

Newsletter, January 2018

2018 Spring Lecture Series: "Building Bridges from Adversity to Resilience"

Join us for our [10th Annual Spring Lecture Series!](#) Talks will be held on Friday mornings, from 9:30am - 10:30am in the Davidson Auditorium (JSOM 1.118) at The University of Texas at Dallas, with the exception of the special Wednesday evening lectures as noted below. **We regret to inform you that the February 16th lecture has been cancelled. Please join us in March!**



February 16, 2018
David Cross, PhD
This lecture has been cancelled



March 23, 2018
[Dina Castro, PhD](#)
"Developmental Science and the Equitable Early Education of Bilingual Children"



*March 28, 2018
[Sandy Russ, PhD](#)
"Pretend Play and Development of Creativity and Imagination"



April 13, 2018
[Andrea Warner-Czyz, PhD](#)
"Supporting the Social Well-being of Pediatric Cochlear Implant Users"



*April 18, 2018
[Vlad Glaveanu, PhD](#)
"Culture and the Power of Creativity and Imagination"

*The lectures are free
and open to the
public!*

*Special Wednesday evening lectures co-hosted by the [Center for Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology](#) at UT Dallas.

Juega Conmigo (Play with Me) Open House

[Juega Conmigo \(Play with Me\)](#) is CCF's playful learning program for children ages 0-3 together with their parents offered in English and Spanish. The weekly classes are *free* and provide information about children's development in a fun and interactive environment using toys, music, and movement. **We are currently recruiting families for our 12 week program, running from January - May 2018.**



Register in person at one of our upcoming open houses:

<u>Mondays @</u> <u>Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary School</u>	<u>Tuesdays @</u> <u>Dobie Primary School</u>	<u>Wednesdays @</u> <u>St. Mark Catholic Church</u>	<u>Thursdays @</u> <u>Prairie Creek Branch Library</u>	<u>Fridays @</u> <u>Bachman Lake Branch Library</u>
Register on January 29th at:	Register on January 30th at:	Register on January 31st at:	Register on February 1st at:	Register on: January 26th at:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM (Spanish) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM (Spanish) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM (Spanish) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM (Spanish) • 11:45 AM (Bilingual) • 2 PM (English) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 AM (Spanish) • 11:45 AM (English)
				



Children and Families Lab Launches Next Phase of Research

Directed by [Dr. Margaret Owen](#), the Children and Families Lab is launching its next phase of its longitudinal study, originally named the Dallas Preschool Readiness Project, with support from a new NIH research grant, studying the development of self-regulation and executive function skills in students who are transitioning from elementary to middle school. The 5-year study will follow a cohort of 365 low-income African American and Latino children who were originally enrolled in the study at age 2.5. The study is examining intersecting roles of self-regulation skills, family-level processes,

school classroom qualities and neighborhood conditions in explaining the children's academic and behavioral adjustment in middle school.

Free Webinars Sponsored by the Texas Education Agency

The [Texas Education Agency](#) is sponsoring a series of webinars this Spring on genetic disorders impacting pediatric patients and evaluating children with developmental disabilities. The webinars are *free*! Click on the links to register.

February 7th at 3pm

[Updates on Care and Genetics of Children with CHARGE Syndrome](#)

February 28th at 9am

[Updates on Care of Children with Down Syndrome](#)

March 21st at 12pm

[Updates on Care and Genetics for Children with 22q11 Deletion Syndrome](#)

From the Director

I'm so sorry to share the news of the cancellation of Dr. David Cross' Spring Lecture in February. Our thoughts are with him as he recovers from medical issues. There will still be four exciting lectures to attend, including two scheduled for Wednesday evenings and two held in our regular Friday morning slots. We hope you can join us in March to hear from Dr. Dina Castro, visiting us from The University of North Texas to speak about her work addressing how we can improve upon early education of bilingual children. Also, I'd like to highlight the opening of our *Juega Conmigo* program spring semester classes this month. The program serves as an important resource for children and parents, promoting positive parent-child relationships, parenting skills, and child development knowledge for those with young children. Please pass along the open house dates to your constituents.



- Margaret T. Owen, PhD, Robinson Family Professor, Director, Center for Children and Families

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