Child Psychology, Lecture 4, September 4

Methods and Developmental Contexts

Methods

* Experiments
* Natural experiments
* Naturalistic observation
* Longitudinal versus cross-sectional versus cross-sequential (accelerated longitudinal design)
* Cohort effects
* Attrition
* Challenges of doing research with children of different ages
* Challenges of doing research with children from different cultures
* Model

Developmental Contexts

* Contexts of Development
* Marasmus, hospitalism, failure to thrive, institutionalization
* Urie Bronfrenbrenner’s model
* Biological environment
* Species wide characteristics
* Individual characteristics
* Immediate environment
* Family, including bidirectional effects
* Neighborhood
* Peer group
* Day care/schooling
* Social and economic environment
* Economic (including maternal employment)
* Nontraditional parenting
* Single, Gay/lesbian, foster, divorce
* SES and poverty, homlessness
* Cultural environment
* Interactions among the levels in Bronfrenbrenner’s