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Dr. Laura Quiñones Camacho Receives Victoria S. Levin Award for Early Career Success in Young Children's Mental Health

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Laura Quiñones Camacho (University of Texas—Austin) is the recipient of the 2021 Victoria S. Levin Award.



Dr. Laura Quiñones Camacho, University of Texas—Austin

Dr. Laura Quiñones Camacho is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. Her selected mentor is Dr. Koraly Pérez-Edgar. Dr. Quiñones Camacho holds a B.A. in Psychology from The University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras and a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from the University of California Riverside. She also completed an NIMH funded Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Division. Her program of research explores how contextual and family factors influence neurobiological mechanisms for self-regulation throughout the childhood years, helping shape children’s mental health trajectories early in life. She uses techniques ranging from psychophysiology (e.g., RSA, PEP) to neuroimaging (e.g., EEG, fNIRS), as well as experimental and longitudinal approaches. Her most recent work has focused on identifying dyadic neurobiological mechanisms for the intergenerational transmission of mental health problems. Her work under this award will examine neurophysiological mechanisms for the parent—child transmission of anxiety in low-income Latinx children.

About the Victoria S. Levin Award

The Victoria S. Levin Award for Early Career Success in Young Children’s Mental Health Research was established to honor and carry forward the focus of Victoria S. Levin’s life’s work in scientific research addressing young children’s mental health. Honoring Vicki’s 30 years of distinguished service at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the award’s aim is to heighten the chances of early success in achieving NIH funding for developmentally-informed research that addresses the early foundations of children’s mental health and well-being. The Victoria S. Levin Award is made possible by the donations of hundreds of Vicki’s friends, colleagues, and family members.

