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Festschrift for Marian Sigman

Translational Developmental Research and Childhood Disorders

8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

UCLA Neuroscience Research Building (NRB Auditorium)



Marian Sigman, Ph.D. has left her mark on the field with a rich history of over 30 years of significant contributions to developmental and clinical psychology. Please join us in celebrating this remarkable career by attending a symposium to be held in her honor at UCLA on February 13th, 2009. This honorary symposium will include a series of talks by friends, colleagues and collaborators. The content of these will provide a glimpse of the very large impact Marian's work has had on understanding the effects and treatment of autism, low birth weight, preterm birth, malnutrition, and anxiety in children. The presentations will be grouped to reflect four topics that have been thematic throughout Dr. Sigman's career:

Multidisciplinary Collaborations and the "Big" Science of Human Development

Translating Studies of Infant Attention to Research on Risk and Developmental Disorders

Longitudinal and International Perspectives on Translational Developmental Research

Anxiety as a Pivotal Dimension of Developmental Psychopathology



Time	Presentations	Speakers
8:00 – 8:30	Gathering and Continental Breakfast in NRB Lobby	
8:30 – 8:50	Opening Remarks	Peter Whybrow, M.D.
8:50 – 10:15	Multidisciplinary Collaborations and the “Big” Science of Human Development	
8:50 – 9:15	<i>From Behavior to Models of Neurodevelopmental Disorders:</i> A discussion of how the science of developmental psychology has informed models of autism as a neurodevelopmental disorder	Geraldine Dawson, Ph.D.
9:20 – 9:45	<i>From Behavior to Cognitive Neuroscience in Developmental Disorders:</i> A discussion of how translational research on early social, communication and language development formed one of the foundations for the CPEA and STAART research networks	Helen Tager-Flusberg, Ph.D.
9:50 – 10:15	<i>Collegiality and Collaboration: Essential Ingredients of Science:</i> Personal views of the life, career and impact of a great clinical scientist and friend at UCLA	Patricia Greenfield, Ph.D., Leila Beckwith, M.D., Dan Geschwind, M.D., Ph.D.
10:15 – 10:35	BREAK	
10:35 –12:00	Translating Studies of Infant Attention to Research on Risk and Developmental Disorders	
10:35 – 11:00	<i>Infant Attention and Later Childhood Cognitive Development:</i> A discussion of pioneering work utilizing models of infant attention to better understand stability and mental development	Marc H. Bornstein, Ph.D.
11:05 – 11:30	<i>Infant Social Attention and the Diagnosis of Autism:</i> A discussion of work that integrated work on infant attention with applications of Bruner’s theory of joint attention to the study of the nature of autism	Peter Mundy, Ph.D.
11:35 – 12:00	<i>Infant Social Attention and the Treatment of Autism:</i> A discussion of the translation of research on joint attention to advances in the methods of effective early interventions for children with autism	Connie Kasari, Ph.D.
12:00 - 1:30	LUNCH on your own (unless invited to private luncheon for speakers and family etc. in CART conference room - Semel 68-236)	
1:30 - 2:00	Photo Slide Show, Video Clips & Open for Personal Comments	
2:05- 3:00	Longitudinal and International Perspectives on Translational Developmental Research	
2:05 – 2:30	<i>From Longitudinal Research to Practice and Policy</i>	Catherine Lord, Ph.D.
2:35 – 3:00	<i>Impact of Malnutrition on Cognitive Function, Activity, Behaviors and School Performance in Rural Kenyan Children</i>	Charlotte Neumann, M.D., MPH
3:00 – 3:20	BREAK	
3:20 - 4:15	Anxiety as a Pivotal Dimension of Developmental Psychopathology	
3:20 – 3:45	<i>Anxiety in Children and Adolescents</i>	John Piacentini, Ph.D.
3:50 – 4:15	<i>Adapting Cognitive Behavioral Therapies for Anxiety Disorders and Autism</i>	Jeffrey Wood, Ph.D.
4:15 – 5:15	Wrap Up Discussion, Q/A, and Closing Comments	

Private dinner in Westwood for Marian, speakers, family etc. at 6pm

Hosted by the UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART)
*****Please visit our website’s EVENTS page to register. There is no registration fee, but you must register to save a seat (unless you RSVP’d to the e-vite invitation).**

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