

Deborah Best

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Best is a psychologist who studies child development with a particular focus on gender stereotypes and young children.

Biography

Having studied developmental psychology for more than 40 years, Deborah Best is an expert in human development and early childhood. As an authority in some of the most controversial topics in parenting, psychology and education today, Best can discuss gender roles in childhood and adolescence, cross-cultural views on co-sleeping, age-related changes in memory, the development of sex stereotypes and cognitive and social development.

Her research has ranged from cognitive development during the preschool and primary school years – including age-related changes in memory and the effects of memory training – to cross-cultural comparisons of public social behaviors of men and women. In addition to having received numerous awards for her research and teaching, Best also served as the first female Dean of the College at Wake Forest.

Areas of Expertise

Developmental Psychology, Cognitive Development, Memory Development, Stereotypes and Attitudes, Cross-cultural psychology, Health Psychology, Gender Roles Development

Affiliations

Society for Cross-Cultural Research: Past President, International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology: Past President, The Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology: Editor

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ph.D. Psychology

Wake Forest University

M.A. Psychology

Wake Forest University

B.A. Psychology

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