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DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR LECTURE

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Understanding and Preventing Social Stereotyping and Prejudice in Children:
Insights from Developmental Science

Rebecca Bigler, Ph.D.

Program (in-person):

10:50 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

This presentation is designed for psychologists, other mental health professionals, and students and faculty.

Introductory: *Assumes post-doctoral education status and limited familiarity with topic.*

Location:

Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105 | Hill Ballroom
West of Snelling between Grand and Summit

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

This program qualifies for 1.5 continuing education credits.

Most children show evidence of social stereotyping and prejudice well before they enter kindergarten. Importantly, these biases concerning race, gender, attractiveness, weight, etc. affect their cognitive, social, and emotional development, often in ways that serve to limit (rather than maximize) their potential. In this talk, Dr. Bigler will summarize findings from psychological science concerning the causes and consequences of children's social stereotyping and prejudice, and provide concrete recommendations for how best to minimize and prevent such biases among youth.

Participants will be able to:

1. Define stereotyping and prejudice and describe at what age they emerge among children.
2. Identify the weakness of interventions aimed at reducing children's stereotyping and prejudice.
3. Identify three environmental factors that cause children to categorize others by attributes such as gender and race.
4. Recommend three strategies for preventing and reducing children's stereotyping and prejudice.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER:

Rebecca Bigler, Ph.D., is a developmental psychologist known for her research on social stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination. In particular, she studies the causes and consequences of social stereotyping and prejudice among children, and she has worked to develop and test intervention strategies aimed at reducing children's social stereotyping and intergroup biases. Dr. Bigler received a B.A. degree from Oberlin College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University in Developmental Psychology. She is a Professor Emerita of Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, where she received numerous awards for exemplary teaching (e.g., the Raymond Dickson Centennial Endowed Teaching Fellowship). Outside of work, Dr. Bigler enjoys traveling, visiting museums, and spending time with family.

This speaker has indicated no conflicts of interest to report.

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