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Education

A.B., Harvard College, 1973, in Social Relations.
M.S., Yale University, 1978, in Clinical-Community Psychology.
Ph.D., Yale University, 1982, in Clinical-Community and Developmental Psychology.

Employment History

2012-present: University Professor, New York University

2012-present: Albert and Blanche Willner Family Professor in Psychology and Public Policy,
New York University

2010-2012: Distinguished Professor of Applied Psychology and Public Policy, New York
University.

2004-2010: Professor of Applied Psychology and Public Policy, New York University.

1994-2003: Director, National Center for Children in Poverty, and Professor of Population and
Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.

1999-2003: Co-Director, Institute for Child and Family Policy, Columbia University.

1989-1994: Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Barnard College and Graduate Faculties, Columbia University; Director, Barnard Center for Toddler Development.

1982-1989: Assistant Professor of Psychology, Barnard College and Graduate Faculties Columbia University; Director, Barnard Center for Toddler Development.

1982-1984: Staff Director, National Study Panel on the Future of Services to Children and their Families, Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, New York, New York.

1979-1981: Associate Director, Harvard Child Maltreatment Project, Harvard University; Research Fellow, Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy, Yale University.

1978-1981: Clinical Fellow in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

1976-1978: Special Assistant to the Director, Office for Children, Executive Office of Human Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1973-1974: Special Assistant for Civil Rights, Division of Civil Service, Executive Office of Administration and Finance, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1972-1973: Director of Emergency Services, Sanctuary Community Counseling Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Teaching Expertise

Graduate Courses at New York University

- Developmental and Prevention Science
- Theories of Change in Applied Psychology
- Child Development and Social Policy in a Global Society
- Proseminar in Education Sciences
- Risk and Resilience in Human Development

Graduate Courses at Columbia University

- Child and Family Policy: Multidisciplinary Perspectives
- Clinical Research Methods: Children at Risk
- Early Social and Personality Development

Undergraduate Courses at Barnard College

- Developmental Psychology
- Laboratory in Developmental Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Field Work and Research Methods Seminar in Early Childhood Development

Additional Areas of Teaching Expertise and Interest

Poverty, Child Development and Social Policy

Violence, Human Development and Humanitarian Policy

Developmental Psychopathology

Comparative Child and Family Policy

Human and Community Development

Design and Conduct of Place-Randomized Trials of Social Interventions

Research Interests

The social, emotional, motivational, behavioral and academic development of high-risk children and youth, including: abused/neglected and poor/disadvantaged preschool and school-aged children, and children and adolescents in areas of concentrated poverty and armed conflict; parent development; program and policy implications of developmental research with high risk children, youth and families; the influence of neighborhood and family socioeconomic disadvantage on parent and child development; developmental approaches to the design and evaluation of preventive interventions; policy research on child and family services.

Research Grants Awarded for the Study of the Social, Emotional, Behavioral, and Academic Development of Children and Adolescents at Risk

A. Toddlers and their Parents.

"The Organization and Development of Early Social and Emotional Competencies." A longitudinal study of normal socio-emotional development from the second to the fifth year of life. In phase one, the study followed 286 children and their parents over a 12 month period from age 12-24 months to age 24-36 months and assessed the following areas of child development: secure base behavior, orientation to an unfamiliar peer, autonomous functioning in problem solving, symbolic play, ego-strength and resiliency. In addition, stage-salient parent characteristics (internal working models of relations with own parents and with toddlers, level of ego development, separation anxiety) and parenting competencies (maternal sensitivity, maternal quality of assistance) were assessed. In phase two, a subset of 127 children from phase one were followed for 2 years and assessed at age 48-60 months on such dimensions as self-regulatory abilities, internal working models of attachment relationships, and behavioral and socio-communicative indices of security. Preschoolers' parents are also assessed on such dimensions as attributional style and separation anxiety. (Principal Investigator)

"Social and Affective Development in Toddlers of Depressed Parents." A parallel study of the organization and development of early social and emotional competencies in toddlers whose parent-primary caretaker met formal diagnostic criteria for a major depressive episode within six months prior to the beginning of the study. Twenty-four toddlers were studied over 12 months in phase one and were followed over an additional 2 years in phase two. (Phase One of these studies was funded by the Faculty Grants Program of Barnard College and by a grant from an

anonymous donor. Phase Two was supported by grants from the Spencer Foundation and the Smith Richardson Foundation for 1986-1992.).^a (Principal Investigator)

"Parental Representations of Attachment", with Drs. Jay Belsky and Keith Crnic, Pennsylvania State University, and Dr. Arietta Slade, City University of New York. A longitudinal study of change in parents' representations of their children during the "terrible twos", the children's second and third years of life. 150 working- and middle-class families were followed for two years. Parents' representations of attachment relationships were assessed when children were 12, 15 and 34 months of age. Children were observed in two-hour naturalistic home observations when children were 15-16, 21-22, 27-28, and 33-34 months age. Analyses focused on (1) change and stability of parental representations from 12-34 months and (2) the relationship between parents' representations and patterns of parent-child interaction in the home. Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (1990-1996).^c (Co-Principal Investigator)

B. Maltreated and Disadvantaged Preschool and School-Age Children.

"The Developmental Sequelae of Id Maltreatment," with Dr. Dante Cicchetti and Dr. Vicki Carlson, Department of Psychology and Social Relations, Harvard University. A short-term cross-sequential study of 150 maltreated children and 150 nonmaltreated comparison children. Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (1983-1985).^c (Co-Investigator)

"Preschool Predictors of the Adaptation of Maltreated Children to their School Environments." A follow-up study of 32 maltreated children and 32 comparison children from the original longitudinal sample. Funded by the Spencer Foundation (1982-1984).^a (Principal Investigator)

"A Reliability and Validity Study of a Sociometric Technique to Assess Social Adjustment in First and Second Graders". A cross-sectional study of 370 first and second grade children to validate a downward revision of a sociometric technique known as the Class Play. (The validated measure was used in a follow-up study of the effects of maltreatment on the development of peer relationships.) Funded by the Spencer Foundation (1984-1986).^a (Principal Investigator)

"The Action Research Consortium in Early Childhood Education and Development". A collaborative short-term longitudinal study of the developmental processes which may mediate the relationship between poor minority children's participation in early education programs and later outcomes. Funded by the Foundation for Child Development (1987-1990).^b (Principal Investigator)

"Interactional and Developmental Processes Study" with Dr. Jeanne Brooks-Gunn and Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. A short-term longitudinal study of a subset of 182 African-American children and their mothers embedded in a large scale evaluation of the Teenage Parent Demonstration (TPD). TPD randomly assigned mothers to an intervention condition (mandatory school and work requirements for welfare-dependent adolescent parents plus child care subsidies and referral assistance) and a no-intervention condition. The IDP Study focused on mother and child developmental and interactional processes which may mediate the impact of program participation on mother and child outcome. Funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Foundation for Child Development (1991-1993).^c (Principal Investigator)

"Evaluation of the Resolving Conflict Creatively Program". Short-term process and outcome evaluation of the impact of a violence prevention program for elementary school children (n = 11,000) in 15 inner-city schools. In collaboration with Educators for Social Responsibility, New York City Board of Education and Educational Development Center. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control, the William T. Grant Foundation, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the Surdna Foundation, and the Pinkerton Foundation (1993-1999).^d (Principal Investigator)

"Reading, Writing, Respect and Resolution: Evaluation of a School-based Social-Emotional and Literacy Development Program". In collaboration with Educators for Social Responsibility and the New York City Department of Education. Funded by the Institute of Education Sciences, (U.S. Department of Education), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) and the William T. Grant Foundation, (2003-2009).^d (Principal Investigator)

"Health Risk Behavior in Late Childhood: Impact of a Longitudinal Randomized Trial". This study proposes to rigorously test the effects of a long-term (3-year), school-randomized universal preventive intervention called 4Rs (Reading, Writing, Respect and Resolution) on children's health risk behaviors as they make the transition from elementary to middle school. Funded by National Institutes of Mental Health (2008-2012). (Co-Investigator).

C. High-Risk Adolescents.

"The Development of High-Risk Youth: Impact of Comprehensive Services on Risk Status and Social Competencies." A three-year study of 120 high-risk youth (ages 15-17) receiving comprehensive services and 120 comparable youth receiving no or different services. Youth's problem behaviors, coping behaviors, social problem-solving skill repertoires and efficacy and outcome expectations were assessed at Time 1 (intake into the services program), and six to nine months later at Time 3 (program completion). Critical variables which could mediate the effects of program participation on adolescent development (e.g. quality of attachments, coping style, causal explanatory style) are assessed at Time 2. Funded by the William T. Grant Foundation (1984-1987).^b (Principal Investigator)

"The Impact of Residential Services on Adolescent Mothers and their Children." A pilot study of a residential program for homeless young mothers in East Harlem, New York. Funded by the Ford Foundation (1984-1986).^a (Principal Investigator)

"Pathways to Adaptive/Maladaptive Outcomes in Adolescence" with Drs. Edward Seidman, LaRue Allen and Christina Mitchell and, Center for Community Research and Action, Department of Psychology, New York University. A cross-sequential study which tested a theoretical model of the ontogeny of problem behaviors (such as substance abuse and delinquency) and psychopathology (such as depression) during the transition from late childhood to mid-adolescence. The study followed 1400 youth from high-risk communities in New York, NY, Baltimore, MD, and Washington, D.C. over a period of four years. Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (1987-1995) and the Carnegie Corporation (1987-1991).^d (Co-Principal Investigator)

"The Psychosocial Development of Children in Areas of Armed Conflict" with Dr. Mona Macksoud, Dr. Milagros Mendez, Lic. Jose Luis Henriquez and an international consortium of researchers. A cross-national, comparative study of the association between children's exposure to war-related stresses and trauma and their psychological symptomatology, including depression, anxiety, aggression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Four hundred children and their parents were surveyed in Lebanon and El Salvador. The research was designed to contribute to theory and to assist international relief organizations (e.g. UNICEF) and nongovernmental organizations design and evaluate community-based mental health services for children exposed to war. Funded by the Smith Richardson Foundation (1988-1992).^b (Principal Investigator)

"Neighborhood and Family Influences on the Development of Poor Urban Children and Adolescents". A companion study to the Adolescent Pathways Project which examined the effects of neighborhood factors such as concentrations of female headship and male joblessness on adolescent developmental trajectories. Funded by the Russell Sage Foundation, the Smith Richardson Foundation, and the William T. Grant Foundation (1991-1994).^a (Co-Principal Investigator)

"On being grown: Making meaning of the transition from adolescence to adulthood in the inner city" with Dr. Mary Waters, Department of Sociology, Harvard University. An intensive study of the meaning systems of inner-city youth employing qualitative and ethnographic research techniques. Funded by the William T. Grant Foundation (1998-2000).^a (Principal Investigator)

"Follow-up Evaluation of the Resolving Conflict Creatively Program". The major goals of this follow-up study are to evaluate the long-term impact of a grade school violence prevention program on students' developmental trajectories through high school. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control (2000-2003).^c (Principal Investigator)

"Dynamic Comorbidity and Prevention in High-Risk Youth." The major goals of this project are to study patterns of comorbidity between depression and conduct disorder over the period from middle childhood to adolescence. Funded by National Institutes of Mental Health. (2001-2004).^d (Principal Investigator)

"Examining the Effectiveness of Scaling Up the 'First Things First' High School Reform". This school-randomized experiment tests the effects of a comprehensive high school reform model on the educational motivation, engagement and outcomes of youth in schools that serve a high percentage of low-income, ethnic-minority students. Funded by the Institute for Education Sciences and the U.S. Department of Education, (2007-2013).^e (Co-Investigator)

"Resilience in Young People Orphaned by AIDS and Other Causes: Predictors and Mechanisms". This study: follows a strategically selected sample of youth (n = 378) living in informal settlements in Cape Town, South Africa; and is designed to (1) identify person-, family- and community-level factors promoting or hindering resilience; and (2) to test which factors have specific relevance to AIDS orphans and which apply to young people in informal

settlements more generally. Funded by the Nuffield Foundation, United Kingdom (2008-2010)^c. (Co-Investigator).

“Moderators, Mechanisms, Methods and Measurement in the Head Start Impact Study: Informing Head Start of the Future”. This project created a center to conduct secondary analysis of data from the Head Start Impact Study (HSIS). These analyses will extend HSIS findings to address a key question it left unanswered: how are features of Head Start centers associated with variation in program impacts on key child outcomes of cognitive functioning, social-emotional skills, and health status? Funded by the Administration for Children and Families (2011-2014)^c. (Co-Investigator).

D. Child Poverty, Child Care and Related Issues.

“Consequences of child poverty: Understanding causal mechanisms to inform policy” with Dr. Neil Bennett (P-I). The main objective of this study was to deepen the knowledge of the mechanisms by which poverty influences the physical health, mortality, and development of children under six years of age. Funded by the Smith Richardson Foundation (1995-1997).^b (Co-Investigator)

“Caring for low-income children: What can be learned from existing data from state subsidy and child care resource and referral programs?”. Uses current data on low-income children and families, and data on the supply of child care in low-income communities, to gain a deeper understanding of low-income child care markets. The study is being conducted in collaboration with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, child care resource and referral networks, and state agencies that administer child care subsidies in Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey and New York City. Funded by the Child Care Bureau of the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, and the Department of Health and Human Services (1995-2000).^c (Principal Investigator)

“Low quality jobs and trajectories of unemployment: Consequences for the psychological well-being of adults and children” with Dr. Mary Clare Lennon (P-I). Examined the effects of employment experiences on the psychological well-being of adults and children, with a focus on the social and economic conditions faced by low-skilled persons. Funded by the Russell Sage Foundation (1996-1997).^b (Co-Investigator)

“National Study of Child Care for Low-Income Families” with Abt Associates (P-I). A study of how changes in federal and state child care and welfare policies affect the cost, availability and quality of child care in 25 communities across 17 states. The study also intensively follows a cohort of young children and their families in 5 of the communities. Funded by the Administration on Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services (1997-2001).^d (Co-Investigator)

“Public attitudes towards poverty, welfare and the working poor: An experimental vignette study” with Drs. Mary Clare Lennon and Lauren Applebaum. Using a vignette experimental methodology embedded in a general attitude survey, this study seeks to examine: how attitudes toward poverty and welfare have changed over time, what demographic and political factors

affect these attitudes, and how configurations of attitudes predict the public's policy preferences toward the poor. Funded by the Marguerite Casey Foundation (2001-2003).^b (Co-Investigator)

"The effects of dynamic socioeconomic disadvantage on children." This project uses longitudinal data from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten Cohort and appends data on neighborhood contexts and on state economic and educational policy contexts to test several hypotheses about: the influence of family economic trajectories on parent investments, behavior and distress and on children's social-emotional and cognitive-academic development; and the influence of neighborhood and policy contexts on family economic security, parenting and child development. Funded by the National Institute of Child Health & Development (2002-2008).^c (Principal Investigator)

"Dynamics of economic disadvantage and child health and development." This program of research examines how the family and policy contexts of children's lives affect their health and development. Using data from both the ECLS-K and the Panel Study of Income Dynamics-Child Development Supplement, we examine how turning points in family life (parent illness, unemployment, divorce) affect family economic trajectories and children's developmental trajectories; and whether state-level income and health policies mitigate the detrimental effects of economic disadvantage on children's health and development. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research (2003-2005).^d (Co-Principal Investigator)

"Well-being of South African children: Household, community and policy influences". This project will conduct a short-term, longitudinal, multi-level study of 5,940 7- to 10-year-olds and their parents/parent surrogates in 60 urban and rural South African communities in KwaZulu-Natal to determine the impact of changes in families' income and material disadvantage on children's cognitive and social-emotional development. Funded by National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (2008-2014).^d (Principal Investigator)

"Dynamic Socio-economic Disadvantage: Children in Family and School Contexts". The primary goal of this project is to strengthen the field's understanding of the mechanisms through which families' trajectories of income and hardship affect children's trajectories of success versus difficulty in academic and socio-emotional domains, and of the important contribution of school socio-economic disadvantage to children's development. Funded by the National Institutes of Health (2008-2011).^d (Co-Principal Investigator).

"Opportunity NYC-Family Rewards: An Embedded Child and Family Study of Conditional Cash Transfers". Funded by the William T. Grant Foundation and the Smith Richardson Foundation (2009-2011).^c (Co-Investigator, in collaboration with MDRC).

*Opportunities for Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education". Funded by the United States Agency for International Development, Wellspring Advisors and the NoVo Foundation (2010-2015).^b (Co-Investigator, in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee).

*“Making Sense out of Variation in Impacts of Poverty Reduction Strategies: The Role of Secondary Analyses”. This project will review data archives and searchable databases being developed by IPA and the World Bank to identify evaluations of interventions that sought to foster women’s and families’ economic empowerment, and/or children’s health, education and development. It will also analyze the available data from such impact evaluations, and based on this review and analysis, make the data from these impact evaluations available to users to conduct secondary analyses. Funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (2014-2017).^b (Principal Investigator).

*“Intervention Design, Evaluation, and Applications at Scale (IDEAS) for Children”. This project will develop a new research center “Global TIES for Children: Transforming Intervention Effectiveness and Scale”. The center will focus on developing the science of social settings and human development and conducting research to improve the effectiveness and scalability of interventions on behalf of children and youth in low-income and conflict-affected countries. Funded by the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute (2014-2017).^d (Co-Principal Investigator).

*“Mapping of Instruments on Children’s Development and Related Settings for Social Processes”. Funded by the World Bank (2015).^a (Principal Investigator).

*“Behavioral Economic Strategies to Enhance Parent Language Interaction with their 0-3 Year olds: A Partnership with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene”. This project will assess the feasibility and application of behavioral economic strategies to improve implementation, and potential impact, of the NYC DOHMH planned roll-out of a population-level social media and book distribution campaign designed to enhance early language development among infants and toddlers residing in income-poor communities in the NYC area. Funded by Bezos Family Foundation (2015-2016).^b (Principal Investigator).

*“Supply- and Demand-side Approaches to Kindergarten Teaching Quality improvement in Ghana”. This study investigates supply- and demand-side approaches to improving the quality of Kindergarten education in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana. Specifically, it investigates how a teacher in-service training program with monitoring and feedback follow-up affects teacher practices, classroom quality, and child learning, in addition to testing if the impacts are enhanced when implemented alongside a parental awareness program about early childhood development and learning. Funded by Innovations for Poverty Action (2015-2019).^b (Principal Investigator).

*“Education Quality and Learning for All (EQUAL): A Global Research Network in Support of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4”. The EQUAL Global Network and its regional sections will commission research on measurement and innovative solutions to advance targets on SDG4 (particularly Targets 4.1, 4.2, 4.4 and 4.7). Funded by the Ford Foundation (2016-2019).^e (Co-Principal Investigator).

“Understanding What Expectant and New Low-Income Mothers Know and Do about their Infants’ Early Learning: A Cross Institutional and Inter-Disciplinary Collaboration in Two Urban Communities”. Funded by the Bezos Foundation (2017-2019).^b (Principal Investigator).

E. Enhancing the Learning and Development of Children in Conflict and Crisis Contexts

*“Promoting Children’s Learning Outcomes in Conflict-Affected Countries: Generating, Communicating and Incorporating Evidence for Impact”. This project aims to generate, communicate, and incorporate into practice rigorous evidence as to how to promote effective teaching and improve children’s academic and socio-emotional learning in conflict-affected contexts. Funded by ESRC/DFID (2015-2016).^b (Principal Investigator).

*“Education in Emergencies Evidence for Action (3EA): Learn Safe in Bo (Sierra Leone)”. This project will design, adapt, and test scientifically sound and field-feasible measures of implementation of teacher professional development activities and classroom practices and processes in Sierra Leone. Funded by Dubai Cares (2017-2018).^b (Co-Principal Investigator, in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee).

*“Education in Emergencies: Evidence for Action”. The overarching goal of this project is to have a catalytic effect on the education in emergencies sector, enabling global education actors to ensure that children in crisis-affected settings attend safe and predictable schools and gain the reading, math and social-emotional skills they need to thrive and succeed in school and life. Funded by Dubai Cares (2016-2019).^d (Co-Principal Investigator, in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee).

* “Education Cannot Wait: Whole of Syria Learning & Assessment: Psychometric Analysis” During the period of this project, TIES/NYU will conduct preliminary psychometric data analyses with five datasets; present preliminary psychometric results at a workshop in Jordan; conduct sensitivity analyses to finalize secondary analyses; and conduct psychometric analyses on pilot data collected using the newly constructed measure. Funded by Save the Children (2018-2019).^a (Principal Investigator).

*“The Children Cannot Wait: Research Methodologies to improve the Practice of Education in Conflict-Affected Contexts”. This study leverages an independently funded strategic initiative between the International Rescue Committee and Global TIES to improve educational practices with Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. Funded by the Spencer Foundation (2016-2020).^c (Principal Investigator).

*“Promoting Children’s Learning Outcomes in Conflict-Affected Countries: Evidence for Action in Niger”. This project will develop a dynamic, multi-level understanding of efforts to improve learning processes and outcomes for refugee, internally displaced, and local children in Niger and other conflict-affected countries (CACs); and to use the new, transdisciplinary knowledge developed in this study and related studies to have a catalytic effect on the education in emergencies sector, both in Niger and in other CACs, to improve children's learning and development. Funded by Economic and Social Research Council, UK (2017-2019).^c (Principal Investigator).

*“Research Partnership for Holistic Measurement of Education Results”. The goal of this project is to build capacity for effective partnerships between researchers, practitioners,

and funders working in the Education in Emergencies (EiE) field, first in the MENA region, and over time in other crisis-affected regions throughout the world. Funded by an anonymous donor (2017-2020).^d (Principal Investigator).

***“Sesame Seeds: Early Childhood Development in Emergencies”**

This project, which will be implemented in four countries (Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, and Syria) will target children ages 0-8 and their caregivers. Mass media, home visiting to foster nurturing care for the youngest children, and a preschool based program for early learning will support the development of early language, literacy, numeracy and social-emotional skills. Funded by the MacArthur Foundation’s “100 and Change” initiative (2018-2022).^e (Co-Investigator, in collaboration with Sesame Workshop and the International Rescue Committee).

***“A Lebanon SEL/Teacher Professional Development Project Development”.**

The purpose of this project is the development of SEL intervention with Lebanese public education system. Funded by an anonymous donor (2019-2020).^a (Principal Investigator).

***“Impact Evaluation of Teacher Professional Development Programming in Formal Schools in Lebanon”**

This project is to support the government of Lebanon in using evidence-informed processes and rigorous methods to inform the development of foundational frameworks and systems to support children’s holistic learning and development. Funded by an anonymous donor (2019-2020).^c (Principal Investigator).

***“Understanding Children’s Holistic Development, Program Implementation and Effectiveness in Context: Evidence to Guide Investments in Social-Emotional Learning”.**

This project will seek to understand the normative and adaptive academic and social-emotional development of children in conflict-affected contexts (Lebanon and Niger); identify and examine observable and relevant aspects of program implementation (adherence, dosage, quality) in three crisis-affected contexts; and test the variation in impacts by household, school, and individual risk levels. Funded by INEE/Dubai Cares (2019-2022).^b (Co-Principal Investigator).

F. Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Training Grants

*“The New York University (NYU) Predoctoral Training Program in Education Sciences”. This project will train 28 doctoral students from diverse backgrounds to become outstanding researchers in the educational sciences. This interdisciplinary fellowship program is designed to train the next generation of quantitative educational researchers in methodological techniques developed to more accurately identify educational effects through the utilization of randomized experimental designs, quasi-experimental methods and other statistical approaches appropriate for causal inference and the analysis of multi-level data on students, teachers, schools and developmental contexts. Funded by the US Department of Education/ Institute on Education Sciences (2008-2013^d, Principal Investigator). (2014-2019^d, Co-Investigator).

^{abcde} Funding levels: ^aless than \$100,000; ^b\$100,000-\$500,000; ^c\$500,000-\$1,000,000;
^dgreater than \$1,000,000; ^e greater than \$5,000,000.

* Active grants in bold.

Awards & Honors

VISITING PROFESSOR: London School of Economics and Sociology (Department of Social Psychology and Department of Sociology (International Inequalities Institute)). (Fall 2016)

VISITING PROFESSOR OF EVIDENCE-BASED SOCIAL INTERVENTIONS: University of Oxford (Department of Social Policy and Social Work). (2008 and 2009)

NAN KEOHANE DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORSHIP: Duke University (Center for Child and Family Policy) and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Center for Developmental Science). (2007)

NICHOLAS HOBBS AWARD FOR DEVOTION TO CHILD ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC POLICY: Awarded by Division 37 of the American Psychological Association at the 106th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, California. (1998)

VISITING SCHOLAR, RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION: In residence to complete several studies of the development of poor urban adolescents and to write about the policy implications of developmental studies with high-risk youth (1991-1992).

FACULTY SCHOLAR IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH, WILLIAM T. GRANT FOUNDATION: "Longitudinal Studies of High-Risk Adolescents during Key Periods of Developmental Transition". A five-year award which provides 50% salary to release the recipient from several teaching and administrative responsibilities in order to conduct research on the mental health of children. Through the support provided by this "early career award", I worked intensively on studies on "the development of high-risk youth" and "pathways to adaptive/maladaptive outcomes in adolescence". (1987-1992).

SPENCER FELLOW, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF EDUCATION: "Developmental Processes Influencing the Education of High-Risk Children and Adolescents." Award made to release me from teaching and administrative responsibilities in order to complete data analyses and publications on the educational implications of my prior studies of the development of maltreated children and of high-risk adolescents. Funded by the Spencer Foundation (1986-1987).

Publications

Citation Indices

- h-index = 63
- i10-index = 138

From a list of 106 peer-reviewed journal articles and 62 book chapters and monographs

Books & Monographs

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Aber, J.L. Opportunity, Responsibility and Security: A Consensus Plan for Reducing Poverty and Restoring the American Dream. Presentation at the International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK, on October 18, 2016.

Aber, J.L., Wolf, S., & Behrman, J. Quality Preschool for Ghana: Advancing Research Methods to Support Policy Change. Presentation at an Academic Conference organized by the Center for the Evaluation of Development Policy (EDePo) at the Institute for Fiscal Studies and the IADB on "The early years: child well-being and the role of public policy". The British Academy, London, UK. June 9, 2016.

Aber, J.L. Violence and Child Development: Historical and International Perspectives on "Normal" Trauma. Presentation at Haruv-USA Seminar at the University of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK, on June 6, 2016.

Aber, J.L. Conducting CRTs in Challenging International Contexts: A Case Study from the D.R. Congo. Presentation at the American Research Institute's Impact Group, Washington, DC, on May 26, 2016.

Aber, J.L. 21st Century Research for Child and Youth Development: Toward a Science for Action. Presentation at the Inaugural Event for the Program for Research on Youth Development and Engagement (PRYDE). Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, on May 5, 2016.

Aber, J.L. Young Children and Families in Conflict-Affected Countries: Science for Action. Presentation at the National Academy of Science's Forum on Investing In Young Children for Peaceful Societies: Individual And Structural Transformation. Landmark Amman Hotel & Conference Center, Amman, Jordan, March 17, 2016.

Aber, L.A., Butler, S., Danziger, S., Doar, R., Ellwood, D.T., Gueron, J.M., Haidt, J., Haskins, R., Holzer, H.J., Hymowitz, K., Mead, L., Mincy, R., Reeves, R.V., Strain, M.R., & Waldfogel, J. (AEI/Brookings Working Group on Poverty and Opportunity). Opportunity Responsibility and Security: A Consensus Plan for Reducing Poverty and Restoring the American Dream. Presentation at an event at the Ford Foundation, NY, on February 4, 2016.

Aber, J.L. The Root Causes of Poverty and its Effects on Children and Youth. Presentation at the Congressional Briefing hosted by the National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives (NSPC): "A Bipartisan Approach to Reducing Poverty and its Consequences via Evidence-Based Preventive Science". Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, December 2, 2015.

Aber, J.L. Promoting Social-Emotional Skills in Conflict-Affected Countries: Evidence for Impact. Presentation at the Global Compact on Learning Donor Meeting at the Brookings Institution, New York, NY, on October 1, 2015.

Aber, J.L. Young Children and Families: Back to the Future. Reflections at the Launch at the Straus Center, Bank Street College of Education, New York, NY, on September 21, 2015.

Aber, J.L. Setting the Stage: Measuring Student/Preschool Teacher Interactions. Presentation at a SIEF Workshop on ECD Measurement for Preschool Children at the World Bank, Washington, DC, on May 27, 2015.

Aber, J.L. Poverty and Babies' Development: Domestic and Global Perspectives. Presentation at the Congressional Baby Caucus and ZERO TO THREE "Congressional Briefing: The State of America's Babies", Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, April 16, 2015.

- Aber, J.L. Measuring Educational Processes and Outcomes: The Role of Conceptual Frameworks and Theories of Change. Presentation at a Workshop on Measuring Settings and Child Outcomes at The World Bank, Washington, DC, May 12, 2015.
- Aber, J.L. Can “Learning in Healing Classroom” Enhance the Academic and Psychosocial Development of Children in Conflict-Affected Countries?: Lessons from the DRC. Presentation at the NYUAD Annual Research Conference, NYUAD, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE, February 28, 2015.
- Aber, J.L. Changing Social Settings to Promote Children’s Development: What Would Kurt Lewin Think about CRTs? Presentation at Yale Psychology Department’s Social Lunch Series, February 16, 2015.
- Aber, J.L. Global Initiatives for Families to Promote Early Childhood Development: The Critical Role of Anti-Poverty Policy. Presentation at “IV International Symposium of Early Child Development – The central role of the Family”. Fundação Maria Cecília Souto Vidigal, Sao Paulo, Brazil, November 13, 2014.
- Aber, J.L. Child Development and Social Policy: Building a Science for Action. Presentation to Social Sciences Division, NYUAD, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE, September 24, 2014.
- Aber, J.L. Non-Cognitive Abilities for the 21st Century: Insights from Developmental and Prevention Science. Keynote Address at 11th Itaú International Seminar on Economic Evaluation of Social Projects. Sao Paulo, Brazil, September 2, 2014.
- Aber, J.L. School-based Strategies to Promote Children’s Learning and Development in the DRC: Early results from a large-scale randomized field experiment. Symposium on Children and Political Violence: Developmental Approaches and Dissemination Practices. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, April 25, 2014
- Aber, J. L. Unlearning Violence in Schools: Lessons from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Presentation to World Peace Foundation’s Conference on “Unlearning Violence: Evidence and Policies for Early Childhood Development and Peace”. The Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development, Tufts University, Medford, MA, February 14, 2014.
- Aber, J.L., & Torrente, C. Classroom Quality as a Mediator of the Impact of School-based Interventions on Student Performance: Evidence from Social-Emotional Learning Programs in the US and the DRC. Presentation at a Workshop on “The Transformative Role of Settings for Children’s Development”. The World Bank, Washington, DC, December 4, 2013.
- Aber, J.L. The Role of Settings in Child and Youth Development: Implications for Intervention Design and Impact Evaluations. Presentation to Innovations for Poverty Action, Ghana, West Africa, November 5, 2013.

Aber, J.L. The Role of Settings on Influencing Outcomes: Insights from Child and Youth Development Programs. Presentation to the The World Bank, Washington, DC, May 7, 2013.

Aber, J. L. Ethical and Policy Issues of Applying Genetic Differential Sensitivity. Presentation at Jacobs Foundation Conference on “Genetic Moderation of Intervention Efficacy”, Schloss Marbach, Germany, April 26, 2013.

Aber, J.L. School-Randomized Experiments to Improve Children’s Academic & Social-Emotional Outcomes: Lessons from U.S. and Congo. 2013 John Doris Memorial Lecture, Bronfenbrenner Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. April 9, 2013.

Aber, J.L. Child Development and Social Policy: Building a Science for Action. Inaugural University Professorship Lecture, New York University, NY. February 19, 2013.

Aber. J.L. Poverty, CCTs and Children’s Development: Using Psychology to Understand Policy Strategies. Presentation to the Department of Psychology’s Colloquium Series, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, February 8, 2013.

Aber, J.L. Randomized Trial of a School-based Intervention in the Congo: Background, Opportunities and Challenges. Presentation to CEBI Multidisciplinary Seminar, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, November 1, 2012.

Aber, J.L. Opportunity NYC-Family Rewards: Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Children’s Health, Education and Development. Presentation to the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, November 1, 2012.

Aber, J.L. Cluster Randomized Controlled Trials. EBSI Intervention Lecture, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, October 31, 2012.

Aber, J.L. Opportunity NYC-Family Rewards: Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Children’s Health, Education and Development. Presentation to a Conference on “Re-thinking Aid and Subsidies in Urban Contexts”. Turin School of Local Regulation, Torino, Italy, October 19, 2012.

Aber, J.L. School-randomized Experiments to Improve Children’s Academic and Mental Health Outcomes: Lessons from New York City and the Congo. Presentation to Chapin Hall Guest Speaker Series, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, September 18, 2012.

Aber, J.L. Evidence-based Training: How Research Findings Can Enrich Training Programs. Address to the University of Oklahoma - Tulsa Schusterman Family Foundation and the Haruv Institute Summit on Research and its Contribution to Training and Development of Professionals in Child Maltreatment, Tulsa, OK, September 10, 2012.

- Aber, J.L. Evaluating the Impact of OEQ on Teachers and Children: Design, Methods, Baseline Findings and Future Plans. Presentation to Global Partnership in Education, Washington, DC, July 26, 2012.
- Aber, J.L. Evaluating the Impact of OPEQ on Children's Reading, Math and Social and Emotional Wellbeing. Presentation to the William T. Grant Scholars Retreat Pre-meeting, Seattle, WA, June 28, 2012.
- Aber, J.L. Balancing Basic and Applied Research with National and International Needs in Psychological Education and Training. Address at the Workshop on Psychology Education and Training: A Global Perspective, Dornburg Castle, Germany, May 23-26, 2012.
- Aber, J.L. Conditional Cash Transfers to Reduce Poverty and Promote Educational Achievement: A Theory-based Evaluation of a Complex Strategy. Presentation to the Center for Education Policy Analysis, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 17, 2012.
- Aber, J.L. Social Protection and Welfare Systems: Implications for Early Development. Presentation at Executive Leadership Program in Early Childhood Development, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 15, 2012.
- Aber, J.L. A Theory-based Evaluation of a Complex Antipoverty Strategy: Killing Two Bird with One Stone. Presentation to Spring 2012 CASSR Seminar Series, New York University, February 15, 2012
- Aber, J.L. The effects of Poverty on Children's Mental, Emotional and Behavioral Health: Implications for Prevention. Presentation to Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, November 24, 2011.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty, Child Development and Social Policy: Lessons from the U.S. Presentation to Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai, China, November 17, 2011.
- Aber, J.L. Using Place-Randomized Experiments to Test Theories in Education and Human Development. Presentation to Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai, China, November 15, 2011.
- Aber, J.L. New Frontiers for Impact Evaluations of CCT Programs: The Case for Theory-Driven Designs. Presentation to the Generation Second of CCTs Evaluation Workshop, The World Bank, Washington, DC, October 25, 2011.
- Aber, J.L. Mental health of AIDS-affected children in South Africa: The role of families, the potential of family supportive policies. Presentation to Global Partner Forum on Children Affected by HIV and AIDS, UNICEF, June 3, 2011

- Aber, J.L. Poverty's Impact on Developmental and Cognitive Outcomes. Keynote address to Region II and III Academic Pediatric Association Meeting, NYU School of Medicine, March 11, 2011.
- Aber, J.L. Using Cluster-Randomized Trials to Test Developmental Theory. Presentation to Developmental Colloquium, Department of Applied Psychology, NYU Steinhardt, March 2, 2011.
- Aber, J.L. Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Children's Health, Education and Development: Early Results from a Randomized Field Trial. Invited address to Collegio Carlo Alberto's Seminar Series, Milan, Italy, November 3, 2010.
- Aber, J.L. & Rawlings, L. Using Incentives to Improve Outcomes: North-South Knowledge Sharing on Conditional Cash Transfer Programs. Invited address to The World Bank Human Development Chief Economist's Seminar Series, Washington, DC, October 13, 2010.
- Aber, J.L. Early Learning and Development for All Children: Can We Get There from Here? Invited address to the 23rd Annual Bank Street College Infancy Institute, New York, NY, June 16, 2010.
- Aber, J.L. Low-Income Children, Their Families and the Great Recession: What Next in Policy? Invited Address to the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Child and Family Policy Center, Duke University, March 29, 2010.
- Aber, J.L. Impact of A School-Randomized Social-Emotional Learning Intervention on children's Mental Health and Academic Achievement. Invited Address to University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education's IES Pre-Doctoral Training Program, Philadelphia, PA, February 1, 2010.
- Aber, J.L. & Chaudry A. Low-Income Children, Their Families and The Great Recession: What Next in Policy after the ARRA? Invited address to Georgetown Center on Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy Conference on "Reducing Poverty and Economic Distress After ARRA", Washington, DC., January 15, 2010
- Aber, J.L. Strategies for Preventing Family Separation: Knowledge for Action. Invited address to 1010th Wilton Park Conference, "The Neglected Agenda: Protecting Children Without Adequate Parental Care". Co-sponsored by Save the Children, UNICEF and the Better Care Network. Steyning, Sussex, UK. December 1, 2009
- Aber, J.L. School-Based Strategies to Prevent Violence, Trauma, and Psychopathology: Can we get there from here? Invited address to Mt. Hope Family Center's 30th Anniversary Symposium, "Frontiers in Translational Research on Trauma", University of Rochester, NY, November 13, 2009.

- Aber, J.L. Impact of Social-Emotional Learning Intervention on Children's Mental Health: A School-Randomized Trial. Invited address to Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Columbia University/New York State Psychiatric Institute Grand Rounds, New York, NY, October 7, 2009.
- Aber, J.L., Hammond, H. & Thompson, S. U.S. Ratification of the CRC and Halving Child Poverty: Can We Get There from Here? 2009 CRC Symposium - The Convention on the Rights of the Child: Why it is Time to Ratify, Washington, DC, June 1, 2009.
- Aber, J.L. Cluster-Randomized Trials: Their Potential Role in Social Policy Reform. Invited address to the Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University of Oxford, May 21, 2009.
- Aber, J.L. Family Economic Security and Children's Development in the Age of Obama. World Bank Seminar Series: Using Evidence to Inform Policy. The World Bank, Washington, DC. March 16, 2009.
- Aber, J.L. Promoting the Social-Emotional and Literacy Development of Low-Income Children: Results from a School Randomized Trial. IES-PERT Fellowship Speakers Series, New York University, March 9, 2009.
- Aber, J.L. Promoting the Social-Emotional and Literacy Development of Low-Income Children: Results from a School Randomized Trial. University of Virginia Curry Education Research Lectureship Series. February 13, 2009.
- Aber, J.L. CCTs: A New Strategy to Fight Poverty and Promote Human Capital Formation. Institute of Public Policy Research, London, England. January 15, 2009.
- Aber, J. L. A New Strategy to Help Close the Equity Gap in Early Childhood. Eliot Pearson Department of Child Development Colloquium, Tufts University. November 13, 2008.
- Rawlings, L.B. & Aber, J.L. What Can Higher-Income and Lower-Income Countries Learn from Each Other About Incentive-Based Anti-Poverty Policies? Thirtieth Annual APPAM Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA, November 6-8, 2008.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty, Violence and Children's Mental Health: Toward a Science of Place-Based Interventions. University of Minnesota Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds. September 17, 2008.
- Aber, J.L. The Psychology of Incentive Payments: Promise and Risks. International CCT Conference. Sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation and organized by MDRC, Bellagio, Italy, July 6-11, 2008.
- Aber, J. L. Child Development Under Stress in the Big Apple: Poverty, Parenting and Social Policy. New York Zero-to-Three. May 16, 2008

- Aber, J.L. Pathways Into and Out of Poverty: Research Insights and Policy Implications. Action for Children North Carolina, April 22, 2008
- Aber, J. L. Using Research Evidence to Inform and Influence Policy, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University of Oxford, February 18, 2008.
- Aber, J. L. Antipoverty Policy and Children's Well-Being: Lessons from the U.S. University of Oxford, Oxford Centre for Research into Parenting Seminar, November 27, 2007.
- Aber, J. L. School-randomized trials of preventive interventions: A case from New York City. Department of Social Policy and Social Work Seminar, University of Oxford, November 26, 2007.
- Aber, J. L. Place-Randomized Experiments: Bridging the Gap between Developmental Science and Social Policy. Developmental Psychology Colloquium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, November 24, 2007.
- Aber, J. L. Research and Action on Child Poverty: Philanthropy's Force and Foibles. Foundation Initiatives Research Group, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, November 12, 2007.
- Aber, J. L. Pathways Out of Poverty: Setting the Context. Grant Makers in Health Fall Forum, Washington, DC. November 8, 2007.
- Aber, J. L. Attacking Poverty: Implications for Educational Policy and Practice. William C. Friday Lecture. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, November 7, 2007.
- Aber, J. L. Poverty and Child Development: Scientific Advances and Policy Implications. Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, November 5, 2007.
- Aber, J. L. Implications of Poverty for Prevention. Workshop of the Committee on Prevention of Mental Disorders and Substance Abuse Among Children, Youth and Young Adults, Washington, DC, October 31, 2007.
- Aber, J. L. Integrating Social-Emotional Learning and Literacy Development In New York City Schools: Making Sausage or Making Change. Fall 2007 Carolina Consortium of Human Development, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, October 22, 2007.
- Aber, J. L. Antipoverty Policy and Human Development: Toward Principled and Reasoned Action. Sulzberger Distinguished Lecture, Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University, September 19, 2007.

- Aber, J. L. Poverty and Child Development: Scientific Advances and Policy Implications. Testimony at the National Summit on America's Children, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, May 22, 2007.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty, parenting and child development: Scientific progress and policy proposals. Departmental Conference, Yale Child Study Center, Yale University, April 10, 2007.
- Aber, J.L. Evaluating the Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Children, Families and Communities in South Africa. School of Social Work Seminar, Columbia University, February 13, 2007.
- Aber, J.L. Place-Randomized Experiments: Bridging the Gap between Developmental Science and Social Policy. Institute of Child Development Colloquium, University of Minnesota, February 6, 2007.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty, Child Abuse and Human Development. The New York Foundling's Fall Conference, October 20, 2006.
- Aber, J.L. Children's Exposure to War and Community Violence: Knowledge for Action. Society for Community Research & Action 10th Biennial Conference, University of Illinois, June 10, 2005.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty and Children's Learning and Development: Policy Communication Strategies to Address the Global Challenge. First International Conference on Globalization and Learning, Stockholm-Ross Project on Globalization and Learning, Stockholm, Sweden, March 17, 2005.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty, Parenting and Child Development: Scientific and Policy Issues. Psychology Department Colloquium, University of South Carolina, February 7, 2005.
- Aber, J.L. Escaping Poverty. University of Maryland, Baltimore County Public Policy Forum, UMBC, Baltimore, MD, November 12, 2004.
- Aber, J.L. Issues in the Choice and Collection of Measures in Longitudinal Studies. W. T. Grant Foundation Scholars Longitudinal Studies Meeting, November 10, 2004.
- Aber, J.L. The Influence of Socio-Economic Disadvantage on Parents and Children: Conceptual, Scientific and Policy Issues. NYU Wagner School's Doctoral Colloquium, September 30, 2004.
- Aber, J.L. What Condition our Condition is In. Parent Child Home Program 2004 Annual Conference, Garden City, NY, May 24, 2004.

- Aber, J.L. Understanding The Influence of State Policies on Family Economies, Parenting Processes and Children's Development: Implications for Prevention. Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, Quebec, Canada, May 28, 2004.
- Aber, J.L. Testimony before the New York City Council at a hearing on the "Dignity in all Schools Act for New York City", April 26, 2004.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty, Child Development and Social Policy. Yale University's Interdisciplinary Bioethics Project Lecture, New Haven, CT. April 13, 2004.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty, Child Development and Social Policy. First Annual Edward Zigler Lecture, Steinhardt School of Education, New York University, February 17, 2004.
- Aber, J.L. Integrating Developmental Science and Prevention Science in the Evaluation of School-Based Programs. Psychology Department Colloquium, New York University, November 4, 2003.
- Aber, J.L. & Erickson, M.F. The Policy Context for Enhancing Early Attachment: Macro Processes and Intimate Relationships. Paper presented at conference entitled "Enhancing early attachments: Theory, research, intervention and policy". Duke University, Durham, N.C., October 14, 2003.
- Aber, J.L. Advances in Research on Children's Health, Development, and Well-Being: Lessons for Central and Eastern Europe from the U.S. Invited address to International Conference of Child Researchers, Child Watch International, Bratislava, Slovakia, November 16, 2002.
- Aber, J.L. Child Care Dollars & Sense: Research Facts for Policy Leadership. Paper presented at the Southern Regional Forum on Child Care, Charleston, S.C., October 29, 2002.
- Aber, J.L. Strategic Communications for Change in Child & Family Policy. Invited address to the Board of Directors, Foundation Consortium, San Francisco, CA, April 16, 2002.
- Aber, J.L. Communications for Policy Change in a Results Framework. Invited address to Annie E. Casey Foundation Annual Retreat, Baltimore, MD, February 21, 2002.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty and Child Development: Scientific, Policy and Communications Issues. Invited address to the Institute for Public Policy Research, London, England, November 16, 2001.
- Aber, J.L. Family Socio-Economic Disadvantage and Early Childhood Development: Research Advances and Policy Implications. Invited Colloquium, Carolina Consortium on Human Development, Chapel Hill, N.C., November 5, 2001.

Aber, J.L. Poverty and Child Development: Scientific, Communications and Policy Issues
Invited address to the Annual Meeting of William T. Grant Faculty Scholars Program,
Santa Fe, N.M., June 22, 2001.

Aber, J.L. Social Exclusion of Children in the U.S.: Indicators Beyond Income Poverty. Invited
address to the Social Exclusion and Children Conference, Institute for Child and Family
Policy, Columbia University, New York, NY, May 3, 2001.

Aber, J.L. School-Based Violence Prevention: Can We Make A Difference? Invited address to
the Annual Conference on Schools of the 21st Century, Yale University, July 19, 2000.

Aber, J.L. Developmental and Population-Based Approaches to the Etiology and Prevention of
Youth Violence. Invited address to the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis,
University at Albany, SUNY, December 8, 2000.

Aber, J.L. Developmental Trajectories Toward Violence in Middle Childhood: Can They Be
Altered? Department of Psychology Colloquium Series, Yale University, December 8,
1999.

Aber, J.L. & Slade, A. Attachment Processes: Their Importance in Child Treatment and Child
Welfare. Keynote address to annual conference of the Connecticut Association of
Mental Health Clinics for Children, Cromwell, CT, October 29, 1999.

Aber, J.L. A General Framework of Contextual Effects on the Development of Young Children.
Invited address to the Rochester Health Congress, University of Rochester School of
Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, NY, October 22, 1999

Aber, J.L. New Opportunities to Reduce Child Poverty. Keynote address to annual meeting of
the Partnership for Pennsylvania's Children, Harrisburgh, PA, October 5, 1999

Aber, J.L. What Americans and Europeans Think About Child Poverty. Invited address to
International Conference on Child Well-Being in Rich and Transition Countries,
sponsored by the Luxembourg Income Study, October 1, 1999.

Aber, J.L. The State of Child Care Policy Research. Invited address to the State Child Care
Administrators, Child Care Bureau, DHHS, Washington, DC, July 27, 1999.

Aber, J.L. What the Research Tells Us About Early Childhood Programs that Work. Invited
address to summer meetings of the National Governors Association, Columbus, Ohio,
June 23, 1999.

Aber, J.L. The Development of Youth in Urban Neighborhoods. Invited address to Department
of Youth and Community Development, City of New York, July 30, 1998.

- Aber, J.L. The Implications of Welfare Reform for the Health and Development of Children. Invited address to the annual conference of the Schools of the 21st Century, Bush Center for Child Development and Social Policy, Yale University, New Haven, CT, July 20, 1998.
- Aber, J.L. School-based Violence and Violence Prevention: What the Media Needs to Know. Invited address to the Prudential Fellows Conference on Children and Violence, Columbia School of Journalism, April 1, 1998.
- Aber, J.L. The Social, Emotional and Ethical Health of Young People: The Resolving Conflict Creatively Program and Public Policy. Invited address to the Milbank Memorial Fund, December 12, 1997.
- Aber, J.L. The Effects of Welfare Reform on Children, Families and Communities. Invited address to a New England regional conference of journalists, Casey Center for Children and Journalism, Boston, MA, November 7, 1997.
- Aber, J.L. Twenty-Something: Down and Out in the Other America. Invited address to the conference "Transitions to Adulthood in a Changing Economy," Center for Population Studies, Pennsylvania State University, October 30, 1997.
- Aber, J.L. New Approaches to Evaluating Community Initiatives. Paper presented at the National Institute of Mental Health, 5th National Conference on Prevention Research, McLean, Virginia, May 8-11, 1996.
- Aber, J.L. Child Poverty: Identifying Causal Mechanisms to Inform Program and Policy Interventions. Paper presented at the Judge Baker Children's Center Series on Child Poverty. Boston, Massachusetts, May 1, 1996.
- Aber, J.L. The Science and Politics of Child Poverty. 1996 Cynthia Longfellow Lecture in Child Development, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York, April 26, 1996.
- Aber, J.L. Applied Research and Evaluation for Action. Paper presented at the Empowerment Zones Child Care Roundtable, Washington, DC, April 24, 1996.
- Aber, J.L. Resolving Conflict Creatively: Evaluation of a School-Based Violence Prevention Program in New York City. Paper presented at the Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy Luncheon Series, New Haven, Connecticut, February 16, 1996.
- Aber, J.L. Recent Research on Child Poverty and Implications for Policy. Paper presented at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, November 9-10, 1995.
- Aber, J.L. The Extent and Consequences of Poverty. Paper presented at the symposium series, "Getting off on the right foot: Meeting the needs of our youngest children". Sponsored by the Cornell University Early Childhood Program, Ithaca, New York, March 10, 1995.

- Aber, J.L. Building a Coordinated Research Strategy. Paper presented at the Third Forum on Federally Funded Research on Child Abuse and Neglect, Bethesda, Maryland, February 21, 1995.
- Aber, J.L. Effects of the Teenage Parent Demonstration on parenting processes and child development. Paper presented at the Conference, "Welfare and Child Development," National Academy of Science, Washington, D.C. December 6, 1994.
- Aber, J.L. Neighborhood and family poverty and violence: Their effects on child development. Paper presented at the NIMH Conference on the Scientific Structure of Prevention Science, Baltimore, MD., December 5, 1994.
- Aber, J.L. Indicators of positive development in early childhood. Paper presented at the ASPE Conference on Indicators of Children's Well-Being, Bethesda, MD., November 18, 1994.
- Aber, J.L. The effects of welfare reform on teenage parents and their preschool children. Paper presented at the Rutgers Symposium on Education, October 28, 1994.
- Aber, J.L. War, trauma and adolescent development: Lessons from the Middle East and Central America. Paper presented at the Rochester Symposium on Developmental Psychopathology, Rochester, New York, October 6, 1994.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty, violence and child development: Untangling family- and community-level effects. Twenty-seventh Minnesota Symposium on Child Psychology, University of Minnesota, October 23, 1992.
- Aber, J.L. Indices of neighborhood distress: This association with adolescent mental health and school achievement. Invited address to Research Conference on Urban Poverty, Committee for Research on the Urban Underclass, Social Science Research Council, Ann Arbor, Michigan, June, 1992.
- Aber, J.L. Poverty and adolescent development: Untangling family- and community-level effects. Invited address to Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy, Yale University, December, 1991.
- Aber, J.L. On thinking developmentally: Some cross-cutting themes and their implications for programming and policymaking within UNICEF. Invited address to the International Child Development Research Centre, UNICEF, Florence, Italy, November, 1991.
- Aber, J.L. Early toddler development and parenting competencies: From process to policy. Colloquium series, Teacher's College, Columbia University, March 11, 1991.

- Aber, J.L. The varieties of war experience: Community violence and child development in international perspective. Invited address to the conference "Community Violence and Child Development", National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, MD, November 16, 1990.
- Aber, J.L. Developmental research with high-risk adolescents: Can good science help make good policy. Lecture series on Poverty and Public Policy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October, 1990.
- Aber, J.L. Fear: Its role in parent and child development. The Julia Howe Ward Memorial Lecture in Child Development, Barnard College, Columbia University, October 24, 1990.
- Aber, J.L. Briefings for Capital Hill and Administration officials on Who Cares for America's Children, the Report of the Panel on Child Care Policy, National Academy of Science, February-May, 1990.
- Aber, J.L. Identity, meaning and purpose: Their relation to violence and war in children's development. Invited address to the conference "Children and War: The Psychosocial Impact of Violence on Children in Central America, UNICEF area Office for Central America and Panama, San Jose, Costa Rica, March 26-30, 1990.
- Aber, J.L. The development of maltreated children: Scientific, clinical and policy issues. Invited address to Colloquium in Developmental Psychology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, March 20, 1990.
- Aber, J.L. Attachment processes beyond infancy: Clinical and research issues. Grand Rounds in Child Psychiatry, Harlem Hospital, New York, NY, March 3, 1990.
- Aber, J.L. Developmental pathways of high-risk adolescents: Gender and ethnic differences. Invited address to Colloquium in Developmental Psychology, Yale University, November 16, 1989.
- Aber, J.L. Interpreting child care research: Scientific and policy issues. Invited address to the Conference "Perspectives on Human Development and Social Policy: A Symposium in Honor of Bernice Neugarten". Northwestern University, School of Education and Social Policy, May 12, 1989.
- Aber, J.L., Cherlin, A., Danziger, S., & Hayes, C. Recent trends affecting the well-being of children in the United States: A general overview. Invited address to the executive staff of Children's Television Workshop, New York, NY, December 15, 1988.

- Aber, J.L. Preventing substance abuse through environmental and individual change strategies. Invited address to the Second National Learning Community Conference on the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Use Among High Risk Youth, Washington, D.C., December 13, 1988.
- Aber, J.L. The impact of neighborhoods and communities on the development of poor children. Invited address to the Committee on Child Development Research and Public Policy. National Academy of Science, Washington, D.C., October 14, 1988.
- Aber, J.L. Attachment theory and research: A framework for clinical interventions. Grand Rounds in Child Psychiatry, New York State Psychiatry Institute, New York, NY, October 12, 1988.
- Aber, J.L. Developmental research with high risk children and adolescents: Can good science help make good policy? Paper presented to the program in Human Development and Social Policy, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, November 30, 1987.
- Aber, J.L. Theory and research on early human attachment: Implications for clinical and preventive interventions. Paper presented at the Clinical Research Colloquium, Department of Psychology, New York University, November 23, 1987.
- Aber, J.L. Testimony before the United States Senate, Subcommittee on Children, Families, Drugs and Alcoholism, at hearings on the reauthorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, April 1, 1987.
- Aber, J.L., & Slade, A. Attachment theory and research: A framework for clinical interventions. Paper presented at the Regional Scientific Meeting of the Division for Psychoanalysis, Section on Childhood and Adolescence, American Psychological Association, New York, NY, January 10, 1987.
- Aber, J.L. Testimony before the United States House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, at oversight hearings on the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, March 12, 1986.
- Aber, J.L. "Children of parents with affective illness." Paper presented to the Developmental Psychology Colloquium, Department of Psychology and Social Relations, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 22, 1985.
- Aber, J.L. "Action research with high-risk adolescents: A developmental framework." Paper presented at the Colloquium of the Research Division, Bank Street College of Education, New York, NY, February 14, 1985.

- Aber, J.L. "Affective expression in toddlers of depressed and nondepressed parents: Vulnerability to stress." Paper presented at the Research Colloquium, Laboratory for Developmental Psychology, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, MD, July 28, 1984.
- Aber, J.L. "Infants-at-risk: Identification and enhancement of development." Presentation to the conference on "Infants, Toddlers and Parents: Educational and Clinical Design." Teachers College, Columbia University, June 22, 1984.
- Aber, J.L. "Social services for children and their families: New policy directions." Paper presented at the Fifth Annual International Human Rights Research Symposium on "Health and Welfare Rights: Women, Children and the Family." Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, June 6, 1984.

Papers at Scientific Meetings (1984-2020)

- Brown, L., Kim, H.Y., Tubbs Dolan, C., Jones, S.M., Sol Prieto, B., Annan, J., & **Aber, J.L.** Brain Games as a Low-Cost Targeted, Complementary Intervention: Impacts on Children's Social-Emotional Outcomes among Syrian Refugees in Lebanon. Presentation at Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 15, 2019.
- Kim, H.Y., Brown, L., Montes de Oca, M., Annan, J., Murugaiah, K., & **Aber, J.L.** Vulnerable or Susceptible? Universal Social-Emotional Program Impacts on Girls and Refugees in Boko Haram-affected Niger. Presentation at Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 15, 2019.
- Duncan, G., Dreyer, B., Currie, J., **Aber, J.L.**, & McLoyd, V. Reducing Child Poverty by Half in 10 Years. On Symposium Paper: Contextual Factors that Influence the Effects of Anti-Poverty Policies and Programs. SRCD 2019 Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD, March 21, 2019.
- Aber, J.L.**, & Kim, H.Y. School-Based Intervention in Conflict-Affected Countries. SRCD Pre-conference, Baltimore, MD, March 20, 2019.
- Kim, H.Y., Bailey, R., Borsani, S., Brown, L., Dolan, C., Jones, S., & **Aber J.L.** Brain Games as a Low-Cost, Targeted, Complementary Intervention: Impacts on Children's Social-Emotional Outcomes among Syrian Refugees in Lebanon. Symposium Title: Developing, Adapting, and Testing a Research- and Practice-Based Innovation in SEL for Domestic and International Contexts. SREE Spring 2018 Conference, Washington, DC, March 2, 2018.

- Wolf, S., **Aber, J.L.**, & Behrman, J.R. Evidence-Based Strategies to Improve Pre-Primary Education and Learning Outcomes in Ghana. Symposium on Early Childhood Title: Rigorous and Relevant: Research to Inform Early Childhood Education Practices in Low and Middle-Income Countries. SREE Spring 2018 Conference, Washington, DC, March 3, 2018.
- Aber, J.L.** & Tubbs Dolan, C. Understanding Children's Academic and Psychosocial Development in Conflict-Affected Countries: Insights from Intervention Research. In Paper Symposium: Using Intervention Research to Improve our Understanding of Child Development. SRCD 2017 Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX, April 6-8, 2017.
- Schwartz, K., Iqbal, Y., & **Aber J.L.** Taking Stock: Frequency Of, Barriers To, and Potential Ways to Foster More Policy-Relevant Education Research in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. Presentation at SREE Spring 2017 Conference, Washington, DC, March 3, 2017.
- Wolf, S., Aber, J.L., & Behrman, J. Impacts of Parent Trainings on Classroom Quality, Teacher Professional Well-Being, and Children's School Readiness in Ghanaian Preschools. Presentation at SREE Spring 2017 Conference, Washington, DC, March 4, 2017.
- Starkey, L., & **Aber J. Lawrence.** Resilience in the Face of Community Violence: Schools as Contexts for Social-Emotional Development in the D.R. Congo. Invited Symposium: Positive Adaptation and Resilience among Adolescents Exposed to Ethnic-Political Violence and Armed Conflict. Society for Research in Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD, April 2, 2016.
- Aber, J.L.**, Torrente, C., Annan, J., Shivshanker, A., Johnston, B., Starkey, L., Seidman, E., Wolf, S., Halpin, P., & Tubbs C. Enhancing the Academic and Psychosocial Development of Children in Conflict-affected Countries: Lessons from the DRC. Presentation at the 2015 SRCD Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 20, 2015.
- Berg, J., **Aber, J.L.**, Early, D., Alicea, S., & Deci, E. Testing Classroom Instructional Quality as a Causal Mediator of an Instructional Improvement Intervention on Math Achievement. Presentation at the 2015 SRCD Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 21, 2015.
- Berg, J. & **Aber, J.L.** The Direct and Moderating Role of School Interpersonal Climate on Children's Academic Outcomes in the Context of Whole-School, Social-Emotional Learning Programs. Presentation at SREE Spring 2015 Conference, Washington, DC, March 5, 2015.
- Aber, J.L.** Optimizing the relationship between basic and applied research for psychology education and training. Invited Symposium: Toward an International Framework of Psychology Education and Training. International Congress of Applied Psychology (ICAP), Paris, France, July 11, 2014.

Aber, J.L. School Reform and Beyond: Improving the Educational Outcomes of Low-income Children. Presentation to the Pediatric Academic Societies and Asian Society for Pediatric Research Joint Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, May 3, 2014.

Starkey, L., Aber, J.L. & Johnston, B.M. Improving Congolese Children's Early Math and Reading Ability: Preliminary Results from a Cluster Randomized Trial in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Invited Symposium at the Society for Research in Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Spring Conference. Alexandria, VA, March 7, 2014.

Aber, J.L. Transporting School-based Preventive Social-Emotional Learning Interventions Across Countries and Continents: Prospects & Perils. Presentation at the 2013 Society Prevention Research Conference, San Francisco, CA, May 29, 2013.

Aber, J.L. Conceptual and Methodological Considerations and Challenges in Cross-disciplinary, Cross-professional, Cross-cultural, Cross-national Research. Invited Symposium at the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) 2013 Biennial Meeting. Seattle, WA, April 18, 2013.

Morris, P., Gennetian, L., Mendeloshn, A., Shaw, D.S., & **Aber, J.L.** Integrating Primary and Secondary/Tertiary Prevention with Behavioral Economics Principles in Pediatric Primary Care. Invited Symposium at the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Spring 2013 Conference. Washington, DC, March 7, 2013.

Aber, J.L. School Reform and Beyond: The Science and Practice of Alignment Within and Across Grades. Invited Symposium at the Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Fall 2012 Conference. Washington, DC, September 6, 2012

Aber, J.L., Torrente, C., Annan, J., Bundervoet, T. & Shivshanker, A. Cluster-Randomized Trial of a Large-Scale Education Initiative in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Baseline Findings and Lessons. Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Spring 2012 Conference. Washington, DC, March 9, 2012.

Aber, J.L., Morris, P., Wolf, S., & Berg, J. Opportunity NYC-Family Rewards: An Embedded Child and Family Study of Conditional Cash Transfers. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Washington, DC. November 5, 2011

Brown, J.L., Jones, S.M., & **Aber, J.L.** Variation in the Implementation of School-Based Social-Emotional Learning and its Influence on Teacher Development. Paper Symposium, SRCD 2011 Biennial Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada. April 2, 2011.

Berg, J.K., Morris, P., & **Aber, J.L.** Two-Year Impacts of Opportunity NYC by Families' Likelihood of Earning Rewards. Paper Symposium, SRCD 2011 Biennial Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada. April 1, 2011.

Morris, P., **Aber, J.L.**, & Berg, J.K. Opportunity NYC-Family Rewards: An Embedded Child and Family Study of Conditional Cash Transfers. Paper Symposium, SRCD 2011 Biennial Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada. April 1, 2011.

Aber, J.L., Jones, S.M., Berg, J.K. & Brown, J.L. The Differential Impact of a Social-Emotional Learning and Literacy Intervention on Dynamic Patterns of Co-Morbidity by Gender. Paper Symposium, SRCD 2011 Biennial Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada. March 31, 2011.

Jones, S.M., Brown, J.L. & **Aber, J.L.** Capitalizing on an Experimental Design to Estimate Causal Links Between Children's Behavior and Academic Skills. Paper Symposium, SRCD 2011 Biennial Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada. March 31, 2011.

Aber, J.L., Morris, P., Wolf, S., & Berg, J. Opportunity NYC- Family Rewards: An Embedded Child and Family Study of Conditional Cash Transfers. Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Washington, DC. March 3, 2011.

Berg, J., Morris, P., & **Aber J.L.** Two-Year Impacts of Opportunity NYC by Families' Likelihood of Earning Rewards. Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Washington, DC. March 3, 2011.

Jones, S.M., Brown, J.L. & **Aber, J.L.** Complex Setting-Level Interventions in Social-Emotional Learning: Testing Multi-Level Causal Processes in the School-Randomized Evaluation of the 4Rs Program. Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Washington, DC. March 5, 2011.

Jones, S.M., Brown, J.L. & Aber, J.L. Three-Year Impacts of the 4Rs Program on Children's Mental Health and Behavioral Outcomes. Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Conference, Washington, DC, March 6, 2010.

Brown, J.L., Jones, S.M., Aber, J.L., Torrente, C., & Berg, J. The Longitudinal Impact of a Universal School-Based Social-Emotional and Literacy Intervention on Classroom Climate and Teacher Processes and Practices. Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Conference, Washington, DC, March 6, 2010.

Berg, J., Torrente, C., Jones, S.M., Brown, J.L. & Aber, J.L. Using Administrative Data to Evaluate Impacts in a School-Randomized Trial of the 4Rs Program. Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) Conference, Washington, DC, March 6, 2010.

Aber, J.L., Brown, J.L., Jones, S.M. Experimental Impacts of a Whole School Intervention on Child Psychopathology and Academic Achievement. International Society for Research in Child and Adolescent Psychopathology (ISRACP), Seattle, WA, June 20, 2009.

Aber, J.L., Jones, S.M., Brown, J.L., Berg, J.K. & Torrente, C.E. Using Administrative Data to Evaluate Impacts in a School Randomized Trial of the 4Rs Program. Society for Prevention Research, Washington, DC, May 28, 2009.

Aber, J.L., Allen, L., Dawes, A., Brooke Godfrey, E., & Richter, L.M. Testing New Social Policies for South Africa's Children: The role of Community-Randomized Trials. Paper Symposium, 2009 SRCD Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO. April 4, 2009.

Gershoff, E.T. & Aber, J.L. Impacts of Exposure to Violence in Both Home and School Neighborhoods on Youth Depression and Conduct Disorder. Paper Symposium, 2009 SRCD Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO. April 4, 2009.

Aber, J.L., Jones, S.M., Brown, J.L., Berg, J.K. & Torrente, C.E. Using Administrative Data to Evaluate Impacts in a School-Randomized Trial of the 4Rs Program. Paper Symposium, 2009 SRCD Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO. April 3, 2009.

Jones, S.M., Brown, J.L. & Aber, J.L. Three-year Cumulative Impacts of the 4Rs Program on Children's Mental Health and Behavioral Outcomes. Paper Symposium, 2009 SRCD Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO. April 2, 2009.

Jones, S.M., Brown, J.L. & Aber, J.L. NYC Study of Social and Literacy Development: Year 1 and Year 1-2 Impacts. AERA, March 28, 2008.

Aber, J.L., Brown, J.L., & Jones, S.M. The impact of the 4Rs Program on intra- and inter-individual developmental processes and social-emotional and academic outcomes. Prepared for Symposium at SRCD, March 31, 2007, Boston, MA.

LaRusso, M.D., Brown, J.L., Jones, S.M., & Aber, J.L. The influence on teacher-student relationships, school climate, and gender on social and behavioral outcomes in elementary school. Paper prepared for Symposium at SRCD, March 31, 2007, Boston, MA.

Gershoff, E.T., Clements, M., & Aber, J.L. Following the income to investment to achievement pathway along simultaneously modeled growth curves. Paper prepared for Symposium at SRCD, March 30, 2007, Boston, MA.

Hoglund, W.H., Aber, J.L., Brown, J.L., & Jones, S.M. Family-School Connections: Pathways to Children's School Adjustment. Poster presented at SRCD Symposium, March 30, 2007, Boston, MA.

Jones, S.M., Brown, J.L. & Aber, J. L. Experimental impacts of the 4Rs Program on children's social-emotional and academic functioning over the course of one year. Prepared for Symposium at SRCD, March 29, 2007, Boston, MA.

- Berg, J., Hoglund, W.L., Brown, J.L., Aber, J.L., & Jones, S.M. An Ecological Model of Classroom and School Climate and Children's School Adjustment in Middle Childhood. Poster presented at SRCD Symposium, March 29, 2007, Boston, MA.
- Elgendy, S.H., Okada, G.A., Brown, J.L., Jones, S.M., & Aber, J.L. Teacher Burnout and Children's Social-Cognitive Functioning in Classroom Context. Poster presented at SRCD Symposium, March 29, 2007, Boston, MA.
- Jones, S.M., Brown, J. L., Aber, J.L., & Thomas, G. Quantity and Quality of Implementation of the 4Rs Program: Links to Teacher and Classroom Characteristics. Prepared for Society for Prevention Research Symposium, June 2, 2006, San Antonio, TX.
- Aber, J.L., Clements, P., Gershoff, E.T., & Raver, C.C. Estimating the effects of state policies on low-income families and their pre-adolescents. Prepared for Symposium at the SRA Biennial Meeting, March 23, 2006, San Francisco, CA.
- Jones, S.M., Brown, J.L., & Aber, J.L. Estimating the Effects of Multiple Classroom Contexts on Student Trajectories across Years. Prepared for Symposium at the SRA Biennial Meeting, March 23, 2006, San Francisco, CA.
- Okada, G.A., Elgendy, S.H., Brown, J.L., Jones, S.M. & Aber, J.L. The Influence of Child-Teacher Relationships on Children's Social-Emotional Skills in Classroom Context. Poster presented at the SRA Biennial Meeting, March 25, 2006, San Francisco, CA.
- Lu, H-H., Aber, J.L. & Aratani, Y. (2005). How the Declines in AFDC/TANF are Related to Changes in other Policies Helping Needy Families with Children, 1994-2002. Prepared for the 100th American Sociological Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August, 2005.
- Aber, J.L., Gershoff, E.T., Lu, H-H., & Clements, M. State Policies Toward Low-Income Families: Modeling Changes Over Time and Influences on Child Development. Prepared for Symposium at the SRCD Biennial Meeting, April 10, 2005, Atlanta, GA.
- Aber, J.L., Jones, S.M. & Brown, J.L. The Causal Effects of a School-Wide Social-Emotional Learning and Literacy Intervention: Design and Methodological Challenges. Prepared for Symposium at the SRCD Biennial Meeting, April 10, 2005, Atlanta, GA.
- Aber, J.L., & Gershoff, E. The aftermath of 9/11: Developmental effects and policy implications. Symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Tampa, Florida, April 24-27, 2003.
- Aber, J.L., & Gershoff, E. Child and family impacts on school readiness: Lessons from the E.C.L.S-K. Symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Child Development, Tampa, Florida, April 24-27, 2003.

- Brown, J.L., & Aber, J.L. Can violence prevention do more than prevent violence? Direct and indirect effects on the course of children's academic achievement. Symposium paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN, April 19-22, 2001.
- Aber, J.L., Brown, J.L., & Jones, S.M. Final impact analyses of the Resolving Conflict Creatively Program on aggressive related cognitions and behaviors over two years. Symposium paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society of Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL, March 30-April 2, 2000.
- Aber, J.L., Brown, J.L., Jones, S.M., & Mathew, K. Impact of the Resolving Conflict Creatively Program on aggression related cognitions and behaviors over two years. Symposium at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM, April 15-18, 1999.
- Jones, S.M., Slade, A., & Aber, J.L. Classy thinking: The influence of socioeconomic status on parent's representations of their toddlers. Symposium at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, NM, April 15-18, 1999.
- Aber, J.L., Jones, S., & Brown, J.L. The evaluation of resolving conflict creatively program: Impact findings from year one. Symposium at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA, February 26-March 1, 1998.
- Bat-Chava, J., Allen, L., Aber, J.L., & Seidman, E. Racial and ethnic identity and the contexts for Development. Symposium at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Washington, DC, April 3-6, 1997.
- Aber, J.L. Common and unique pathways to adaptation and maladaptation in urban and at-risk adolescents. Symposium at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Adolescence, Boston, Massachusetts, March 7-10, 1996.
- Aber, J.L. Prevention of adolescent violence through interventions in middle childhood: Pathways to psychopathology in multiple contexts. Symposium at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Adolescence, Boston, Massachusetts, March 7-10, 1996.
- Aber, J.L. The impact of a welfare reform experiment on teen mothers' parenting and preschooler's development. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 30-April 2, 1995.
- Aber, J.L., & Jones, S.M. Neighborhood influences on adolescent antisocial behavior and psychological symptoms. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 30-April 2, 1995.

- Aber, J.L., Allen, L., & Seidman, E. Are neighborhoods determinants, mediators, and/or moderators of urban adolescent development? Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 25-28, 1993.
- Aber, J.L. Developmental research on poverty and its correlates: Policy implications. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 25-28, 1993.
- Aber, J.L. A developmental approach to the evaluation of comprehensive service programs for high-risk youth. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 25-28, 1993.
- Aber, J.L., Allen, L., & Seidman, E. The influence of neighborhood poverty on the psychosocial adaptation of urban youth. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Adolescence, Washington, D.C., March 19, 1992.
- Aber, J.L., Mitchell, T., Garfinkel, R., Allen, L., & Seidman, E. Indices of neighborhood distress: Their association with adolescent mental health and school achievement. Presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA, April 19, 1991.
- Aber, J.L., Slade, A., Cohen, L., & Meyer, J. Parental representations of their toddlers: Their relationships to parental history and sensitivity and toddler security of attachment. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Kansas City, MO, April 27-30, 1989.
- Aber, J.L., Trickett, P., & Carlson, V. The relationship of social class status to the etiology and developmental sequelae of physical child abuse. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Kansas City, MO, April 27-30, 1989.
- Aber, J.L. A components analysis of social competence in multiproblem adolescents: Toward an integrative model. Paper presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Adolescence, Alexandria, VA, March 25, 1988.
- Aber, J.L. Theories of developmental pathways. Paper presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Adolescence, Alexandria, VA, March 25, 1988.
- Aber, J.L., & Trickett, P.K. Child rearing characteristics and child development in two samples of physically abusive families. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New York, NY, August, 1987.
- Aber, J.L. Developmental research with high-risk adolescents: Program and policy implications. Symposium presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD, April 23-26, 1987.

- Aber, J.L., & Slade, A. Parental detachment as a defense against separation anxiety: Behavior and representation. Paper presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD, April 23-26, 1987.
- Baker, A., & Aber, J.L. "Attachment in toddlers: Theoretical and methodological issues." Paper presented at the Fifth Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Los Angeles, CA, April 11, 1986.
- Berger, B., & Aber, J.L. "Maternal autonomy in separation: A new measure of mothers' negotiating ability during separation." Paper presented at the Fifth Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Los Angeles, CA, April 11, 1986.
- Hartmann, A., & Aber, J.L. "Developmental dynamics of maternal recognition of toddler differentiation." Paper presented at the Fifth Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Los Angeles, CA, April 11, 1986.
- Slade, A., & Aber, J.L. "The internal experience of parenting toddlers: Toward an analysis of individual and developmental differences." Paper presented at the Fifth Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Los Angeles, CA, April 11, 1986.
- Aber, J.L., & Allen, J. "Developmental changes in the conflict between security and mastery motivation in maltreated children." Paper presented at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, April 25-28, 1985, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Aber, J.L. "Environmental influences on the socio-emotional development of maltreated children." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 24, 1984.
- Aber, J.L. "Affective expression in toddlers of depressed and nondepressed mothers: Vulnerability to Shame." Paper presented at the Fourth Biennial International Conference on Infancy Studies, New York, NY, April 8, 1984.

Civic and Professional Activities, 1984-2020

INTERNATIONAL

- Member, Advisory Group on the development of an ‘Evidence and Gap Map’. UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti and Campbell Collaboration. (2019-)
- Board Member, The Children’s Institute, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, (2001-2014); Board Chair (2008-2014).
- Advisory Board Member, “Measuring change in multidimensional poverty”. University of Oxford and Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom (2006-2009).
- Chair of Advisory Board, International Research Network on Children and Armed Conflict, Social Science Research Council, in collaboration with the Special Representative to the Secretary General of the United Nations on Children and Armed Conflict and UNICEF (2003-2006).

NATIONAL

- Member, Advisory Committee to Administration for Children’s Services, Division of Child and Family Well-Being, City of New York (2017-present).
- Member, Council of Distinguished Scientists, National Commission on Social, Emotional, and Academic Development, Aspen Institute (2016).
- Member, Forum on Investing in Young Children Globally (iYCG), Institute of Medicine of the National Academics (2014-present).
- Board Member, Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (SREE) (2012-2019).
- Board Member, Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) (2012-present).
- Member, Gordon Commission on the Future of Assessment in K-12 Education, Educational Testing Service (2011-2014).
- Member, Advisory Committee on Head Start Evaluation Research, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (1999-2001; 2010-2013).
- Editorial Board, Psychological Science in the Public Interest (2007-present).
- Fellow, Association for Psychological Science (2007-present).

- Member, Scientific Advisory Group, New England and Islands Regional Educational Laboratory, Education Development Corporation. (2006-2012).
- Research Affiliate, National Poverty Center, University of Michigan (2003-present).
- Board Member, William T. Grant Foundation (2003-2012).
- Board Member, Every Child Matters (2003-present).
- Member, National Advisory Board, Office for Child Development, University of Pittsburgh (2002-present).
- Board Member, Forum for Youth Investment (2002-2011); Board Chair (2005-2011).
- Advisory Board Member, Corporate Voices for Working Families (2002-2007).
- Member, Evaluation Research Advisory Group, “Free to Grow” Demonstration, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, (2000-2006).
- Chair, Committee on Public Information and Public Policy, Society for Research in Child Development, (1998-2001).
- Steering Committee Member, “Caring for Kids: Our Lifetime Commitment”, Lifetime Television (1998-2001).
- Advisory Board Member, Joint Center for Poverty Research, University of Chicago/Northwestern University (1997-2002).
- Member, Technical Work Group, National Evaluation of the Early Head Start Program, ACYF, DHHS and Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (1996-2000).
- Member, Technical Work Group, Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, National Center for Educational Statistics and National Opinion Research Center (1995-1999).
- Consultant, National Evaluation of the Comprehensive Child Development Program, ACYF and Abt Associates (1995-1998).
- Member, Evaluation Steering Committee, Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives for Children, Youth and Families, Aspen Institute (1994-1997).
- Member, Editorial Board, Child Development (1993-1995).
- Member, Advisory Board, Costs of Child Poverty Project, Children's Defense Fund (1993-1995).

- Co-Director, Project on Community Ecology and Youth Resilience; conducted by Public/Private Ventures, Philadelphia, Pa.; for the Annie E. Casey Foundation (1993-1994).
- Chair, New York City Seminar on Diversity in Midlife Development, MacArthur Network on Midlife Development and Social Science Research Council (1992-1994).
- Member, Panel on Research on Child Abuse and Neglect, National Academy of Science (1992-1993).
- Chair, Working Group on Communities and Neighborhoods, Family Process and Individual Development Social Science Research Council. (1991-1996).
- Consulting editor, American Journal of Community Psychology (1989-1993).
- Member, Committee for Research on the Urban Underclass, Social Science Research Council (1988-1993).
- Senior Consultant in Early Childhood Education and Development, National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University School of Public Health. (1988-1993).
- Advisor, Smith Richardson Foundation, Program on Children and Families at Risk (1987-1994).
- Member, Panel on Child Care Policy, National Academy of Science (1987-1990).
- Consultant, Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development, Washington, D.C. (1986-1987).
- Member, Advisory Board, The Child Growth and Development Newsletter, the parent newsletter of Johnson and Johnson Corp. (1985-1987).
- Member, Panel on Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Science (1984-1985).
- Ad hoc reviewer, American Journal of Community Psychology, Applied Developmental Science, Child Development, Developmental Psychology, Development and Psychopathology, Human Development, Infant Mental Health Journal, Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, Journal for Research in Adolescence, Psychological Bulletin, Psychological Science.

LOCAL

- Member, Expert Panel of the Division of Family and Child Health, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (2015-present)
- Commissioner, Mayoral Commission for Economic Opportunity, City of New York (2006-2007).
- Member, Professional Advisory Board, Baby Buggy (2003-2008).
- Member, Partnership for Recovery of New York City Schools (2001-2002).
- Member, Research Advisory Group to the Commissioner, Administration for Children's Services, New York City (1997-2001; 2005-present).
- Chair, Early Childhood Technical Planning Group, Harlem application for a federal Empowerment Zone designation (1994).
- Consultant, Expanded Child Care Options Demonstration Project, a collaboration of the Rockefeller Foundation and Mathematica Policy Research Inc. (1989-1992).
- Advisor to numerous community and volunteer service agencies such as The Children's Zone (Central Harlem), Youth Action Program (E. Harlem), The Young Mothers' Cooperative (E. Harlem), and the 92nd Street Y (Manhattan) and agencies (Administration for Children's Services, Board of Education, Department of Community and Youth Development, Human Resources Administration, Agency for Child Development, Agenda for Children Tomorrow).
- Consultant, Foundation for Child Development, New York City, in the design of Foundation-sponsored research on the developmental effects of New York City's new early childhood education programs for 4 year olds (1985-1987).
- Consultant, Task Force on Curriculum and Program Development, Early Childhood Education Commission of New York City (1985-1986).

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

New York University

- Member, Advisory Board, NYU Press, (2009-2014).
- Member, Social and Economic Sciences Coordinating Group, NYU Abu Dhabi (2008-2010).
- Chair, Advisory Board, Institute of Human Development and Social Change (2007-present).
- Member, Applied Psychology Undergraduate Program Faculty Advisory Committee (2005-present).
- Training Director, Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Program in Education Sciences, Institute for Human Development and Social Change (2008-present)
- Co-chair, Ph.D. program in Psychology and Social Intervention (2007-2009).
- Co-chair, Faculty Committee to plan the creation of a doctoral program in Psychology and Social Intervention (2006-2007).
- Chair, Faculty Committee to plan an Institute on Human Development and Social Change, New York University (2004-2006)

Columbia University

- Co-Director, Columbia Institute on Child and Family Policy (1998-2003).
- Board Member, Community Impact, Columbia University (1995-2003); Vice-Chair, Community Impact, Columbia University (1998-2002).
- Faculty Advisor, NYC Survey Research Center, School of Social Work (1996-2003).
- Member, Doctoral Committee, School of Social Work (1995-2003).
- Member, Doctoral Committee for Program in Socio-Medical Sciences, Graduate Faculty of Arts and Sciences and School of Public Health (1995-2003).

- Co-chair, Planning Committee, Barnard-Columbia Center for in Urban Policy, Barnard College (1991-1993); Member, Executive Committee (1994-1997).
- Chair, Child Care Committee, Barnard College (1991).
- Member, Committee C for Middle States Review, Barnard College (1990-1991).
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