Graduate Studies in Developmental Science at Virginia Tech

The Developmental Science graduate program in the Department of Psychology at Virginia Tech aligns with faculty who study aspects of human functioning that change in important and substantive ways across a multitude of ages. We investigate important research questions within the broad areas of perception, attention, cognition, communication, learning, memory, emotion, social, cultural, and personality processes. We employ a rich array of behavioral testing and observational methods in studies with infants, children, adolescents, parents and families, along with specialized techniques in statistical modeling, electrophysiology, eye tracking, and neuroimaging.

Department of Psychology’s Developmental Science primary training faculty:
Dr. Martha Ann Bell, Professor, Department of Psychology (mabell@vt.edu): Infant and child development; executive functions; emotion regulation; temperament; self-regulation; EEG; ECG; frontal lobe functions; also a member of the Biological Psychology concentration (http://www.psyc.vt.edu/labs/caplab). ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2016

Dr. Julie Dunsmore, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology (jduanm@vt.edu): Parent emotion socialization; socio-emotional development in early to middle childhood; culture; positive emotions; also serves as Director of Graduate Studies (http://www.psyc.vt.edu/labs/socialdev). ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2016

Dr. Jungmeen Kim-Spoon, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology (jungmeen@vt.edu): Risk and resilience in developmental psychopathology; child maltreatment; religiosity/spirituality; adolescent brain development and risk-taking; health risk behaviors (http://www.psyc.vt.edu/labs/jklifespan). ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2016

Dr. Robin Panneton, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology (panneton@vt.edu): Infancy; multimodal language perception; emotion processing; social attention; statistical learning; eye tracking; parent-infant interaction (http://www.psyc.vt.edu/labs/infantperception). ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2016

Additional Developmental Science affiliated faculty:
Dr. Kurt Hoffman, Senior Instructor, Department of Psychology; (khoffma@vt.edu): animal behavior and ecology; learning across the lifespan; also serves as Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Dr. Thomas Ollendick, University Distinguished Professor, Department of Psychology (tho@vt.edu): Clinical child and adolescent psychology; internalizing/externalizing disorders; social learning and social cognition; also a member of the Clinical Science concentration (http://www.psyc.vt.edu/labs/csc).

Dr. Craig Ramey, Professor, Department of Psychology (ctramey@vt.edu): evidence-based early intervention; risk and resiliency in early childhood; home environment and developmental risk; also faculty member at VTCRI (http://research.vtc.vt.edu/employees/craig-ramey/).

Dr. Sharon Landesman Ramey, Professor, Department of Psychology (slramey@vt.edu): academic achievement in children; children’s health; early intervention strategies; early learning and school readiness; also faculty member of VTCRI (http://research.vtc.vt.edu/employees/sharon-ramey/).

Please visit our department and doctoral program websites at http://www.psyc.vt.edu/ or contact our Developmental Science training area director at devsci@vt.edu

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