. Parmi les indices importants de difficultés de l’adaptation psychosociale des jeunes à l’adolescence, notons les symptômes dépressifs, l’anxiété sociale, les comportements d’évitement dans les situations sociales et les problèmes extériorisés. Le but de la présente étude était double : premièrement examiner les liens entre le biais négatif d’évaluation de sa compétence sociale et l’adaptation psychosociale des jeunes à l’adolescence; deuxièmement observer le rôle du soutien des parents et de celui des pairs dans ces relations.

L’étude s’est déroulée à Grenoble à l’automne 2009 dans le cadre d’un stage de recherche offert par le Centre de Recherche sur le Développement Humain, le Fonds de Recherche sur la Société et la Culture et l’Unité de Recherche sur l’Affectivité, la Motivation et l’Apprentissage Scolaires. La collaboration entre notre équipe de recherche, celle du Laboratoire des Sciences de L’Éducation, la direction et le corps enseignant des collèges et des lycées rencontrés, les parents et les élèves nous a permis de rencontrer 544 élèves de secondaire 3 et 4. Afin de déterminer si un jeune présentait un biais négatif, sa perception de sa compétence sociale a été mesurée, puis mise en lien avec le score découlant des réponses de ses camarades de classe quant à leur souhait de partager une activité avec lui ou elle. Comme l’indiquent les résultats, les informations recueillies sont particulièrement intéressantes et prometteuses, et plaident sans équivoque en faveur de la poursuite de l’étude afin de mieux comprendre le phénomène

Résultats de l’étude

Nous constatons, dans un premier temps, qu’environ 15% des adolescents rencontrés sous-évaluent leurs compétences sociales. Dans un deuxième temps, les résultats indiquent que, conformément aux études antérieures, le biais négatif d’évaluation de sa compétence sociale est lié à des problèmes dans l’adaptation psychosociale des adolescents.

(1) Comparés à leurs pairs présentant un biais positif de leur compétence sociale ou ne présentant aucun biais, ceux ayant un biais négatif rapportent plus de symptômes dépressifs et d’anxiété sociale. Ils rapportent aussi avoir plus de comportements d’évitement dans les situations sociales.

(2) Cependant, ils ne rapportent pas plus de troubles extériorisés que les autres. C’est même le contraire chez les filles où celles présentant un biais positif rapportent plus de troubles extériorisés que les autres.

Nos résultats indiquent aussi des liens entre le biais négatif d’évaluation de sa compétence sociale et la perception du soutien des parents et de celui des pairs.

(3) Comparés à leurs pairs présentant un biais positif ou ne
présentant aucun biais, les garçons affectés par un biais négatif perçoivent recevoir moins de soutien de leurs parents et de leurs pairs, alors que chez les filles ayant un tel biais, seule la perception du soutien des pairs est inférieure à celle des autres filles.

(4) Des analyses plus poussées indiquent que, chez les garçons ayant un biais négatif, plus ils rapportent de symptômes dépressifs, moins ils perçoivent recevoir de soutien de leurs parents. De la même façon, plus ils rapportent des comportements d’évitement dans les situations sociales, moins ils perçoivent recevoir de soutien de leurs pairs.

(5) Chez les filles ayant un biais négatif, plus elles rapportent des symptômes dépressifs, de l’anxiété sociale et des comportements d’évitement dans les situations sociales, moins elles perçoivent recevoir de soutien de leurs pairs.

En résumé
À ce jour, peu d’études ont cherché à documenter l’effet du biais négatif de sa compétence sociale à l’adolescence. Les résultats obtenus dans cette étude soulignent la pertinence de s’y intéresser. Ils confirment que le biais négatif affecte foncièrement le bien-être psychologique et ils suggèrent que les parents et les pairs sont des acteurs centraux dans l’adaptation sociale de ce jeune. En effet, si la perception de compétence sociale représente un facteur puissant d’adaptation, il appert que l’impact de ce facteur pourrait varier selon la qualité du soutien que perçoit le jeune.

Feature:
Chris Steele, PhD Trainee

How does the brain change as we learn new motor skills?

In 2009, I competed and won the opportunity to complete a CRDH International Internship at Oxford University’s Centre for Functional MRI of the Brain. While many labs, including ours, have used functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to help understand how our brains react while learning new motor skills, few have tried to track down exactly how the structures in our brain change as we learn. My internship gave me the chance to work with the people who have developed the techniques to tackle these questions. My main goal was to learn these techniques and apply them to a data set that I brought with me, with the ultimate goal of finding interesting results that complement our knowledge of motor learning. Working with the experts in this field has been incredibly rewarding! And seeing how a different laboratory/centre is organised to conduct research and train its students gives me a broader view of successful research centers.

Beyond my research training, knowledge translation was one of the understated goals of this exchange. I learned new techniques that I will share with my laboratory, CRDH, and the Montreal Neurological Institute. This was a wonderful opportunity for our laboratory to extend our technical expertise while, I hope, contributing to other research that goes on within the CRDH. I am hoping that others within the centre will be stimulated to investigate the possibility of adding structural imaging data to their studies as well.
What factors in childhood and adolescence affect outcomes later in life?

I initially came to the Center for Research in Human Development in 2004 to complete graduate studies under the supervision of Dr. Lisa Serbin. During my stay, I was successful in securing research funding from the CRDH, SSHRC and FQRSC. Within the CRDH, I worked on many different aspects of the Concordia Longitudinal Risk Project, focusing particularly on factors in childhood that can influence life as an adult. In particular, for my doctoral dissertation I explored the relation between self and other perceptions of childhood aggression and social withdrawal. I benefited immensely from pursuing doctoral training at the CRDH, both in terms of the interdisciplinary environment and the support of the faculty members and staff. This has been of great practical help in my academic development as I have had the opportunity to work with a number of other CRDH faculty members outside of my lab including Drs. Bill Bukowski, Anna-Beth Doyle, Dale Stack, Alex Schwartzman and Nina Howe.

This spring I received FQRSC funding to complete a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Texas in Austin, under the supervision of Dr. Robert Crosnoe. In a continuation of the interdisciplinary training I have received at CRDH, my fellowship will be held at the Population Research Center, whose mandate is to examine child and family processes in nationally representative samples using multidisciplinary methodologies. I will be working on several projects during my fellowship. Dr. Crosnoe will mentor me on work involving the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Study of Early Child Care and Youth Development. I continue to examine the antecedents and outcomes of childhood aggression and social withdrawal.

Additionally, I will have the opportunity to collect data examining the relation between personal persistence and mental health in late adolescence in sexual minority youth. While many adolescents identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or queer are well adjusted and academically successful, this population is still at an increased risk for suicidality, and more generally depression. By examining personal persistence, or the ability to perceive oneself as similar in the past, present and future, I hope to address some of the factors associated with elevated suicidality within this group.

This project expands on research that is currently in preparation for publication, which I conducted with two other CRDH trainees (Drs. Holly Recchia and Jonathon Santo) during my graduate studies. This study will be partially supervised by Dr. Becky Bigler, head of the Gender and Racial Attitudes laboratory in the psychology department of the University of Texas. I am very excited to start my fellowship in Austin, but will miss the warm, supportive environment provided by the CRDH.
Selected Thesis Titles; 2009-10

Cycle 2 (M.A.):

Barrieau, Lindsey (August, 2009). Circumventing adversity: The importance of mother-child relationships in promoting healthy development in high-risk children (Supervised by D. Stack)

Boucher, Patricia (May, 2009). Efficacité du programme d’intervention sur l’intimidation en milieu scolaire (Supervised by L. Nadeau)

Brooker, Ivy (May, 2009). Infant’s rational imitation: Does the model’s reliability matter? (Supervised by D. Poulin-Dubois)

Buckland-Dalton, Robyn (May, 2009). Partnering for success: Inter-organizational coordination and the older workers-pilot project initiative (Supervised by P. Marier)

Cloutier, Richard (Sept, 2009). Vers une mesure d’évaluation des conduites addictives (Supervised by S. Kairouz)

Dubois, Marie-Eve (May, 2009). The effects of SES and maternal depression on toddlers’ motivation to learn: Parental teaching as a mechanism of influence (Supervised by D. Forman)

Heidkamp, David (Aug, 2009). Childhood trauma, emotional dysregulation, and psychosis (Supervised by S. King)

Joly, Marie-Pier (Aug, 2009). Immigrant and refugee mental health (Supervised by G. Burgos)

Laurin, Stephanie (March, 2010). Effects of story drama on children’s writing skills (Supervised by N. Howe)

Lehrer, Joanne (April, 2009). Out-of-school play and creativity, cognitive, social, emotional development in grade one students (Supervised by H. Petrakos)

Nijjar, Rami (August, 2009). Automatic information processing and stress in the natural environment: An emotion-modulated startle response study (Supervised by M. Ellenbogen)

Simard, Melissa (August, 2009). Home is where the heart is: A study of the links between physiological emotion regulation, maternal emotion socialization and aggression (Supervised by P. Hastings)

Tabri, Nassim (August, 2009). Intergroup conflict in Lebanon: Social identification and involvement in collective action predict more hopelessness for Lebanese young adults (Supervised by M. Conway)

Zhou, Biru (Aug, 2009). The roles of child temperament and parenting in predicting child compliance during toddlerhood (Supervised by D. Forman)

Cycle 3 (Ph.D.):

Anderson, Kelly (August, 2008). The pathways to mental health care of first-episode psychosis patients: A systematic review (Supervised by R. Fuhrer)

Benibgui, Michael (March, 2010). Mental health challenges and resilience in lesbian, gay, and bisexual young adults: Biological and psychological internalization of minority stress and victimization (Supervised by P. Hastings)

Burr, Andrew (Oct, 2009). The values of retired adults: Measurement issues, links to well-being, and the correlates of value change (Supervised by D. Pushkar)

Chow, Virginia (Oct, 2009). A matter of trust: The influence of a looker’s past reliability on infants’ gaze following and reasoning about beliefs. (Supervised by D. Poulin-Dubois)

Dubois, Valerie (Feb, 2010). Attitudes, croyances et pratiques parentales d’élèves selon leur biais dans l’évaluation de leurs compétences (Supervised by T. Bouffard)

Fraser, Sarah (March, 2010). What do fine motor control, cognition, and aging share? (Supervised by K. Li & V. Penhune)

Fortin, Mélissa (March, 2010). Bisexualité, facteurs de risque, adaptation (Supervised by D. Julien)

L’Archeveque, Alex (Oct, 2009). Paternité gaie-coming out et adaptation (Supervised by D. Julien)

Leiba, Elka (Sept, 2009). Maternal nonverbal and verbal scaffolding of infant attention during toy-centered play: Influences of toy-type, age and birth status (Supervised by D. Stack)

McDonald, Sheila (February, 2009). The effect of family structure during childhood on problem behaviour in pre-adolescence: A life course epidemiological study (Supervised by R. Fuhrer)

McIntyre, Mélina (Feb, 2010). Le développement du système motivationnel de l’enfant et les stratégies des enseignants associées (Supervised by T. Bouffard)

Salerno, Frank (April, 2009). Risk processes implicated in the development of depression and anxiety-spectrum disorders (Supervised by A. Schwartzman)

Santo, Jonathan (Sept, 2009). Adolescent self-concept, peer relations and context: An ecological systems theory approach (Supervised by W. Bukowski)

Sinai, Marco (June, 2009). Task switching ability in mild cognitive impairment (Supervised by N. Phillips)

Vyncke, Johanna (June, 2009). Arrimage famille-école chez les familles homoparentales (Supervised by D. Julien)

Winneke, Axel (Dec, 2010). When eye meets ear: Investigation of audiovisual speech and non-speech perception and age-related differences (Supervised by N. Phillips)
CRDH Fellowship Winners
2009-2010:

DOVAN, Mai-Linh; Exercise Science, M.Sc.
(supervised by Richard DeMont)

DUNCAN, Hilary; Psychology, M.A. (supervised by Natalie Phillips)

FONTEIL, Laura; Education, M.A. (supervised by Harriet Petrakos)

HUBERT, Michele; Psychology, M.A. (supervised by Lisa Serbin)

KOROTKOVITCH, Yana; Psychology, M.A.
(supervised by Karen Li & Viringina Penhune)

JEAN, Amelié; Psychology, Ph.D. (supervised by Dale Stack)

LEE, Kevyn; Psychology, Ph.D. (supervised by Alex Schwartzman)

LINNEN, Anne-Marie; Psychology, Ph.D.
(supervised by Mark Ellenbogen)

MARSHALL, Cherry; Political Science, M.A.
(supervised by Francesca Scala)

SALDARRIAGA, Lina; Psychology, Ph.D. (supervised by Bill Bukowski)

SIRIAPAIPANT, Nathida; Psychology, M.A.
(supervised by Line Chamberland)

RUEGGEBERG, Rebecca; Psychology, Ph.D.
(supervised by Carsten Wrosch)

TABRI, Nassim, Psychology; Ph.D. (supervised by Michael Conway)

WRIGHT, Kristyn; Psychology, M.A.
(supervised by Diane Poulin-Dubois)

Recognizing Excellence in Research Training

Our commitment to training is being recognized by our member institutions as well as by professional associations. Additionally, the awards our students are receiving reflect on their training and opportunities as well as on their own hard work. Many of their recent major fellowship awards are listed along with our graduate students’ names. Our students have also had their research achievements recognized at society meetings. Finally, our undergraduate students have received recognition as well. We are proud of our trainees at every level, from our undergraduate students to our postdoctoral fellows.

Selected Trainee Awards:

Elena August [Dale Stack] Project: Interactions and self-regulatory behaviour in high-risk infants and preschoolers: Precursors to bullying. Funded by the Conseil de recherche en sciences humaines de Canada (CRSH) and FQRSC.

Lindsey Barrieau [Dale Stack] Project: The Importance of Social Dominance during Play in the Development of Healthy Relationships: A longitudinal High-Risk Study of Mother-Child Dyads. Funded by the Conseil de recherche en sciences humaines de Canada (CRSH) and FQRSC.


Arielle Bonneville-Roussy [Thérèse Bouffard] Project: Modèle prédictif des déterminants du rendement musical d’étudiants en musique au CEGEP. Funded by FQRSC.

Sandra Della Porta [Nina Howe] Project: Longitudinal and cross-sectional evaluation of power in children’s close relationships. Funded by the Center for Research in Human Development.


Kate-Mills Drury [William Bukowski] Project: Gender identity, body image, and the peer culture during the development of sexuality: Implications for healthy adjustment. Funded by Concordia University and FQRSC.

Marie-Eve Dubois [William Bukowski] Project: Interaction of parental depression, peer relationships, and socioeconomic status as predictors of children’s socioemotional competence and well being: A cross-cultural study. Funded by Concordia University and FQRSC.

Valerie Dubois [Therese Bouffard] Project: Attitudes, croyances et pratiques parentales d’élèves selon leur biais dans l’évaluation de leurs compétences. Funded by Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada (CRSH) and Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).
PART FIVE: COMMUNICATION, PUBLIC POLICY, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Part Five: Communication, Public Policy, and Community Outreach

Introduction

An important function of the Centre is to act as a source of expertise for policy makers, community groups, service agencies, and the general public. As the Centre has developed over the past few years, with additional new members and a growing reputation for being a multi-disciplinary and multi-institution centre, it is no surprise that we have been contacted and recognized by numerous community organizations, to provide public lectures and workshops. As well, our growing network has facilitated new research partnerships with community organizations, which play a significant role in information exchange and feedback to Center members’ research objectives. In addition, CRDH members have been very active serving on advisory boards, consulting with policy makers, and providing information to news media. Also, the dissemination of research findings to other experts and research trainees has taken CRDH members around the world to numerous international conferences, as well as meetings and seminars within the Québec scientific community.

Une des fonctions importantes des membres du Centre est d’agir à titre d’experts auprès des responsables ministériels, des groupes communautaires, des agences de services et du grand public. Grâce au développement qu’a connu les CRDH au cours des dernières années, avec l’ajout de membres et une réputation grandissante comme centre multidisciplinaire et multi-institutionnel, il n’est pas surprenant que les organisations communautaires nous demandent de présenter des conférences et des ateliers ouverts au public. De même, notre réseau sans cesse croissant a facilité la création de partenariats de recherche avec divers organismes communautaires qui jouent un rôle important quant à l’échange d’information et de commentaires à l’égard des objectifs de recherche des membres du Centre. De plus, les membres du CRDH ont participé très activement à des conseils consultatifs, servi d’experts pour ceux qui élaborent les politiques, et fourni de l’information aux médias. Aussi, la dissémination de nos résultats auprès d’autres experts et d’étudiants en recherche a conduit les membres du CRDH un peu partout sur le globe pour prendre part à nombre de congrès internationaux ainsi qu’à des rencontres et des séminaires dans la communauté scientifique québécoise.
### OUR RESEARCHERS’ ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

The research conducted by many CRDH members has been featured in provincial, national, and international media over the past two years, increasing the visibility of the Centre and contributing to public awareness about developmental challenges and current findings. Here are a few examples:

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During the past couple of years, CRDH members have been sought after as guest speakers for community organizations and have forged new links and strengthened existing links with community organizations. For example:

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<td>“Programme Mère-Kangourou: Un grand bond pour les petits prématurés”, Centre Cardinal-Villeneuve</td>
<td>2009</td>
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Conference Presentations

In 2009-10, all of our Members have been active in presenting their work, within their universities and at scientific conferences, nationally and internationally. Our participation in scientific meetings ranges from student-authored posters to delivering invited keynote addresses. These presentations often reach beyond their scientific and professional audience, welcoming students, practitioners, and the general public, and are often reported on in the local media. In the following selected list, our Researchers* are listed in bold, while the names of CRDH Trainees* at all levels are underlined. (* = both past and present)

Selected Presentations; 2009-10


Bonneville-Roussy, A., Chayer, M.H., & Ottawa, Canada. Société Québécoise pour la Recherche en Psychologie (SQRP), compétence sur la motivation et le rendement scolaire des élèves.

Bonneville-Roussy, A., Chayer, M.H., & Ottawa, Canada. La conception de l'intelligence et des biais d'évaluation de la compétence chez les élèves de 9 à 13 ans. Congrès annuel, conception dynamique de l'intelligence sur les biais d'évaluation.

Bonneville-Roussy, A. & Ottawa, Canada. Psychologie (SQRP), Las Vegas, United States. On psychological adjustment. Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Las Vegas, United States.


Fraser, S., Li, K., & Penhune, V. (2010). Age differences in sequential tapping with cognitive load. Cognitive Aging Conference (CAC), Atlanta, United States.


Lengelé, A., Bouffard, T., & Bédard, K. (2009). Y a-t-il un coût à long terme de la surévaluation de sa compétence scolaire. Société Canadienne de Psychologie (CPA), Montreal, Canada.


Rueggeberg, R., Wrosch, C., & Amari, F. (2009). Pathways to healthy aging: Investigating the association between depressive symptoms and physical activities on 4-yr changes in physical symptoms. Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, United States.


Tabri, N. & Conway, M. (2009). Lower Working and working class students’ social class identification has both positive and negative consequences for academic hopelessness Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), Montreal, Canada.


Feature:
CRDH Annual Conference: Biopsychosocial Determinants of Health (February 18, 2010)

Each year, the CRDH chooses a developmental theme and holds a conference with student and faculty members presenting their latest research. In 2009-2010, the theme was: Biopsychosocial Determinants of Health. Details of selected paper presentations and poster presentations follow. In addition, the CRDH also held a conference on Early Childhood Education (March, 2010), details from this conference follow those of the CRDH Annual Conference.

Paper Presentations (3)
The influence of mother-child communication and relationship factors in promoting healthy development in high-risk children

Lindsey E. Barrieau, Dale M. Stack, Jesse Burns, Lisa A. Serbin, Jane Ledingham, & Alex E. Schwartzman (Concordia University)

Parent-child communication is essential in middle childhood as changes in self-disclosure, shared experiences, and autonomy take place. Investigating communication is crucial in understanding adaptive development, particularly in high-risk families where the likelihood of negative outcomes is high. The present study examined the contribution of maternal childhood histories of aggression and/or social withdrawal to the prediction of mother-child communication and to children’s relationships (quality of parent-child relationship, likeability and social competence). Mothers with childhood histories of aggression and/or social withdrawal from the Concordia Longitudinal Risk Project, an intergenerational study, participated with their 9-13 year-old children. Dyads (n=63) discussed conflicts rated as problematic in their relationship. Communication quality was observationally coded using the Communication Coding Scheme (CCS). The CCS was designed to rate mother-child communication on scales measuring engagement, responsiveness, climate (positive and negative), and orientation (conversation and conformity). Additionally, the quality of the mother-child relationship was assessed using the Emotional Availability (EA) Scales (Biringen, et al., 1988; 1993), which describe the quality of emotional exchanges between parent and child. Results partially supported the hypotheses that maternal childhood histories of risk contribute
Disentangling psychobiological mechanism underlying children’s mental health symptoms: Longitudinal and concurrent associations with diurnal cortisol

Paula L. Ruttle, Elizabeth A. Shirtcliff, Lisa A. Serbin, Dahlia Ben-Dat Fisher, & Alex E. Schwartzman (Concordia University)

Dysregulated cortisol is associated with mental health symptoms; however, research on this topic is seemingly contradictory with studies showing that both internalizing and externalizing symptoms are related to both atypically high and low cortisol levels. One extant theory to explain divergent findings in the stress literature is that both hypo- and hyper-arousal may be present depending on time since onset of the stressor. The present study aims to extend this theory to help clarify the divergent mental health and cortisol literature. To examine this possibility, diurnal salivary cortisol samples were repeatedly collected in 96 adolescents in an intergenerational, longitudinal project. Composite measures of internalizing and externalizing symptoms were formed using mother and teacher reports of youth’s behaviour during childhood and in adolescence. Youth with more internalizing symptoms in childhood had low basal cortisol levels as adolescents; however, there was a positive association between basal cortisol levels and internalizing symptoms were examined concurrently in adolescence. Youth with more externalizing symptoms in childhood had flattened diurnal cortisol rhythms as adolescents, and this association persisted when concurrent externalizing symptoms were examined. Findings suggest that support the theoretical model of blunting of the HPA axis over time. Although the findings may initially only seem to apply to internalizing behaviors, the same process may be occurring at an earlier time point in youth demonstrating externalizing behaviors. While initially, the HPA axis may show hyper-arousal when youth first display symptoms, long-term exposure may lead to hypo-arousal of the HPA axis which culminates in a dysregulated diurnal rhythm.

List of Poster Presentations

1. Predicting adolescent risk behaviour from high-risk mother-child interactions in middle childhood: An intergenerational study (Elana G. August, Dale M. Stack, Lisa A. Serbin, Ana Baljak, Claire Barnes, Alex E. Schwartzman, & Jane E. Ledingham; Concordia University)

2. Smoking risk among never-smoking youth: Do situations of smoke exposure matter? (Simon Racicot & Jennifer J. McGrath; Concordia University)

3. Untangling the moderating effect of gender and temperament in the association between parental control and children empathy-related responses (Mélanie Joly, Marie-Pierre M. Gosselin, David. R. Forman, & Paul D. Hastings; Concordia University)

4. Inhibitory functioning with age and the relation to working memory decline (Mervin Blair, Kiran Vadaga, Joni Shuchat, & Karen Li; Concordia University)

5. Prediction of the early emergence of behavioral and academic problems in a high-risk sample: A longitudinal study (Julia Feldstein, Dale M. Stack, Lisa A. Serbin, Jane Ledingham, & Alex E. Schwartzman; Concordia University)

6. Impact à long terme de la concomitance de la sous-évaluation de la compétence scolaire et sociale (Karine Bédard, Thérèse Bouffard, & Aurélie Lengelé; Université du Québec à Montréal)
(7) Language-specific attention control in aging (Hilary D. Duncan, Natalie A. Phillips, & Norman Segalowitz; Concordia University)

(8) The influence of structured and unstructured physical activity settings on elementary school children’s adaptive and problem behaviour (Lana Bergmane & Hariclia Petrakos; Concordia University)

(9) Les étudiants de première génération au cégep sont-ils différents des autres étudiants? (Priscilla Richard, Carole Vezeau, Thérèse Bouffard, & Mathieu Roy; Université du Québec à Montréal)

(10) Emotion behaviours in mothers with childhood histories of aggression and social withdrawal and their children: A high-risk, intergenerational study (Leah N. Enns, Dale M. Stack, Ariela Cohen, Irene Mantis, Lisa A. Serbin, Jane Ledingham, & Alex E. Schwartzman; Concordia University)

(11) Health congruence in recent retirees (Joelle Jobin, Dolores Pushkar, & Stephanie Torok; Concordia University)


(13) Identifying mothers’ and children’s use of power in their relationship (Sandra Della Porta & Nina Howe; Concordia University)

(14) Biopsychosocial determinants of cognitive function in a longitudinal study of retirees (Lawrence H. Baer, Mervin Blair, Vanessa Raccio, Stephanie Torok, Karen Z.H. Li, & Dolores Pushkar; Concordia University)

(15) Fathers and the prospective cognitive and behavioural development of offspring (Erin Pougnet, Lisa A. Serbin, & Dale M. Stack; Concordia University)

(16) Maternal and paternal bipolar disorder have similar effects on child outcomes (Caroline S. Ostiguy, Ramandeep Nijjar, Sheilagh Hodgins, & Mark A. Ellenbogen; Concordia University)

(17) The effect of audio-visual speech information on working memory in younger and older adults (Jana Baranyaiova Frtusova, Axel Winneke, & Natalie A. Phillips; Concordia University)

(18) An analysis of immigrant parents’ perceptions of parent involvement in elementary school (Mariam Khatchadourian & Hariclia Petrakos; Concordia University)

(19) Toddlers’ facial processing of distress: Relations to theory of mind understanding (Sabrina S. Chiarella, E. Geangu, Diane Poulin-Dubois, Paul Hastings, P. Hauf, & A.P. Johnson; Concordia University)

(20) Le rôle de la conception de l’intelligence et des biais d’évaluation de la compétence sur la motivation et le rendement scolaire des élèves (Arielle Boneville-Roussy, Marie-Hélène Chayer, & Thérèse Bouffard; Université du Québec à Montréal)

(21) The influence of cultural capital and parental involvement on school success (Laura Fontil & Hariclia Petrakos; Concordia University)

(22) Automatic emotional information processing regulates the cortisol response to psychosocial stress (Ramandeep Nijjar, Kamala Pilgrim, Robin Carson, Rana Pishva, & Mark A. Ellenbogen; Concordia University)

(23) Sentiment d’imposteur et soutien social à l’adolescence (Marie-Hélène Chayer; Arielle Bonneville-Roussy, & Thérèse Bouffard; Université du Québec à Montréal)

(24) Oxytocin attenuates the anxiety response to interpersonal stress in females high in emotion-oriented coping (Christopher Cardoso, Anne-Marie Linnen, Mark A. Ellenbogen, & Ridha Joober; Concordia University)

(25) Are infants’ scores on an ASD screening questionnaire linked to their understanding of desire? (Kristyn Wright & Diane Poulin-Dubois; Concordia University)

(26) Development of categorization in infancy: Advancing forward to the domain level (Jessica Yott, Kristin Rostad, & Diane Poulin-Dubois; Concordia University)

(27) Inside and out: Links between vagal suppression, maternal socialization and aggressive behaviour in childhood (Melissa R. Simard, Paul D. Hastings, & Christine Klinkhoff; Concordia University)

(28) Individualism and collectivism moderate the association between peer victimization and self-esteem among Brazilian adolescents (Josáfá Moreira da Cunha, Jonathan Bruce Santo, & Lidia Natalia Dobriansky Weber; Federal University of Parana, Brazil)

(29) Gender identity across social contexts (Kate-Mills Drury, William M. Bukowski, Lina Maria Saldarriaga, & Jonathan Bruce Santo; Concordia University)

(30) Neuroticism determines subjective social status through multiple mechanisms (Giuseppe Alfonsi & Michael Conway; Concordia University)
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- Social Policy Since 2000 – Martha Friendly & Susan Prentice
- Québec's Early Childhood Education Policy – Christa Japel
- Economics of Child Care – Gordon Cleveland
- Commentary on Part I: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Early Childhood Education in Canada – Hillel Goelman

Children Curriculum and Teachers
(Session chair: Larry Prochner)

- Diversity Issues – Judith Bernhardt & Veronica Pacini-Katchabaw
- Curriculum: Investigating Quality & Early Learning – Alan Pence & Veronica Pacini-Katchabaw
- Curriculum: Provincial Early Learning Curricula – Rachel Langford
- Curriculum: Intergenerational Programming – Rachel Heydon
- Inservice Professional Development: Elements of Mentoring – Nina Howe & Ellen Jacobs
- Commentary on Part II: New Directions in Early Childhood Education in Canada: Children, Curriculum, and Teachers – Alan Pence

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Government Involvement (Session chair: Nina Howe)

- Provincial Regulations & Policies – Ellen Jacobs & Emmanuelli Adrien
- Community-Based Intervention Programs – Kelly Petrunka & Ray Peters
- Aboriginal Head Start/ Child Care – Jessica Ball
- School-Based Hub Programs – Janette Pelletier
- Commentary on Part III: New Directions in ECE in Canada: Government Involvement – Carl Corter
- Round Table Discussion of Critical Issues (Session chair: Larry Prochnrer)

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