RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research examines etiological processes in the development of risk and resilience among children of drug using parents. I am particularly interested in studying the developmental pathways linking prenatal substance use to health outcomes (e.g., obesity, respiratory illnesses, and diabetes) in early childhood. These pathways include immune system functioning, stress, and self-regulation. Important contextual factors that may exacerbate or attenuate these linkages, such as the caregiving environment, are also of interest. Within the area of health psychology, I am also interested in individual differences in health, with a particular focus on individual differences in perfectionism.

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