



## **Yield Newsletter –September 2015**

Dear Yield members,

In this Newsletter, we would like to update you on Yield activities.

### **News**

#### **The upcoming brainstorm session: Health and welfare centers ('consultatiebureaus') will take place on Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 15:00.**

Health and welfare centers (HWCs) monitor children's health and socio-emotional development from birth until they enter primary school at 4 years of age. In the Netherlands, these centers are the key providers of information and support concerning early child development and parenting. Although almost all families with infants attend these centers, there is little knowledge about the quality and the impact of the services they provide. We want to explore possible collaborations within Yield to study (1) the quality of HWCs (e.g., staff members' knowledge and skills, also regarding certain topics such as breastfeeding, same-sex parents, and children's sexual development), (2) the degree to which parents and staff members are satisfied with the interactions and provided services (information and support), (3) the impact of these services on parenting behaviors and children's developmental outcomes, and (4) possible ways to improve the provided services (e.g., professionalized and evidence-based information and support, the effectiveness of available parenting interventions). Suggestions for other research topics are also welcome. If you would like to attend the brainstorm session about HWCs, or receive more information, please contact Katrien Helmerhorst, postdoc at Childhood education and family support: [K.O.W.Helmerhorst@uva.nl](mailto:K.O.W.Helmerhorst@uva.nl).

#### **Yield Graduate Programme**

The second semester of the Yield Graduate Programme course has started. The research master students are mainly from Psychology and Child Development & Education and want to qualify for a Yield PhD position. In this course, all Yield principal investigators present their research interests to this selected group of students as to offer a way of getting familiar with Yield researchers both inside and outside of the research institutes of Psychology and Child Development and Education. In this semester Geert-Jan Stams, Denny Borsboom, Reinout Wiers, Maartje Raijmakers, Han van der Maas, Hessel Oosterbeek and Susan Bögels will give lectures.

#### **ZonMw 'parel' for parenting intervention study with immigrant families**

Yield postdoc Patty Leijten and colleagues from Utrecht University received a ZonMw 'parel' for their research on the effectiveness of the Incredible Years parenting intervention for low socioeconomic status and immigrant families. ZonMw parels are awarded to outstanding research with high societal impact.

#### **New head Pediatric psychology AMC**

As of September 1st 2015 Kim Oostrom (former head of the section pediatric psychology VUMC) became head of the psychosocial department of the Emma Children's Hospital / AMC. Martha Grootenhuis, who formerly held this position, remains head of the research section of the psychosocial department of the Emma Children's Hospital/ AMC, but also moved partly to the Princess Maxima Centre for Paediatric Oncology (PMC), where she will develop the Psycho-oncology researchline .

**“Food for thought: Professors on stage” (October 11<sup>th</sup>, Stadsschouwburg Utrecht)**

Yield postdoc Daphne van de Bongardt (specialized in youth’s romantic relationships and sexuality) will appear in a popular-scientific theater show, theme of this edition: Sex, Drugs & Rock ‘n Roll. Other invited speakers are Dr. Jaap Kooijman (associate professor Media Studies, specialized in American pop culture at the University of Amsterdam); Prof. dr. Huib Mansvelder (professor Integrative Neurophysiology at the Free University, Amsterdam).

Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> (12.00-1.30 pm), Stadsschouwburg of Utrecht ([http://www.stadsschouwburg-utrecht.nl/voorstellingen/10096/theater\\_adhoc/food\\_for\\_thought\\_professoren\\_op\\_het\\_podium\\_1](http://www.stadsschouwburg-utrecht.nl/voorstellingen/10096/theater_adhoc/food_for_thought_professoren_op_het_podium_1)).

Kind regards, on behalf of the Yield team  
Frans Oort, Mariëlle de Reuver and Helle Larsen

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**Yield activities**

***Rita Vuyk Lectures***

**Speaker:** Prof. dr. Andy Wills (Plymouth University, UK).

**Time:** October 29th, 16.00-17.00

**Location:** REC E0.09

**Abstract: Rules and similarity in learning and generalization**

Using techniques such as the criterial-attribute procedure (Kemler Nelson, 1984), previous researchers have argued that children, and non-human animals, learn and generalize on the basis of overall similarity, whilst adult humans use rules. In this talk, I start with a re-evaluation of Kemler Nelson's work with adults, and then consider other, less confounded, ways the issue of rules vs. similarity might be addressed. This consideration includes recent behavioural and neuroscience investigations of rule- and similarity-based generalization from my lab.

**Speaker:** Dr. Veronica Job (University of Zurich, CH).

**Time:** November 3rd, 16.00-17.00

**Location:** Diamantbeurs 5.01

**Abstract: Implicit Theories about Willpower**

Research suggests that self-control depends on people’s beliefs —or implicit theories—about willpower. Some people believe that their willpower resembles a limited resource that gets easily depleted (limited theory), whereas others believe that willpower is nonlimited and can get energized by exerting self-control (nonlimited theory). Having a nonlimited theory has been found to be beneficial for self-control in laboratory settings and for self-regulation in everyday life. Investigating mechanisms that may explain these effects we found that people who think that willpower is a limited resource are sensitive to cues about the availability of resources (i.e., glucose) and motivated to preserve and replenish their resources after they experience a task as exhausting. People who view willpower as nonlimited show no such motivational shifts. Latest studies explore the development of implicit theories about willpower. They suggest that willpower theories are shaped by cultural context, parent’s beliefs and behavior, and by repeated experiences with self-regulatory tasks.

### ***Colloquium Educational Sciences*** (in Dutch)

Dinsdag 13 oktober zal van 15:30-17:00 uur het volgende plaatsvinden in REC E.0.22.

#### **Abstract**

Leren van webvideo - Liesbeth Kester

Op het internet zijn educatieve video's ruim vertegenwoordigd. Denk aan sites als 'YouTube' waarop iedereen filmpjes, video's en animaties kan delen of 'Schooltv beeldbank' waarop videoclips over uiteenlopende onderwerpen beschikbaar worden gemaakt. Van al dit materiaal kunnen we veel leren. We kunnen ons terloops laten informeren en zodoende het een en ander opsteken, maar we kunnen ons ook sterk verdiepen in een bepaald onderwerp om zo gedegen kennis te verwerven. In deze lezing zullen de volgende vragen aan bod komen: Welke leerprocessen spelen een rol bij het leren van webvideo's?, Waaraan herken je een webvideo van hoge kwaliteit?, In welke leerbehoeften kunnen webvideo's voorzien? en Wat kun je doen om de leerimpact van educatieve webvideo's te vergroten?

Liesbeth Kester (1970) is hoogleraar Onderwijswetenschappen bij de Universiteit Utrecht en bijzonder hoogleraar Multimedia Educatie bij de Open Universiteit.

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### ***Overview of Yield 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:M.vandenBoer@uva.nl)) and Marloes Muijselaar ([M.M.L.Muijselaar@uva.nl](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:L.M.S.Dekkers@uva.nl))

### **AMC Pediatrische Psychologie Kennisoverdracht Bijeenkomst**

These are monthly research meetings, often with (external) presentations. The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 12:00-13:00. Contact: Marieke de Vries ([marieke.devries@amc.uva.nl](mailto:marieke.devries@amc.uva.nl))

### **Tinbergen Institute**

The Tinbergen Institute is the research institute and graduate school of the economist from the UvA, VU and EUR. These are open seminars where Yield researchers are welcome. The topics are rather broad. Contact: Nienke Ruis ([N.M.Ruijs@uva.nl](mailto:N.M.Ruijs@uva.nl))

### **Psychometrics: Methods & Statistics (POWL) and Psychological Methods (Psychology)**

Combined M&S (POWL) and PM (Psychology) biweekly meetings on Psychometrics. Wednesdays 12:00-13:00. Contact: Andries van der Ark ([L.A.vanderArk@uva.nl](mailto:L.A.vanderArk@uva.nl))