E.L. Thorndike Award Extended Abstract

Meaningful learning from words and pictures: An educational psychology of multimedia

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For purposes of our research, multimedia refers to the presentation of material using both words and pictures. The case for multimedia rests in the premise that learners can better understand an explanation when it is presented in words and pictures than when it is presented in words alone. Multimedia messages can be described in terms of the delivery media (e.g., amplified speaker and computer screen), presentation mode (e.g., words and pictures), or sensory modalities (e.g., auditory and visual). The process of multimedia learning can be viewed as information acquisition (in which multimedia messages are information delivery vehicles) or as knowledge construction (in which multimedia messages are aids to sense making). Three possible learning outcomes are no learning (as indicated by poor retention and poor transfer performance), rote learning (as indicated by good retention and poor retention performance), and meaningful learning (as indicated by good retention and transfer performance). Meaningful learning outcomes depend on the cognitive activity of the learner during learning rather than on the learner’s behavioral activity during learning.

A multimedia instructional message is a communication using words and pictures that is intended to promote learning. For example, a multimedia instructional message in a book could include printed text and illustrations, whereas a multimedia instructional message on a computer could include narration and animation. Examples of multimedia instructional messages include words and pictures intended to explain how lightning storms develop, how car braking systems work, and how bicycle tire pumps work.

Multimedia messages that are designed in light of how the human mind works are more likely to lead to meaningful learning that those that are not. A cognitive theory of multimedia learning assumes that the human information processing system includes dual channels for visual/pictorial and auditory/verbal processing, each channel has limited capacity for processing, and active learning entails carrying out a coordinated set of cognitive processes during learning. Five steps in multimedia learning are selecting relevant words from the presented text or narration, selecting relevant images from the presented illustrations, organizing the selected words into a coherent verbal representation, organizing selected images into a coherent visual representation, and integrating the visual and verbal representations and prior knowledge. Processing of pictures occurs mainly in the visual/pictorial channel, processing of spoken words occurs mainly in the auditory/verbal channel; but processing of printed words takes place initially in the visual/pictorial channel and then moves to the auditory/verbal channel.

Our research provides evidence for seven principles of multimedia design: multimedia, spatial contiguity, temporal contiguity, coherence, modality, redundancy, and individual differences. For each, I provide a statement of the principle, a theoretical rationale, and a summary of empirical evidence based on research conducted in our laboratory at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Multimedia Principle: Students learn better from words and pictures than from words alone. Theoretical Rationale: When words and pictures are both presented, students have an opportunity to construct verbal and pictorial mental models and to build connections between them. When words alone are presented, students have an opportunity to build a verbal mental model but are less likely to build a pictorial mental model and make connections between the verbal and pictorial mental model. Empirical Rationale: In 6 out of 9 tests, learners who received text and illustrations or narration and animation performed better on retention tests than did learners who received text alone or narration alone. In 9 out of 9 tests, learners who received text and illustrations or narration and animation performed better on transfer tests than did learners who received text alone or narration alone.

Spatial Contiguity Principle: Students learn better when corresponding words and pictures are presented near rather than far from each other on the page or screen. Theoretical Rationale: When corresponding words and pictures are near each other on the page or screen, learners do not have to use cognitive resources to visually search
Editor’s Note:

As you know, the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) meets in Seattle on April 10-14. Because many Division 15 members also attend AERA, we have again included a special insert in this issue of the newsletter that highlights sessions in Division C (Learning and Instruction), Section 5 (Cognitive, Social, Developmental, and Motivational Processes). The insert can be easily removed from the rest of the newsletter and carried with you to AERA. Many thanks to Karen Murphy and Anita Woolfolk-Hoy (Program Chairs, Division C, Section 5) and Rick Banghart on behalf of AERA for assisting me with this information. Be sure to check the AERA Annual Meeting Program Supplement for any changes that may have occurred since the program was published.

In this issue, you will also find the extended abstracts of Richard Mayer’s E. L. Thorndike award address and P. Karen Murphy’s dissertation award address from last year’s APA annual convention. There are also several calls for nominations as well as other news of interest to Division 15 members.

See you in Seattle.

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Many thanks to this year’s Nominations Committee, Art Graesser, Jennifer Husman, and Sig Tobias!
the page or screen and learners are more likely to be able to hold them both in working memory at the same time. When corresponding words and pictures are far from each other on the page or screen, learners have to use cognitive resources to visually search the page or screen for corresponding words and pictures. Thus, learners are less likely to be able to hold them both in working memory at the same time. **Empirical Rationale:** In 2 out of 2 tests, learners performed better on retention tests when corresponding text and illustrations were placed near each other on the page (or when corresponding on-screen text and animation segments were placed near each other on the screen) than when they were placed far away from each other. In 5 out of 5 tests, learners performed better on transfer tests when corresponding text and illustrations were placed near each other on the page (or when corresponding on-screen text and animation segments were placed near each other on the screen) than when they were placed far away from each other.

**Temporal Contiguity Principle:** Students learn better when corresponding words and pictures are presented simultaneously rather than successively. **Theoretical Rationale:** When corresponding portions of narration and animation are presented at the same time, the learner is more likely to be able to hold mental representations of both in working memory at the same time, and thus, the learner is more likely to be able to build mental connections between verbal and visual representations. When corresponding portions of narration and animation are separated in time, the learner is less likely to be able to hold mental representations of both in working memory at the same time, and thus, less likely to be able to build mental connections between verbal and visual representations. If the time between hearing a sentence and seeing the corresponding portion of animation is short, then the learner may still be able to build connections between words and pictures. However, if the learner hears a long passage and views an entire animation at separate times, then the learner is less likely to be able to build connections between words and pictures. **Empirical Rationale:** In 3 out of 5 tests, learners performed better on retention tests when corresponding portions of animation and narration were presented simultaneously rather than successively. In 8 out of 8 tests, learners performed better on transfer tests when corresponding portions of animation and narration were presented simultaneously rather than successively. In addition, when the successive presentation was based on very short segments—such as sentence describing one action and a few seconds of animation depicting one action—there was not a strong temporal contiguity effect for retention (in 3 of 3 tests) or transfer (in 3 of 3 tests).

**Coherence Principle:** Students learn better when extraneous material is excluded rather than included. The coherence principle can be broken into three complementary versions: (1) Student learning is hurt when interesting but irrelevant words and pictures are added to a multimedia presentation. (2) Student learning is hurt when interesting but irrelevant sounds and music are added to a multimedia presentation, and (3) Students learning is improved when unneeded words are eliminated from a multimedia presentation. **Theoretical Rationale:** Extraneous material competes for cognitive resources in working memory and can divert attention from the important material, can disrupt the process of organizing the material, and can prime the learner to organize the material around an inappropriate theme. **Empirical Rationale:** In 11 out of 11 tests, learners who received concise multimedia presentations performed better on tests of retention than did learners who received multimedia messages that contained extraneous material. In 11 out of 11 tests, learners who received concise multimedia presentations performed better on tests of transfer than did learners who received multimedia messages that contained extraneous material.

**Redundancy Principle:** Students learn better from animation and narration than from animation, narration, and text. **Theoretical Rationale:** When pictures and words are both presented visually (i.e., as animation and text), the visual channel can become overloaded. **Empirical Rationale:** In 2 out of 2 tests, learners who received narration and animation performed better on tests of retention than did learners who received animation, narration, and text. In 2 out of 2 tests, learners who received narration and animation performed better on tests of transfer than did learners who received animation, narration, and text.

**Individual Differences Principle:** Design effects are stronger for low-knowledge learners than for high-knowledge learners, and for high-spatial learners rather than low-spatial learners. **Theoretical Rationale:** High-knowledge learners are able to use their prior knowledge to compensate of lack of guidance in the presentation—such as forming appropriate mental images from words—whereas low-knowledge learners are less able to engage in useful cognitive processing when the presentation lacks guidance. High-spatial learners possess the cognitive capacity to mentally integrate visual and verbal representations from effective multimedia presentations; in contrast, low-spatial learners must devote so much cognitive capacity to holding the presented images in memory that they are less likely to have sufficient capacity left over to mentally integrate verbal and visual representations. **Empirical Rationale:** In 2 out of 3 tests, low-knowledge learners achieved higher gains on retention tests from implementing multimedia design principles than did high-knowledge learners. In 4 out of 4 tests, low-knowledge learners achieved higher gains on transfer tests from implementing multimedia design principles than did high-knowledge learners. In 2 out of 2 tests, high-spatial learners achieved greater gains on transfer tests from implementing multimedia design principles than did low-spatial learners. There were not tests involving retention tests for high and low-spatial learners.

Overall, research on multimedia learning provides an exciting venue for educational psychology.

**Note.** In August 2001, Richard E. Mayer presented the E. L. Thorndike Award Address at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. This extended abstract, which reflects the content of the address, is based on the following book: Mayer, R. E. (2001). *Multimedia learning*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
Outstanding Dissertation Extended Abstract

Toward a Multifaceted Model of Persuasion:
Exploring Textual and Learner Interactions

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As members of a post-industrial society, we commonly encounter articles, books, papers and advertisements crafted to persuade us toward a particular view or argument. Daily, students who populate classroom communities are similarly confronted with oral or written text intended to change their minds (Garner & Alexander, 1994). Further, this process is likely mediated by components of the text such as the authors’ purpose or the clarity of their arguments (Petty & Cacioppo, 1986), as well as by characteristics of readers, including their knowledge, beliefs, and interest (e.g., Alexander, Murphy, Sperl, & Buehl, 1997; Chinn & Brewer, 1993). Yet, few persuasion models have attempted to explore the multidimensional interactions between and among text and learner variables. It was my intention to address this shortcoming in the literature by testing a multifaceted model of the persuasion process.

In developing this model, I researched and synthesized several literatures. Among those were literatures on persuasion (e.g., Chambless & Garner, 1996; Cooper, 1932), knowledge (e.g., Alexander, Schallert, & Hare, 1991), beliefs (e.g., Garner & Alexander, 1994; Schommer, 1993), interest (e.g., Schiefele, 1992; Hidi, 1990), as well as conceptual change (e.g., Chinn & Brewer, 1993; Vosniadou & Brewer, 1992). Synthesizing these literatures required reconciling various definitions of persuasion and interpretations of text and learner influences. Persuasion was thus defined as an interactive process through which a message shapes, reinforces, or changes students’ responses (Miller, 1980). In addition, a persuasive text was viewed as any text “...structured to counter the current beliefs of a typical reader as well as to present new ones” (Chambless & Garner, 1996, p. 294).

The survey of the relevant literatures revealed several consistencies about the nature of persuasive texts. For example, the authors’ perceived purpose and credibility, the text structure, and the text content play powerful roles in what students gain from reading (e.g., Chambless, 1995; Jackson & Allen, 1987). Also, texts that present both sides of an argument, and then refute one side of the argument are generally more persuasive than other forms of text (e.g., Allen 1991; Stiff, 1994). In addition, strong arguments (i.e., those causal or explanatory in nature) can be effective at persuading even individuals with strong views (e.g., Ford & Smith, 1991). Finally, research suggests that text content interacts with what individuals know and believe, and has the potential for mediating the degree to which individuals are motivated to engage the text (e.g., Alexander & Jetton, 1996; Dole & Sinatra, 1998).

Text variables, however, represent only one aspect of the interactive persuasion process. Characteristics of the learner also play a fundamental role. The characteristics of the learner included in this model are students’ knowledge, beliefs, and interest. One of the most consistent findings in the educational literature is that students’ “...existing knowledge serves as the foundation of all future learning...” (Alexander & Murphy, 1998, p. 27). Moreover, persuasion research suggests that individuals high in prior knowledge are less likely to be persuaded by the message (e.g., Petty & Cacioppo, 1986). Researchers have also found that the more entrenched a particular belief, the more difficult it will be to change (e.g., Fishbein & Ajzen, 1975). Simply put, beliefs must be less extreme and be made explicit before they can be reflected on, and subsequently, modified. Finally, the degree to which readers find the content of the text interesting can significantly predict persuasion (e.g., Dole & Sinatra, 1994). Kardash and Scholes (1995) determined that individuals with relatively high interest in the content were more apt to recall information, but were less likely to be persuaded. Thus, while there are models of persuasion and conceptual change in the literature, recent research would suggest that these models have several limitations (e.g., Alexander, Murphy, Sperl, & Buehl, 1999). Specifically, these established models do not adequately predict why and how persuasion will occur when: (a) the messages are multiple, compelling, and naturally-occurring texts about controversial subjects; (b) the variables are topic-specific measures of knowledge, interest, and beliefs administered both prior to and following reading; or, (c) when learner and text variables are examined simultaneously through the use of covariance structure analysis. The purpose of this research was to forward such a model—one that expressly addresses limitations of prior persuasion models.

Several key findings emerged from this study. First, after reading the persuasive texts, students’ knowledge, beliefs, and interest relative to each topic changed significantly in the direction of the views advocated by the author. In addition, the topic of the text significantly influenced the degree to which students were persuaded. Although all three texts altered students’ knowledge, beliefs, and interest, the pre-reading to post-reading changes varied from topic to topic. The results also suggested that text and learner variables interact in a multifaceted way to influence the persuasion process.

Specifically, the proposed model was tested using structural equation modeling. The hypothesized model displayed good fit when the scores were collapsed across all three articles, as well as for the scores for the three individual articles. The results suggest that the learner and text constructs both influence the outcomes of the persuasion process. In addition, the learner and text variables were significantly and positively correlated in all but one test of the model. What is even more important is that these results held when tested using data from the three diverse topics. The strength and direction of the parameters between the latent constructs were also in keeping with the hypothesized model, and were similar across all three articles. Further, these results confirm the inverse relationship between students’ knowledge, beliefs, and interest, and what they can gain from the text, as seen in a previous study (Murphy, 1998). Essentially, students with moderate levels of knowledge, beliefs, and interest were most likely to be persuaded by the texts—a finding consistent with prior research (e.g., Alexander et al., 1999). In addition, as described in the literature, the more interesting the text, the more credible the author, the more comprehensible the text, and the stronger the arguments, the more likely students’ were to be persuaded (e.g., Koballa, 1992). Finally, the learner and text constructs were significantly and positively related for every test of the model, thus, confirming the strong interplay between text and learner variables.

The resulting multidimensional model sheds new light on the persuasion process. For one, the model suggests that students’ knowledge, beliefs, and interest play a role in what they can learn from text. Moreover, the model provided insights into intradimensional differences relative to the varying text topics. That is, students were differentially persuaded due to the text topic. In addition, this model synthesizes the literature in conceptual change and persuasion, which have generally constituted separate bodies of research. Indeed, while both conceptual change and persuasion research seek to modify students’ knowledge and beliefs, findings from these two areas have rarely been consolidated into one model. Finally, this model confirms the notion that persuasion is not wholly attributable to characteristics of the text nor to characteristics of the learner. Rather, persuasion arises from the dynamic interplay of text and learner variables.
Special Insert

SYMPOSIUM (Session 1.18)
Tuesday, April 10, 12:00 to 1:55 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 602-604

Theory and Instruction: The Robbie Case Legacy
CHAIR: Joan Moss, University of California, Berkeley
PARTICIPANTS: A Developmental Approach to Teaching Story Composition. Anne McKeough, University of Calgary; Central Numerical Structures and Mathematics Achievement: A Cross-Cultural Comparison. Yukari Okamoto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Teaching Mathematical Functions: Applying Case's Developmental Theory to Classroom Instruction. Mindy Kachman, OISE/UT
The Development of Rational Number Understanding: An Instructional Program Based on Case's Theory of Central Conceptual Structure. Joan Moss, University of California, Berkeley
A Review of a 10-year Research Program in Early Mathematics Education: The Role of Central Conceptual Structures in Instructional Programming. Sharon Griffin, Clark University
DISCUSSANTS: Marlene Scardamalia, OISE/UT; Jim Greeno, Stanford University; John Bransford, Vanderbilt University; Carl Bereiter, OISE/UT

PAPER SESSION (Session 1.62)
Tuesday, April 10, 12:00 to 1:55 p.m.
Convention Center 2nd Floor 212

Argumentation and Discourse Processes as Mechanisms for Enhancing Learning
CHAIR: Roberta Scholes, University of Missouri-Columbia
PARTICIPANTS: Discourse Strategies for Sharing Knowledge. Heinz Mandl, University of Munich; Frank Fischer, University of Munich
Argumentation and the Web: How Skill and the Electronic Environment Affect Opportunities for Critical Thinking. Sarah Brem, Arizona State University
The Ability to Evaluate Arguments Dialectically: A Developmental Study. Amnon Glassner, The Hebrew University
Personality Differences in Argumentative Discourse Practices. Michael Nussbaum, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Supporting Students' Autonomy on Uninteresting Lessons by Providing Convincing and Satisfying Rationale. Mafumi Omura, University of Iowa; Pat Hardre, University of Iowa; Hyungshim Jang, University of Iowa; Johnumarshall Reeve, University of Iowa
DISCUSSANT: Tamara Jetton, James Madison University

ROUNDTABLE (Session 2.07)
Tuesday, April 10, 1:15 to 1:55 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 6B

Cognition and Instruction

ROUNDTABLE (Session 3.46)
Tuesday, April 10, 2:15 to 2:55 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 6B

Gender, Identity, and Socialization

SYMPOSIUM (Session 5.52)
Tuesday, April 10, 4:05 to 6:05 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 606

Interest and Lifelong Learning
CHAIR: K. Ann Renninger, Swarthmore College
PARTICIPANTS: Engaging Teachers in Growing Mathematical Thinking and Pedagogical Knowledge. Drexel University Wesley Shumar, Swarthmore College
How Teachers Perceive Motivation in Vocational Education Classrooms: An Intervention Study. Barbara Dede, Institute for Science Education; Klaudia Kramer Manfred Perzuel, University of Kiel
Choosing Vocational Education: Issues of Background, Interest, and Opportunity. Australian Council on Work Related Interests: Conditions and Development. Doris Lewalter, University of the Bundeswehr Educational Research, Gerald R. Elsworth, University of Melbourne; John Ainley
DISCUSSANTS: Barbara L.McCombs,, University of Denver Research Institute;
POSTER FAIR (Session 15.03)
Wednesday, April 11, 2:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sheraton 3rd Floor Metropolitan Ballroom

Reading, Writing, and Learning
SYMPOSIUM (Session 15.16)
Wednesday, April 11, 2:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sheraton 4th Floor Room 424

New Perspectives on Help Seeking as an Adaptive, Strategic Resource of Self-Regulated Learners
CHAIR: Stuart Karabenick, Eastern Michigan University
PARTICIPANTS: Seeking Help in Large College Classes: Who, Why, and from Whom? Stuart Karabenick, Eastern Michigan University
Help Seeking and Learning Disability: Influence of Goals and Perceived Competence. Richard Newman, University of California at Riverside
Children’s Help-Seeking Behavior: Comparison with Cognitive, Behavioral, and Emotional Self-Regulation. Munna Puustinen, University of Jyväskylä
Help-seeking Interactions in Math Class: Using a Motivational Framework to Understand Who Students Ask for Help. Allison Ryan, University of Illinois
DISCUSSANT: Wilbert McKeachie, University of Michigan

SYMPOSIUM (Session 17.07)
Wednesday, April 11, 4:05 to 6:05 p.m.
Sheraton 2nd Floor East Ballroom B

Integrating What We Know about Learners and Learning: A Foundation for Transforming Pre K-20 Practices
PARTICIPANTS: Revealing Young Children’s Perceptions of Classroom Practices: Using Multiple Approaches. Denise Daniels, Northern Illinois University; Deborah Kalkman, Northern Illinois University
What Do We Know about Learners and Learning? The Learner-Centered Framework. Barbara L. McCombs, University of Denver Research Institute
Changing Practices in Higher Education: Facilitating the Development of Learner-Centered Faculty. Jean W. Pierce, Northern Illinois University
Teacher Pedagogical Development: Developing Learner-Centered Dispositions. Kimberly Mueller, University of California at Berkeley
What Learner-Centered Practices Mean for Middle School Learners: A Look at Motivational Outcomes. Judith L. Meece, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The Impact of Learner-Centered Practices on the Academic and Non-Academic Outcomes of Upper Elementary and Middle School Students. Elizabeth Weinberger, University of Denver Research Institute
DISCUSSANT: Putting It All Together: Using What We Know To Transform Educational Practices. Scott G. Paris, University of Michigan

ROUNDTABLE (Session 17.68)
Wednesday, April 11, 4:05 to 4:45 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 6B

Motivation and Self-Regulation
PAPER SESSION (Session 21.49)
Thursday, April 12, 8:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 614

Intelligence, Expertise, and Knowledge
CHAIR: Richard Coulson, Southern Illinois University
PARTICIPANTS: Fluid Intelligence, Inductive Reasoning, and Working Memory: Where the Theory of Multiple Intelligences Falls Short. David Lohman, University of Iowa
Do Different Instructional Interventions Facilitate Students Ability to Shift to More Sophisticated Metacognitive Models of Complex Systems? Roger Azevedo, University of Maryland; John T. Guthrie, University of Maryland; Huey-Yu Wang, University of Maryland; Julie Mulhern, University of Maryland
Predicting Mathematics Performance from Intelligence and Personality with Motivation Variables as Mediators. Arturo Olivarez Jr., Texas Tech University; William Lan, Texas Tech University; Tara Stevens, University of Illinois, Springfield
Understanding the Cognitive Factors Underlying Medical Expertise. Roger Azevedo, University of Maryland; Sonia Faremo, McGill University; Susanne Lajoie, McGill University; David Fleischer, McGill University
The Expert Blindspot: Where Content Knowledge and Pedagogical Content Knowledge Collide. Mitchell Nathan, University of Colorado; Kenneth R. Koedinger, Carnegie Mellon University; Martha W. Alibali, University of Wisconsin at Madison
DISCUSSANTS: Jolana Kulkowich, University of Connecticut; Jeff Smith, Rutgers University

PAPER SESSION (Session 21.64)
Thursday, April 12, 8:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 610

Assessing the Role of Self Schemas in Teaching and Learning
CHAIR: Myron Dembo, University of Southern California
PARTICIPANTS: Self-efficacy and Procrastination. Christopher Wolters, University of Houston
A Confirmatory Factor Analysis of a New Measure of Teacher Efficacy. Ohio State Teacher Efficacy Scale. J. Kyle Roberts, Baylor College of Medicine; Robin K. Henson, University of North Texas
A Multilevel Analysis of the Influence of Collective Efficacy on Teacher Efficacy. Roger Goddard, University of Michigan; Yvonne Goddard, University of Toledo
The Importance of an Inherent Value Rationale for the Experience of Self-Determination: Autonomous, Controlled and Conformist Regulations of Learning. Avi Assor, Ben Gurion University; Israel; Avi Kaplan, Ben Gurion University
The Similarities Of Perceived Control Beliefs Between American And Chinese Students. Yuming Liu, Riverside Publishing; Steven Yussen, University of Minnesota
DISCUSSANT: Anita Woolfolk Hoy, The Ohio State University

SYMPOSIUM (Session 23.40)
Thursday, April 12, 10:35 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 611

Intentional Conceptual Change
CHAIR: Gale Sinatra, University of Nevada at Las Vegas
PARTICIPANTS: What is Intentional Conceptual Change? Michel Ferrari, Ontario Institute for the Study of Education; Nezih Elik, University of Toronto
Intentional Conceptual Change and Domain Specific Knowledge Acquisition. Maria L. Limon Lagane, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid; Spain
Personal Epistemologies and Intentional Conceptual Change. Lucia Mason, University of Lecce; Italy
Using a Case Study to Make General Points about Students’ Intuitive Epistemologies. Andrea A. diSessa, University of California Berkeley; Andrew Elby and David Hammer, University
DISCUSSANT: Paul Pintrich, University of Michigan

ROUNDTABLE (Session 24.03)
Thursday, April 12, 11:25 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 6B

Self-Efficacy, Agency, and Achievement
PAPER SESSION (Session 25.33)
Thursday, April 12, 12:25 to 1:55 p.m.
Convention Center 2nd Floor Room 214

Cognition, Constructivism, and Learning in and out of School
CHAIR: Roger Azevedo, University of Maryland
Constructivism and the Architecture of Cognition: Implications for Instruction. Paul Eggen, University of North Florida
Cognitive Interference Versus Skill Deficit in Predicting Statistics Performance. Eun-sook Hong University of Nevada; Las Vegas
An Examination of Social Presence to Increase Interaction in Online Classes. Chih-Hsuing Tu, George Washington University
Cognitive-Based Instruction: What Does it Look Like in the Elementary Mathematics Classroom? Ken Jones, University of Alaska Anchorage
DISCUSSANT: Scott Brown, UCONN

ROUNDTABLE (Session 26.07)
Thursday, April 12, 1:15 to 1:55 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 6B

Cognition and Individual Differences
ROUNDTABLE (Session 27.31)
Thursday, April 12, 2:15 to 2:55 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 6B

Cognition and Learning
SYMPOSIUM (Session 27.48)
Thursday, April 12, 2:15 to 4:15 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 611

Goals, Affect, and Motivation in Students and Teachers
CHAIRS: Reinhard Pekrun, University of Regensburg; Paul A. Schutz, University of Georgia
PARTICIPANTS: The Relationship Between Teachers’ Use of Affect and Students’ Perceptions of the Goal Structures in the Classroom. Julianne C. Turner, University of Notre Dame
Women Teachers’ Experiences of Anger in School Settings. Kathleen B. DeMarrais, University of Georgia at Athens
Exploring Predictors and Consequences of Negative Affect Clusters. Jeanine E. Turner, Southwest Educational Development Laboratory
Achievement Goals, Emotional Regulation During Testing, and Test Emotions: Analyzing Interrelationships and Evaluating the Construct Validity of the ERT Scale. Paul A. Schutz, University of Georgia at Athens
Academic Emotions in School Students: Domain Specificity and Relations to Self-Regulated Learning, Academic Achievement, and Classroom Instruction. Rennhard Pekrun, University of Regensburg Germany; Raymond P. Perry, University of Regensburg, Germany; Marcus Hausner
The Relation Between Achievement Goals and Affect: Moods, Emotions, and Directionality. Elizabeth A. Linnenbrink, University of Michigan

DISCUSSANT: Martin L. Maehr, University of Michigan

POSTER FAIR (Session 33.02)
Friday, April 13, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.
Sheraton 3rd Floor Metropolitan Ballroom

Motivation, Learning, and Teaching

SYMPOSIUM (Session 33.12)
Friday, April 13, 10:35 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
Sheraton 2nd Floor Douglas

Multiple Frames of Reference and Self-Related Cognitions: An International Perspective

CHAIR: Jürgen Baumert, MPI for Human Development
PARTICIPANTS: Measuring Academic Self-Efficacy: Multi-Trait Multi-Method Comparison of Scales. Mimi Bong, University of South Carolina; Dennis Hocewar, University of Southern California
Internal and External Frames of References in Academic Self-Perceptions. Finn M. Skådvik, Norwegian University of Technology; Sidsel Skådvik, Norwegian University of Technology
Dimensional Comparisons: An Experimental Approach to the I/E Model. Jens Moeller, University of Bielefeld
Understanding the Personal and Social Basis of Self-Concepts for Adolescents about Their Academic Work. Laurel Bornhold, University of Sydney
Testing Marsh’s (1986) Frame of Reference Model of Self-Concept with Bilingual Students. Alexander Seocheung Yeung, John Chi Kin Lee, and Hin-Wah Wong, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Segregated Schools: 5-year Longitudinal Study with Chinese Students in Hong Kong. Kit-Tai Hau, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Herbert W. Marsh, University of Western Sydney Macarthur, Australia; Chit-Kwong Kong, Jian-Bing Wan, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Teachers’ Type of Feedback and the Big-Fish-Little-Pond Effect. Olaf Köller, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, Germany
Measuring Academic Self-Efficacy: Multi-Trait Multi-Method Comparison of Scales. Mimi Bong, University of South Carolina; Dennis Hocewar, University of Southern California
DISCUSSANT: Jaqueliney Eccles, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

SYMPOSIUM (Session 35.01)
Friday, April 13, 10:35 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
Sheraton 2nd Floor Grand Ballroom A

The Contributions of Benjamin S. Bloom and the Future of Objectives, Instruction, and Assessment

CHAIR: Lorin Anderson, University of South Carolina
PARTICIPANTS: Bloom 2001: The Revised Taxonomy as a Tool for Integrating Learning, Instruction, and Assessment. Lorin Anderson, University of South Carolina
Bloom’s Contributions to Testing, Measurement, and Evaluation. George Madaus, Boston College
Bloom’s Contributions to Curriculum, Instruction, and School Learning. Thomas Guskey, University of Kentucky
Bloom’s Contributions to International Research and Development. Richard Wolf, Teachers College, Columbia University
Bloom’s Contributions to our Understanding of Talent Development. Lauren Sosnik, San Jose State University

NEW MEMBER POSTER SESSION (Session 37.01)
Friday, April 13, 12:25 to 1:55 p.m.
Sheraton 3rd Floor Metropolitan Ballroom

SYMPOSIUM (Session 37.06)
Friday, April 13, 12:25 to 1:55 p.m.
Sheraton 2nd Floor West Ballroom B

Integrating the Study of Cognitive Abilities and Motivational Processes: High School Students’ Science Engagement and Achievement

CHAIR: Haggai Kupermintz, University of Colorado, Boulder
PARTICIPANTS: Understanding the Links Between Students’ Motivational Patterns, Perceptions of, and Performance on Different Types of Science Achievement. Angela Haydel, Stanford University
Examining High School Students’ Science Achievement on Different Types of Science Assessments. Susan E. Schultz, Stanford University
Another Look at Cognitive Abilities and Motivational Processes in High School Science Achievement: Haggai Kupermintz, Boulder University of Colorado; Robert W. Roesser, Stanford University
Cognitive Abilities and Motivational Processes in High School Students’ Science Engagement and Achievement. Shun Lau, Stanford University


SYMPOSIUM (Session 39.14)
Friday, April 13, 2:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sheraton 4th Floor Suite 424

Epistemological Beliefs and Learning: What Do We Know and How Do We Know It?

CHAIR: Lisa D. Bendixen, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
PARTICIPANTS: How Epistemology is Measured: A Review of Instruments. Ophra Duell, Marlene Schommer-Aikins, Wichita State University
The Role of Intentions, Beliefs, and Knowledge in Learning About Evolution. Gale Sinatra, Sherry Southerland, Frances McConaghy, University of Nevada, Las Vegas and University of California
Why Do Epistemological Beliefs Affect Ill-Defined Problem Solving?. Lisa D. Bendixen, Gregory Scharw, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Personal Epistemology Research: Implications for Learning and Instruction. Barbara K. Hofer, Middlebury College

DISCUSSANT: Carolanne Kardash, University of Missouri, Columbia

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Sheraton 2nd Floor Douglas

Strategic Processing of Informational Texts in the Information Age

CHAIR: P. Karen Murphy, Ohio State University
PARTICIPANTS: Strategic Processing of Informational Texts by Experts in Psychology and Statistics. Rosemarie Ataya, Jacqueline Kelleher, University of Connecticut
The Nature of Domain Learning: Investigating the Relationship of Knowledge, Motivation, Strategic Processing, and Recall within the Domain of Special Education. Christopher T. Suerl, Julie A. Mulhem, Helenrose Fives, Chai Shuhui, University of Maryland
Learning from Online Resources: Understanding Students’ Cognitive Strategies and Representations. Sudhana Punnambekar, University of Connecticut
Determining Importance: Past, Present, and Future Challenges. Tamara Jetton, James Madison University

DISCUSSANT: Janice Dole, University of Utah

SYMPOSIUM (Session 41.11)
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Sheraton 4th Floor Room 416

Understanding and Teaching the Intuitive Mind

CHAIR: Bruce Torff, Hofstra University
PARTICIPANTS: The Intuitive Mind and Knowledge About History. Joseph Polman, University of Missouri, St. Louis
Intuitive Mathematics: Theoretical and Educational Implications. Jon Star, University of Michigan
The Intuitive Mind and Early Childhood Education: Connections with Chaos Theory, Script Theory, and Theory of Mind. Doris Fromberg, Hofstra University
The Fourth Folkl Pedagogy. David Olston, The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education Steven Katz, University of Toronto
Teaching Educational Psychology to the Implicit Mind. Anita Woolfolk Hoy, P. Karen Murphy, The Ohio State University

PAPER SESSION (Session 44.31)
Saturday, April 14, 8:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Convention Center 3rd Floor Room 307

Engaging in School: Motivation, Interests, and Identification in Secondary Schools

CHAIR: William Lan, Texas Tech University
PARTICIPANTS: Learning Climates that Foster Engagement to Prevent Motivational Dropout. Patricia Hardie, University of Iowa; J. Reeve, University of Iowa
Motivation and Pregnancy/HIV Prevention in High Schools. Eric Anderman, University of Kentucky; Pamela Cupp, University of Kentucky; Kathy Assow, University of Pennsylvania

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An Assessment of Multiple Influences on Student Engagement in High School Classrooms. David J. Sherwood, University of Chicago; Barbara Schneider, University of Chicago; Mikalya Czok-McCann, Clarendon Graduate University

Exploring Continued Interest: How Engagement in High School Classes Relates to Subsequent Commitment. David J. Sherwood, University of Chicago; Lisa A. Hoogstra, University of Chicago

Identification with Academics and Academic Outcomes in Secondary Students. Jason Osborne, University of Oklahoma; John Rausch, University of Oklahoma

DISCUSSANT: Jeanne Ellis Ormrod, University of New Hampshire

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Convention Center 3rd Floor Room 309

Peer Interaction and Collaboration in Educational Settings
CHAIR: Nancy F. Knapp, University of Georgia
PARTICIPANTS: I Like Math and I Like You, Now What Do I Do?: Friendships and Motivational Orientations in Middle-School Students. Jessica J. Summers, University of Texas at Austin; Diane L. Schallert, University of Texas at Austin

A Consensus Measure of Children's Perceptions of Peers and Its Relation to Social Cognitive Variables. Teresa K. DelBaque, University of Oklahoma; Bridget C. Murphy, University of Oklahoma; Robert Terry, University of Oklahoma

Coping Collaborative Interactions in a Math Setting: Attempting to Identify Discourse Patterns that Lead to Group Acceptance of Correct Proposals. David A. Sears, Stanford University; Bridj J. Barron, Stanford University

Dialogic Meaning-Making in Peer Interactive Groups: A Case of Learning Geometry. Kristina Krapudina, University of Oulu; Kaarminen Smikta, University of Oulu

Effects of Group Composition on High Ability Student's Achievement in Science. Noreen Webb, University of California/CREST; Stephen Zuniga, University of California; Kariane Mari Welner, University of California

DISCUSSANT: Michael S. Meloth, University of Colorado, Boulder

ROUNDTABLE (Session 46.28) Saturday, April 14, 10:35 to 11:15 a.m.
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Assessment and Research Designs
PARTICIPANTS: Educational Psychology from a Statistician's Perspective: A Review. Jason Osborne, University of Oklahoma; Cherel Murdock, University of Oklahoma; Jason Gunter, University of Oklahoma

Big 5 Personality Traits and College Achievement. Lisa Farwell, Santa Monica College

Reliability and Validity of a Teamwork Questionnaire. Harold F. O'Neil, University of Southern California; Jon L. Shaw, University of Southern California; Maureen Finnane, University of Queensland, Australia

Coding Collaborative Interactions in a Math Setting: Attempting to Identify Discourse Patterns that Lead to Group Acceptance of Correct Proposals. David A. Sears, Stanford University; Bridj J. Barron, Stanford University

A Theoretical and Empirical Extension of Dynamic Assessment Using Hierarchical Linear Modeling. Pamela Thoress, University of Southern Mississippi; Jeanne D. Day, Scott E. Maxwell

Video Tape Analysis as a Tool for Understanding Diverse Classrooms: A Yup'ik Eskimo Example. Sharon Nelson-Barber, Jerry Lipka, & Margie Hastings, WestEd

INTERACTIVE SYMPOSIUM (Session 46.41) Saturday, April 14, 10:35 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.
Convention Center 4th Floor Room 608

Recognized Ideas in Improving Education: How We Come To Know Their Worth
CHAIR: Douglas Simpson, University of Louisville
ORGANIZER: Pedro Portes, University of Louisville

PARTICIPANTS: Roland Tharp, USC; Ronald Gallimore, University of California, Los Angeles; Kerian Egan, Simon Fraser University; Milbrey McLaughlin, Stanford University; Victoria Purcell Gates, Michigan State; L. Scott Miller, College Board

PAPER SESSION (Session 48.33) Saturday, April 14, 12:25 to 1:55 p.m.
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Classroom Learning, Motivation, and Reform
CHAIR: Huilang Tu

PARTICIPANTS: Effect of reflection on appraisal of self-efficacy in regulating audience adaption. Sara Katz

Student Experience and the Learning Process: Developing an Evidence Based Theory of Classroom Learning. Graham Nuthall, University of Canterbury

Does the Accuracy of Comprehension Monitoring and Self-Regulation Affect Reading Comprehension? Keith Thede, University of Illinois at Chicago; Mary Anderson, University of Illinois at Chicago; David Therriault, University of Illinois at Chicago

Modeling Domain Learning: Exploring Cognitive and Motivational Differences in the Field of Special Education. Christopher T. Spelt, University of Maryland; Helenrose Fives, University of Maryland; Julie A. Mulhern, University of Maryland; Shuhui Chui, University of Maryland

She Tricks You into Learning: The Role of Motivation in Reform-Based Science Classrooms. Judith Merce, University of North Carolina; Chapel Hill; Kate Scandilebury, University of North Carolina; Jane Kahle, University of North Carolina

DISCUSSANT: Steven Yussen, University of Minnesota

ROUNDTABLE (Session 49.07) Saturday, April 14, 1:15 to 1:55 p.m.
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Creating Knowledge in the 21st Century: New Perspectives in the Self-Regulation of Learning
CHAIRS: Teresa Garcia, American Institutes for Research; Héfer Bembrunetty, City University of New York

PARTICIPANTS: Future Time Perspective and Self-Regulation: Looking to the Future to Better Understand the Present. Jenefer Husman, University of Alabama

Emotional Regulation During Self-Direction. Paul A. Schut, Heather A. Davis, Jessica T. DeCuir, Courtney B. Chambless, University of Georgia; Claire Ellen Weinstein, Thea Woodruff, Dong ock Yang, University of Texas at Austin

Self-Regulation of Help-Giving Behaviors. Shirley L. Yu, Susan Collins, University of Houston

Self-Regulation of Learning and the Role of the Preferential Lobe Functions. Byeong-Sug Kim, Wan-Ho Chung, Kel-Jae Lee, Yong-Ju Kwon, Korea National University of Education

Self-Regulation of Learning in the 21st Century: Understanding the Role of Perceived and Academic Delay of Gratification. Héfer Bembrunetty, CUNY

DISCUSSANT: Philip Winne, Simon Fraser University

PAPER SESSION (Session 50.36) Saturday, April 14, 2:15 to 4:15 a.m.
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The Role of Metacognition and Self-Regulation in Problem-Solving
CHAIR: Pamela Gaskill, The Ohio State University

PARTICIPANTS: The Relationship Between Self-Regulated Learning and Examinee Motivation on Consequential and Non-Consequential Classroom Tests. Donna L. Sundre, James Madison University; Anastasia Kitsantas, Florida State University

Self-Regulated Problem Solving Among Primary School Children in Sri Lanka. Jeffrey Gorrell, Auburn University; K. D. Dharmadasa, Chicago State University


Children Medicated for ADHD in the Early Grades: Who Are They? Susan Hegland, Iowa State University; Karen Colbert, Iowa State University; Hyun Joo Joo, Iowa State University

Assessing Science Learning for Students with Disabilities. Shirley Magnusson, University of Minnesota

DISCUSSANT: Phil Winer, Simon Fraser University

PAPER SESSION (Session 50.38) Saturday, April 14, 2:15 to 4:15 p.m.
Convention Center 3rd Floor Room 309

Identifying and Teaching Students with Learning Challenges
CHAIR: Sherri Horner, University of Memphis

PARTICIPANTS: The Brigance K & 1 Screen: Factor Composition with a Head Start Sample. Panayota Mavricopoulou, Purdue University Susan J. Miller, Purdue University

When Efforts at Solution Fail: Exploring the Diverse Instructional Needs of Mathematically Disabled Children. Maureen Mannie, University of Queensland, Australia

Australia Disabling Disabled Readers' Working Memory: What Does or Does Not Develop? H. Lee Swanson, University of California

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Nominations for Outstanding Dissertation

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Call for Papers
"Research Design and Methodology" Section:
School Psychology Quarterly

School Psychology Quarterly, the official journal of Division 16 (School Psychology) of the American Psychological Association, is seeking papers for its Research Design and Methodology section. This section is a regular, ongoing feature of the Quarterly designed to enhance the methodological sophistication of school psychology researchers and to increase the diversity of research approaches being used to answer important questions in the field of school psychology. To achieve this goal, the Quarterly seeks scholarly manuscripts that introduce, explain, and illustrate designs and methods that have promise for advancing research in school psychology and related fields (e.g., clinical child psychology, pediatric psychology, special education, measurement and evaluation, educational psychology). A wide range of research methods are featured, including those from quantitative, qualitative, single-subject or small-N, psychometric, and statistical orientations.

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We encourage submissions to this section from school psychology researchers who have begun using designs and methodologies that are unique as well as from colleagues in related fields who have an interest in publishing papers related to research methodology. Authors are invited to submit manuscripts (six copies) appropriate for this section to Terry Gutkin, Editor of School Psychology Quarterly. A cover letter should be included that indicates an interest in having the paper reviewed for the "Research Design and Methodology" section. Those papers considered appropriate will be forwarded to George DuPaul who is serving as Associate Editor for this section. Because this section is a regular feature of the journal, manuscripts are reviewed as they are received and there is no specific deadline for this section.

For additional information about the "Research Design and Methodology" section or to discuss possible papers for this section, please contact either George DuPaul (School Psychology Program, Lehigh University, 111 Research Drive, Bethlehem PA 18015; 610-758-3252; gjd3@lehigh.edu) or Terry Gutkin (117 Bancroft Hall, Department of Educational Psychology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0345; 402-472-1154; tgutkin1@unl.edu).

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Congratulations to Allison M. Ryan, this year’s winner of the outstanding dissertation award, for the dissertation titled, "The Development of Young Adolescent Achievement Beliefs and Behaviors: The Role of the Peer Group and Classroom Contexts."

Richard E. Snow Award for Early Contributions

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The deadline for submissions is January 3, 2002.
Working to Create A Violence-free Future for Children
Julia Silva and Jacquelyn Gentry

Using information from decades of research on child development, aggression, violence, and prevention, the American Psychological Association (APA) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) have launched the ACT – Adults and Children Together – Against Violence project. This exciting new initiative addresses violence prevention in the critical years of early childhood, ages 0 to 8, by focusing on the adults who are most influential in the children’s lives – parents, teachers, and other caregivers.

"Kids learn more from what they see people doing than from what people say," says Jacquelyn Gentry, PhD, director of Public Interest Initiatives at APA. "Violence is primarily a learned behavior, often learned early in life, and children who learn constructive ways to resolve conflicts are learning violence prevention."

Few violence prevention programs focus on early childhood, a critical period when children learn basic skills for getting along with others. But ACT Against Violence is designed to fill this gap by translating research findings on early child development, aggression and violence, and evidence-based interventions into an early violence prevention initiative focusing on the adults. ACT emphasizes that the adults who spend the most time with young children – parents, teachers, caregivers -- are the ones who establish the children’s learning environment and consequently can help them to develop positive ways to resolve conflicts and deal with anger and frustration.

ACT Against Violence brings together two organizations with longstanding interest in violence prevention and children’s well-being. The APA, with nearly 160,000 members, has synthesized behavioral and social science research on many aspects of aggression and violence, and its members have been on the forefront of research on violence for nearly a half century. Through its policies and programs, the NAEYC promotes peaceful environments for early learning experiences, and its membership of 105,000 early childhood educators work with hundreds of thousands of young children, mothers, dads, and other family members every day.

ACT Against Violence is a two-pronged initiative – it highlights early violence prevention by combining a national multimedia public service advertising campaign with community training programs.

National media campaign
Sponsored by the Advertising Council, Inc., the APA/NAEYC public service advertising campaign is designed to raise awareness about the important role of the adults in protecting children from involvement in violence. Ads have been developed by Flashpoint, a New York City advertising agency that has donated its creative services to design campaign materials and public service announcements (PSAs) for TV and radio. The television and radio advertisements will be distributed through the Advertising Council to TV networks and 50 major U.S. media markets around the first of March.

The ACT Against Violence media campaign includes a toll-free telephone number – 1-877-ACT-WISE – that viewers and listeners can call to request a brochure on violence prevention in early childhood. The Web site http://actagainstviolence.org will offer further information about the campaign, child development, and violence prevention for parents and teachers of young children.

Campaign kits including fact sheets, brochures, press releases, and draft of a contact letter to local station public service directors are being prepared for distribution through the state psychological associations.

Community training program
The goal of the ACT Against Violence Community Training Program is to make early violence prevention a central part of a community's efforts to prevent violence. Designed as a 3-day train-the-trainers workshop for groups of 30-40 professionals, the ACT training program is for individuals who work with families and/or young children. The workshop program provides instruction on about how to work with diverse groups of adults, how to disseminate child development information, how to select intervention programs, and how to design an action plan. It also offers model workshops and educational materials to be shared with others addressing core violence prevention skills – problem solving, anger management, discipline, and media literacy. Participants in the ACT Against Violence trainings are expected to use what they learn in the workshop to enhance programming in their organizations and communities.

To develop ACT training in a specific community, a Local Coordinator, typically in an organization that can provide an administrative base for the project, directs the program and maintains liaison with national staff at the APA and NAEYC. Experienced trainers in the community are recruited as Instructors and trained by APA/NAEYC to conduct the workshops.

With a grant from the Packard Foundation, the APA and NAEYC developed the community-training program with assistance from experts in child development and violence prevention. In the summer of 2000, it was pilot tested in Washington, DC; the first workshop was conducted in partnership with the Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey, California last fall for 31 participants representing three counties in that area. An evaluative study assessed the short-term effect of the workshop and continues to monitor its impact in the community.

Currently, APA and NAEYC are working with Child & Family Resources, a community-based organization led by an APA member in Randolph, New Jersey, to implement the ACT training program in Morris County, NJ. This program is being funded by the AT&T Foundation. A program in Kansas City, to be supported by the Kaufmann Foundation, also is under development through Homefront, a community-based organization.

Looking into the future
APA and NAEYC encourage their members to participate in the ACT Against Violence project by promoting the media campaign and educational materials in their communities and by participating in local ACT training programs.

ACT Against Violence has received financial support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kellogg Foundation, Los Angeles County Psychological Foundation, Foundation for Child Development, CDC Foundation, Metropolitan Life Foundation, American Psychological Foundation, American Psychological Association, and Beth and Russell Siegelman. Additionally, the project is a partner SafeUSA, a CDC-sponsored initiative promoting injury and violence prevention.
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