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Developmental Psychology expert, specializing in parental transitions and familial relationships

Biography

I am a professor of Human Sciences and Psychology (by courtesy) and a faculty associate of the Crane Center for Early Childhood Research and Policy. I am also a Fellow of the National Council on Family Relations. I received my Ph.D. in Psychology (Developmental) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2003. My undergraduate degree was also in Psychology from Northwestern University. Scholarly Interests: coparenting, maternal gatekeeping, father-child relationships, transition to parenthood, child influences on family relationships My research focuses on the family system as the primary context for young children's socioemotional development. I have three central areas of interest: (1) coparenting relationships – how effectively adults within the family system coordinate their roles as parents – and the implications of the quality of coparenting relationships for child and family functioning; (2) the roles of fathers in the family system, particularly the roles of fathers within coparenting relationships; and (3) the effects of children's characteristics and behavior on family relationships.

Industry Expertise

Social Media, Public Policy, Education/Learning, Writing and Editing, Research

Areas of Expertise

Parenting and Social Media, Child influences on family relationships, Transition to parenthood, Father-child relationships, Maternal gatekeeping, Coparenting

Affiliations

National Council on Family Relations: Fellow

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Ph.D. Developmental Psychology

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