



Yield Newsletter – September 2014

Dear Yield members,

In this Newsletter, we would like to update you on the ongoing and future Yield activities.

Yield news: Four PhD projects awarded by NWO

We are of course very happy with the news that the Graduate Programme (NWO) has been awarded to Yield. The aim of the Graduate Programme is to create an excellent educational and research environment for highly talented young researchers. Yield has received a NWO grant of €850.000 with which four PhD students can be appointed. The PhD students will come from the Research Master Child Development and Education and the Research Master Psychology, although external students can apply too.

Students will write their own research proposal together with a promotor (one of Yield's principal investigators). First, students are made familiar with the diverse topics in Yield research and with Yield's principal investigators by participating in the 'Yield course'. This course will consist of 16 biweekly meetings and will cover the research of the principal investigators. Students write the research proposal after the course has finished. The research proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of Yield's advisory board, four other Yield members and two ad hoc external referees. The four students whose proposal is selected, will carry out the proposed research as their PhD project.

Lab meetings and lectures

As mentioned in the July Newsletter, we will henceforth differentiate between Yield organizational meetings and Yield research meetings. The monthly Yield postdoc meetings will be used to discuss organizational matters, and all other meetings of researchers who are associated with Yield can be considered Yield research meetings. So, if there are any meetings (e.g., small research meetings, large lectures) in your research group that might be of interest to other Yield research groups, then do not hesitate to inform Helle Larsen or Mariëlle de Reuver, so they can update the overview of the ongoing lab meetings in the respective research groups. If you are interested in participating in a meeting, please contact the organiser of that meeting beforehand.

Also, we have two upcoming lectures in cooperation with the Rita Vuyk lecture series, in September and November. Abstracts of these lectures can also be found below.

Thursday 25th of September: Dr. Kasey Cresswell (University of Pittsburgh). "Mechanisms of Self-Regulation Failure: Laboratory Studies of Cigarette Craving and Alcohol Intoxication". Time: 16:00; Location: Diamantbeurs 5.01.

Wednesday 5th of November: Prof. Lydia Krabbendam (VU University University). "The development of trust in adolescence". Time: 16:00; Location: Diamantbeurs 5.01.

Other upcoming lectures and meetings

Tuesday 16th of September: Dr. Rebecca Lazarus (Macquarie University, Sydney) will give an informal talk on parenting behaviour and anxiety as part of the combined OOP and ADAPT labmeeting. Time: 14:00; Location Diamantbeurs 5.01. See more information below.

Thursday 2nd of October: Dr. Sander Tomaes (University of Southampton) will give a presentation on the development of self-esteem and narcissism in children and adolescents (Colloquium series of Child Development). Time: 13:00. More information will follow soon in an official announcement.

Friday 10th of October: Prof.dr. Geertjan Overbeek (Child Development) will hold his inaugural lecture on "*Opvoeding en Ontvankelijkheid*" ("Parenting and Susceptibility"). Time: 16:00; Location Aula (Oude Lutherse Kerk).

Following the success of last year's Yield-day, another Yield-day will be held in January 2015. The date and time will be announced with the October Newsletter. The Yield postdocs will organise this event.

Others

Since September 2014, Eddie Brummelman is Yield postdoc. His research interests fit with the research programmes of Child Development and Developmental Psychology. We are looking forward to another interesting and successful year!

With kind regards, on behalf of the Yield Team,
Helle Larsen, Marielle de Reuver, Frans Oort

Abstracts of lectures

Dr. Kasey Cresswell

Time: 25 September, 16:00

Location: Diamantbeurs (Weesperplein 4) 5.01

Broadly, my program of research aims to understand the social, emotional, and genetic aspects of addictive behaviors. My research focuses on uncovering basic affective and cognitive mechanisms of cigarette craving and alcohol use, emphasizes the importance of social mechanisms in the etiology of alcohol use disorders, and considers the role of gene by environment (G x E) interactions in predicting alcohol use and misuse. I use experimental methodologies, including in vivo smoking cue exposure paradigms and alcohol administration protocols, which allow precise observations of social and emotional processing under conditions modeling real-world contexts that challenge successful self-regulation (e.g., while participants are intoxicated or experiencing strong cravings). I will begin my talk by describing studies that use manipulations of cigarette cravings to reveal the underlying cognitive and affective mechanisms linking craving states to subsequent self-regulatory failures. Next, I will describe studies examining the effectiveness of alcohol consumption as a means of regulating emotions (relieving negative affect and enhancing positive affect) and highlight the importance of considering social context when examining alcohol's effects on emotions. I will then present data indicating a specific pathway of risk for a certain subset of individuals, by describing a G x E in predicting alcohol reward. Finally, I will discuss future directions for designing and conducting methodologically powerful, cross-disciplinary research related to the neurobehavioral genetics of self-regulation, social processes, emotion, and addictive behaviors.

Prof. Lydia Krabbendam.

Time: 5 November, 16:00

Location: Diamantbeurs (Weesperplein 4) 5.01

"The development of trust in adolescence". (Abstract will follow)

Dr. Rebecca Lazarus (labmeeting OOP / ADAPT contact Bram van Bockstaele,

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Time: 16 September, 14:00

Location: Diamantbeurs, 5.01

My research interests include developing a better understanding of the relationship between parenting behaviours and child anxiety disorders with a particular focus on the role of fathers. I am particularly interested in the work conducted by Bögels and colleagues with respect to challenging parenting behaviour, consequently much of my research to-date has been focussed on developing and evaluating methodologies for exploring this concept within an Australian sample.

Overview of Yield lab meetings

Childhood education and family support

Biweekly colloquia are held. Ongoing research is presented and discussed. Contact: Alithe van den Akker (A.L.vandenAkker@uva.nl)

Brain & Cognition

Biweekly colloquia are held (see <http://www.dutcharc.nl/links/labmeetings/>). Contact: Cédric Koolschijn (P.C.M.P.Koolschijn@uva.nl)

Education and Instruction, learning processes and child development

Education organises 'Educational Science Colloquia' approximately bimonthly. These meetings consist of presentations of research and occasionally external speakers are invited. Contact: Madelon van den Boer (M.vandenBoer@uva.nl) and Marloes Muijselaar (M.M.L.Muijselaar@uva.nl) Education and Instruction, learning processes and child development also have combined colloquia which are held monthly. In these meetings, ongoing research is presented and research proposals are discussed. Contact: Madelon van den Boer (M.vandenBoer@uva.nl)

Developmental psychology and Developmental and parenting problems

Combined OOP (Susan Bögels' lab)/ADAPT (Reinout Wiers' lab) colloquia are held once a month. Here ongoing research is presented and discussed. Contact: Bram van Bockstaele (B.D.vanBockstaele@uva.nl)

Code – P colloquia are held biweekly (Hilde Huizenga's lab and Maartje Raijmakers' lab). In these meetings, research is presented and discussed. Contact: Laura Dekkers (L.M.S.Dekkers@uva.nl)

Psychological methods

More information will soon follow.