

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Winter Conference in  
Developmental Psychobiology**

**January 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Hotel de las Americas**  
Cartagena, Colombia

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**Organizers**

William Fifer, Columbia University & New York State Psychiatric Institute  
Gordon Barr, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia & University of Pennsylvania

***Steering Committee***

*Dima Amso*  
*Mark Ansorge*  
*Regina Sullivan*  
*Nim Tottenham*

## Schedule of Events

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

*Reception: Informal Opportunity to Greet and Meet*

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Thursday, January 9, 2020

8:30 – 10:30 AM

**“Communicating Science”**

**Gordon Barr**, Chair  
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

**Nathan Kendall-Taylor**  
FrameWorks  
“Framing and science communication”

**Pat Levitt**  
Children’s Hospital of LA and USC  
"Beyond shorter sentences and simpler words: A use case for communicating early child and brain science to non-scientists"

**Kim Noble**  
Columbia University – Teachers College  
“Presenting research findings to the media and policymakers”

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4:30 – 6:45 PM

The Alan Epstein Symposium

**Moderators: William Fifer and Gordon Barr**  
*Favorite new research and/or methodologies: Five minute presentations*

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**Meeting Banquet 7:00 – 10:00**

Friday, January 10, 2020

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**8:30 – 10:30 AM**

**“The Role of Environmental and Developmental Changes on Neural Network Development”**

**Adriana Galvin, Chair**  
University of California, Los Angeles

**Moriah Thomason**

New York University

“Environmental programming of large-scale human fetal brain networks”

**Michael Milham**

Child Mind Institute and Nathan Kline Institute

“Emerging platforms for developing brain-based biomarkers of pediatric mental health and learning disorders”

**Charles Nelson**

Harvard University and Boston Children’s Hospital

“The use of EEG and evoked potentials as biomarkers in neurodevelopmental disorders”

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**4:30 – 6:30 PM**

**“Biomarkers in Autism and Related Genetic Disorders”**

**Jeremy Veenstra-VanderWeele, Chair**

Columbia University and NYSPI

**Shafali Jeste**

University of California, Los Angeles

“Biomarkers of altered neural network function in syndromic neurodevelopmental disorders: Opportunities for early prediction and clinical trials”

**Jill Silverman**

University of California, Davis

“Innovative outcome measures in preclinical models of autism and related genetic disorders”

**Declan Murphy**

King’s College, London

“Biomarkers in autism – for whom?”

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***Dinner on your own***

**Saturday, January 11, 2020**

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**8:30 – 10:30 AM**

**“Developmental Research in Low/Moderate Income settings”**

**William Fifer, Chair**

Columbia University and NYSPI

**Amy Elliott**

Avera Research Institute

“Bringing cutting edge research to the prairie”

**Alice Wuermli**

New York University

“Developmental science in low-income and conflict affected countries and contexts: Why we need to study neurobiological processes”

**Sean Deoni**

Brown University and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

“Early brain development: Influences and outcomes in a global context”

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**4:30 – 6:30 PM**

**“Maternal Parenting: an Ecological Perspective”**

**Mary Dozier, Chair**

University of Delaware

**Danielle Stolzenberg**

University of California, Davis

“Considering context: Maternal care across time, space and situation”

**Carol Worthman**

Emory University

“The company they keep: Insights on sleep and caregiving from the majority world”

**Hiro Yoshikawa**

New York University

“Family processes in the context of a parenting intervention in a humanitarian context: Evidence from a measurement pilot study in Jordan”

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***Farewell Gathering: 6:45 – 8:00 PM***