

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph. D. Educational Psychology, University of Denver, Colorado	1994
M.A. Psychology and Education University of Toronto, Canada	1989
B.Sc. Psychology, University of Toronto, Canada	1985

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2002- present Assistant Professor of Human Development, University of Maryland, College Park.

1998-2002 Expert in Child Development, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch (DBSB).

1996-1998 Executive Branch Fellow sponsored by the Society for Research on Child Development (SRCD) under the auspices of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) at NICHD.

1995-1996 Study Director for the Roundtable on Head Start Research, Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Board on Children and Families, National Research Council, NAS, Washington, D.C.

1992-1994 Instructor, Lethbridge Community College, Alberta, Canada.

1991-1992 Instructor, University of Lightbridge, Alberta, Canada

HONORS AND AWARDS

2004	University of Maryland, GRB
2001	HHS Secretary's Distinguished Service Award
2000	HHS, Supporting Fatherhood Leadership Award
2000	NIH, Individual Merit Award
2000	NICHD, Staff Recognition Award,
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1998	HHS, Hammer Award. National Performance Review for work done with the Fatherhood Data Team

- 1996-1998 SRCD Fellowship, Executive Branch Fellowship sponsored by The American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 1997 NICHD on-the-spot award
- 1996 National Academy of Sciences Group Award
- 1990-1994 Member of Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars,
- 1993 Miller Scholarship Dissertation Award, University of Denver,
- 1989-1990 University of Denver Dean's Tuition Scholarship,
- 1989-1990 George and Mamie Miller Scholarship, University of Denver, CO,
- 1981 Ontario Scholar

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Reviewer and Other

- 2004 Reviewer, *Contexts of Development: Family, Neighborhood, Schools, Media and Religious Institutions*, SRCD 2005
- 2004 Guest editor, *Fathering: A Journal of Theory, Research, And Practice About Men as Fathers*, March 2004
- 2003-present Co-chair, SRCD Committee on *Child Development, Public Policy and Public Information*
- 2002 Reviewer, *Maternal Employment, Child Care and Child Well-Being*, Population Association of America
- 2000-present Member of the *SRCD Committee on Child Development, Public Policy and Public Information*
- 2000 Ad-Hoc Grant Reviewer, *Early Head Start Grants*, Child Care Bureau and the Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- 1999-2000 Reviewer, *Policy and Research*, Society for Research on Child Development
- 1997 Ad-Hoc Grant Reviewer, *The Child Care University Partnerships*, Child Care Bureau and the Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- 1997 Ad-Hoc Grant Reviewer, *The National Study of Low Income Child Care*, Administration for Children and Families, DHHS
- 1996 Ad-Hoc Grant reviewer, *Family and Children research programs*, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS (ASPE).
- 1992 Ad-Hoc Grant reviewer, *The Head Start Family Child Care Program*, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, DHHS (ACFY)

Chaired and Organized Conference Panels

- 2004 Organized and chaired, *The ecology of father involvement: Families, parental involvement, programs, and neighborhood*, International Society for Infants Studies, 5/04, Chicago, IL
- 2004 Organized and chaired, *Men's prenatal involvement with their families*, National Head Start Research Conference, 7/04 Washington, D.C.

- 2003 Chaired panel, *Unpackaging Father Involvement: Predictors and Outcomes*, SRCD, Tampa, Fl. April, 2003
- 2003 Organized three panels on *International Perspective on Fatherhood, Father and Fathering: Paternal Investment on Children*, and *Father Involvement and Its Impact on Child Development* for Population Association of America, Minneapolis, May 1-4, 2003
- 2000 Organized and chaired panel, *Maternal Employment, Child Care and Child Well-Being*, Population Association of America, 9/00, Washington, DC.
- 2000 Organized and chaired panel, *Methodological challenges and opportunities in fatherhood research: The DADS project*, SRCD, 4/00, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2000 Organized and chaired panel, *Collecting data on fathers: Challenging and Opportunities*, SRCD, 4/00, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2000 Organized and chaired invited panel, *School Readiness*, SRCD, 2000, Minneapolis, MN
- 2000 Organized and chaired panel, *Fatherhood Involvement*, SRCD, 2000, Minneapolis, MN.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- 2002 *Selecting Cognitive Measures for Young Children in Large Scale Surveys*. Workshop sponsored by NICHD and the Family and Child Well-Being Network and co-organized with Miriam Linver and Jeanne Brooks-Gunn. May, 2002, Washington, DC.
- 2001 *From Welfare to Child Care: What Happens to Infants and Toddlers When Single Mothers Exchange Welfare for Work*. Workshop sponsored by NICHD, Family and Child Well-Being Network, organized with Liz Peters and Robert Hutchens. May 2001, Washington, DC.
- 2001 *Using the HOME in Large-Sale Surveys: How Many Items, How Many Scales?* Workshop sponsored by NICHD and the Family and Child Well-Being Network and co-organized with Miriam Linver and Jeanne Brooks-Gunn. May, 2001, Washington, DC.
- 1999 *Welfare Coordinating Conference* sponsored by NICHD, February 1999, Washington, DC.
- 1998 *Informing Child Care Policy Through Research: Children's Health, Safety and Development in Child Care in Light of Regulations, Subsidies, and Child Care Quality*, sponsored by SEED, April 1998, Washington, DC.
- 1997 *Planning Meeting on Poverty and Children's Well-Being* sponsored by NICHD, October 1997, Washington, DC.
- 1996 *Meeting to Inform Child Care Components of State Welfare Waiver Evaluations*, sponsored by the Science and Ecology of Early Development (SEED) Group, February, 1997, Washington, DC.

CURRENT RESEARCH TOPICS

The role of father involvement with their toddlers during play in children's social development.

Paternal and maternal agreement regarding parental involvement and parental practices.

Theoretical frameworks related to father involvement.

Children's developmental trajectories in low income and minority families.

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Books

Tamis-LeMonda, C. & Cabrera, N. (Eds.). (2002). *Handbook of father involvement: Multidisciplinary perspectives*. Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

Book chapters

Cabrera, N., Moore, K., West, J., Brooks-Gunn, J., Reichman, N., Ellingsen, K., Nord, C., & Boller, K. (2004). The DADS initiative: Measuring father involvement in large scale surveys. In R. Day & M. E. Lamb (Eds.), *Measuring father involvement* (pp. 417-452). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

Cabrera, N. & Garcia-Coll, C. (2004). Latino Fathers: Uncharted territory in need of much exploration. In M. E. Lamb (Ed.), *The role of father in child development, (Fourth Edition)* (pp. 98-120), Hoboken. NJ: Wiley.

Fitzgerald, H., Mann, T., Cabrera, N., & Wong, M. (2003). Diversity in caregiving contexts. In R. Lerner, A. Easterbrooks, & J. Mistry (Ed.), *Handbook of Psychology, Volume Six: Developmental Psychology* (pp. 135-167). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

Gyamfi, P., Cabrera, N., & Roth, J. (2003). Three early child care initiatives. In J. Brooks-Gunn, A. Sidle Fuligni, & L. Berlin (Eds.), *Early child development in the 21st century* (pp. 201-224). New York, NY: Teachers College Press, Columbia University.

Lamb, M., Chuang, S., & Cabrera, N. (2002). Promoting child adjustment by fostering positive paternal involvement. In R. M. Lerner, F. Jacobs, & D. Wertlieb, (Eds.), *Promoting positive child, adolescent, and family development: A handbook of program and policy innovations* (pp. 129-159). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Cabrera, N. (2002). Policy and intervention programs for low income fathers: An American perspective. In L. Clarke & C. Roberts (Eds.), *Fatherhood in the new millennium: A research and policy project* (pp. 238-267). Oxford University Press, England.

Jayakody, R. & Cabrera, N. (2002). What are the choices for low income families? cohabitation, marriage, and remaining single. In A. Booth & A. Crouter (Eds.), *Just living together: Implications of cohabitation for children, families, and social policy* (pp. 85-96). New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum (2002).

- Hofferth, S. Cabrera, N. & Phillips, D.(2001). Public Policy and Family and Child Well-Being. In A. Thornton (Ed.), *The well-being of children and families: Research and data needs* (pp. 384-415). Ann Arbor:The University of Michigan Press.
- Cabrera, N., Tamis-LeMonda, C., Lamb, M., & Boller, K. (1999). Measuring father involvement in the Early Head Start evaluation: A multidimensional conceptualization. *Proceedings on the National Conference on Health Statistics*, Washington, D.C..
- Cabrera, N. (1995). Violence by and against children in Canada. In J. I. Ross (Ed.), *Violence in Canada: Sociopolitical perspectives*, (pp. 127-152). Toronto: Oxford University Press. Reprinted, *Violence in Canada* (2004), New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.
- Cabrera, N. (1995). Control and prevention of crimes committed by state supported educational institutions. In J. I. Ross (Ed.) *Controlling State Crime*, (pp. 163-206). New York: Garland Publishing. Reprinted *Controlling State Crime*, 2nd edition, Newbrunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

Journal Articles

- Tamis-LeMonda, C., Shannon, J., Cabrera, N., & Lamb, M. (2004) Fathers' and mothers' play with their 2- and 3-year-olds: Contributions to language and cognitive development. Manuscript (in press [Child Development](#)).
- Cabrera, N., Ryan, R., Shannon, J., Brooks-Gunn, J., Vogel, C., Raikes, H., & Tamis-LeMonda, C. (in press). Low-income biological fathers' involvement in their toddlers lives: The Early Head Start National Research and Evaluation Study. *Fathering: A Journal of Theory, Research, And Practice About Men as Fathers*.
- Zaslow, M., Halle, T., Cabrera, N., Calkins, J., Pitzer, L., & Geyelin Margie, N. (in press). Child Outcome Measures in the Study of Child Care Quality: Overview and Next Steps. *Special Edition of the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.
- Shannon, C., Tamis-LeMonda, C., Cabrera, N., & London, K. (2002). Beyond rough and tumble: Low-income fathers' interactions and children's cognitive development at 24 months. *Parenting, Science, and Practice Journal*, 2, 77-104.
- Cabrera, N., Tamis-LeMonda, C., Bradley, R., Hofferth, S., & Lamb, M. (2000). Fatherhood in the 21st Century. *Child Development*, 71, 127-136.
- Cabrera, N. & Peters, E. (1999). Public policies and father involvement. *Marriage and Family Review*, 29, 295-31.
- Cabrera, N. (1995). Personal beliefs, critical thinking skills, and reasoning errors: How illogical are we? *Educational Research Quarterly*, 19, 3-24.

Book Essay

Cabrera, N. (2004). In their own voices: How men become fathers: Essay review of *Involved fathering and men's adult development: Provisional balances* by Rob Palkovitz. *Human Development*, 46(4), 250-259.

Newsletters

Cabrera, N., Peters, L., & Hutchens, R. (2002, March-April). From welfare to child care. *Joint Center for Poverty Research Newsletter*, 6, 11-13.

Cabrera, N. & Evans, J. (2000, November). Welfare reform and its consequences: What questions are left unanswered? *Joint Center for Poverty Research Newsletter*, 4, 3-5.

Cabrera, N. & Evans, J. (2000, March-April). Wither fathers in welfare reform. *Joint Center for Poverty Research Newsletter*, 4, 7-9.

Cabrera, N. (1998, Winter). The Executive Branch policy fellowship: Lessons on policy and research. *Society for Research in Child Development Newsletter*, 41.

Cabrera, N. (1991, November-December). Critique of EduMetrics Ltd.'s Canada QUIET. *Canadian Society on Studies of Education News*, 28, 18.

Reports

Tamis-LeMonda, C. & Cabrera, N. (1999). Perspectives on father involvement: Research and policy. *Social Policy Report*, Society for Research in Child Development, Volume XIII.

Cabrera, N. (1997, Winter). Rich research opportunities: The report of the roundtable on Head Start research. *Journal of the National Head Start Association*, 48-51.

Phillips, D. & Cabrera, N. (1996). *Beyond the Blueprint: Directions for research on Head Start families*. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press.

Encyclopedia Articles

Cabrera, N. (in press). Father involvement: Models and theoretical frameworks. In C. S. Fischer & R. Lerner (Eds.), *Human Ecology: An encyclopedia of children, families, communities, and environments*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.

Cabrera, N. (2002). Father involvement and child development: An overview. In N. J. Salkind (Ed.), *Macmillan Psychology Reference Series, Vol. 1: Child Development*. pp. 143-158. New York: Macmillan Reference USA.

Articles and books in preparation

Cabrera, N., Peters, E., & Hutchens, R. *From welfare to child care: What happens to young children when single mothers exchange welfare for work.* (In preparation).

Cabrera, N., Shannon, J., Tamis-LeMonda, C., & Lamb, M. (2003). Learning through play: Fathers' and mothers' influence on their toddler's socioemotional development during play. University of Maryland.

Cabrera, N., Shannon, J., Tamis-LeMonda, C., & Lamb, M. (2003). He says, she says: Concordance between fathers' and mothers' report of involvement with their children. University of Maryland.

Shannon, J., Cabrera, N., Tamis-LeMonda, & Lamb, M. (2003). Who stays? Who leaves? Father involvement in Early Head Start. University of Maryland.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Invited International Presentations

Cabrera, N. (2002, July). *Ghosts in the nursery: The role of fathers in men's lives.* Invited discussant for a plenary session on fathers at the World Association of Infant Mental Health, Amsterdam, Holland.

Cabrera, N. (2000, July). *The intersection of research, social policy, and fatherhood.* Invited presentation at the Family Policy Studies Center, London, UK.

International Conference Presentations

Cabrera, N., Shannon, J., Guner, B. (2004, July). *Fathers and mothers at play with their 2- and 3-year olds: Contributions to socioemotional development.* To be presented at the International Society for the Study of Behavior and Development, Ghent, Belgium.

Cabrera, N., Shannon, J., Vogel, R., Raikes, H. & Tamis-LeMonda, C. (2004, May). *Low-income biological fathers' involvement in their toddlers lives.* International Society on Infant Studies. Chicago, IL.

Cabrera, N. (2002, April). *Challenges to father involvement in research: Insights gained from the Early Head Start National Evaluation,* International. Center for Infant Studies, University of Toronto, Canada.

Tamis-LeMonda, C., Cabrera, N., Fitzgerald, H., Berlin, L., & Roggman, L. (2000, July). *Focus on Father Involvement: Insights from Early Head Start.* Presented at the XII biennial international conference on Infant Studies, Brighton, UK.

- Cabrera, N., Boller, K., Brooks-Gunn, J., Love, J., Schiffman, R., & Shears, J. (2000, July). *Fathers in Early Head Start: Who are they?* Presented at the XII biennial international conference on infant studies, Brighton, UK.
- Cabrera, N. (1994, June). *Personal beliefs and evaluative responses to ill-structured problems: A quantitative approach*. Presented at the Canadian Association for Educational Psychology, Calgary, Canada.
- Cabrera, N. (1994, June). *State crimes committed by publicly funded educational institutions: Control and prevention*. Presented at the Canadian Association for the Study of Educational Administration, Calgary, Canada.
- Cabrera, N. (1993, August). *Personal beliefs and evaluative responses to ill-structured problems: A literature review*. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Cabrera, N. (1993, June). *Beliefs and performance in an inductive reasoning task: A neglected research agenda*. Presented at the Canadian Association for Educational Psychology, Ottawa, Canada.
- Cabrera, N. (1991, August). *Metacognition and theory of mind: A sociogenic developmental perspective*. Presented at the Third Annual Meeting of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society. Hamilton, Canada.
- Cabrera, N. (1991, May). *Critical thinking and personal beliefs*. Presented to the Department of Educational Psychology, University of Montréal. Montreal, Canada,
- Cabrera, N. (1989, June). *Metacognition: A sociogenic perspective*. Paper presented at the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meetings. Tel-Aviv, Israel.

Invited National Presentations

- Cabrera, N. (2003, December). *Prenatal determinants of father involvement*. Invited presentation at the U of Maryland Sociology Department, Family, Work, and Gender Seminar Series, College Park, MD.
- Cabrera, N., Shannon, J., & Gunner, B. (2003, November). *Residential fathers in the Early Head Start Study and Evaluation*, Couples II, NIH, Bethesda, MD.
- Cabrera, N. (2003, September). *Maternal employment, welfare, and child outcomes*. Invited discussant at the Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research, 2002-2003 HHS-ASPE/Census Bureau Research Development Grants Conference, 9/03, Washington, D.C.

- Cabrera, N. (2003, April). *Who stays? Who leaves: Father involvement in Early Head Start*. Invited presentation at the Michigan State Fatherhood Conference, Lansing, MI.
- Cabrera, N. (2001, February). *The DADS initiative: Measuring father involvement in large scale surveys*. Invited presentation at the Workshop on Measuring Father Involvement, Washington, D.C.
- Cabrera, N. (2001, April). *Fathers and child care in national studies*. Invited presentation at the Child Care Bureau Head Start research conference, Washington, D.C.
- Cabrera, N. (2000, July). *A demographic picture of children in the United States*. Invited presentation at the Meeting of the National Black Child Development Institute and National Council of La Raza, Miami, FL.
- Cabrera, N. (2000, April). *A Demographic picture of children in the United States*. Invited presentation at the meeting of the National Black Child Development Institute and National Council of La Raza, Washington, D.C.
- Cabrera, N. (2001, June). *Head Start research*. Invited discussant, National Research Meeting on Head Start Research, Washington, DC.
- Cabrera, N. (1998, July). *Father Studies: Collaborations to promote research on fathers and to expand the science base on low income and minority children*. Seminar co-sponsored by the Early Childhood Research Working Group, Washington, D.C.
- Cabrera, N. (1998, May). *Policy and research opportunities: Beyond academia*. Presented to the Graduate Seminar at the University of Maryland, College of Education, College Park, Maryland.
- Cabrera, N. (1997, June). *Directions of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in the context of the research on early brain development*. Seminar co-sponsored by the Institute for Educational Leadership, Inc. and the Early Childhood Research Working Group, Washington, D.C.
- Cabrera, N. (1996, March). *The Roundtable on Head Start research: Research opportunities*. Presented at the National Head Start Association Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

National Conference Presentations

- Cabrera, N. & Shannon, J. (2004, April). *Adolescent fathers' involvement with their 2 and 3 year old children*. Poster. Society for Research on Adolescents, Baltimore, MD.
- Cabrera, N., Shannon, J., Boller, K. (2004, June). *Men's prenatal involvement with their families: An Early Head Start perspective*. To be presented at the National Head Start Research Conference, 6/04, Washington, D.C.

Cabrera, N. (2002, April). *Young fathers and their children*. Discussant, Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA.

Shannon, J., Cabrera, N., Tamis-LeMonda, C., & Lamb, M. (2003, April). *Determinants of father involvement: Presence/absence, quality of engagement, and child outcomes*. Presented at the biennial SRCD meeting, Tampa, FL.

Cabrera, N., Tamis-LeMonda, Lamb, & Boller. (1999, August). *Measuring father involvement in the Early Head Start Evaluation: A multidimensional conceptualization*. Presented at the National Conference on Health Statistics, Washington, D.C.

Cabrera, N. (1999, April). *The demography and study of low income fathers*. Presented at the biennial SRCD meeting, Albuquerque, NM.

Cabrera, N. (1999, April). *Fatherhood research: Where do we come from? Where are we? Where are we going?* Presented at the biennial SRCD meeting, Albuquerque, NM.

Cabrera, N. (1999, March). *New perspectives on fatherhood research and policies*. Presented at the colloquium series organized by the Psychology department at New York University, NY, NY.

Cabrera, N. (1991, August). *Critical thinking and its role in global education*. Presented at the Eleventh Annual Conference on Critical Thinking and Educational Reform, Sonoma State University. Sonoma, California.

RESEARCH SUPPORT AND GRANT AWARDS

NIH PO1, Parental involvement and intergenerational parenting, co-PI, 200K-revise and resubmit status.

NHI, R01, under review, *Prenatal paternal involvement and child well-being*, co-PI, under review.

NIH, R03, *Paternal involvement and child-wellbeing in Latino families*, submitted.

GRB, U of MD, *Healthy Attachment Promotion for Parents and Infants: Fathers Study*, 2004 summer research support.

Ford Foundation, Newborn Study: Fathers and their infants in the Early Head Start Study and Evaluation. 2M, 2000-2003.

TEACHING

Undergraduate

Informal Logic, Lethbridge Community College, Canada

Introduction to Abnormal Psychology, Lethbridge Community College, Canada

Introduction to Psychology, Lethbridge Community College, Canada

The Sociology of Education, University of Lethbridge, Canada.

Foundations of Child Development, University of Maryland
Social Competence, University of Maryland

Graduate (all at the University of Maryland)

Fathering and Parenting: Multiple Developmental Perspectives

ADVISING

Bella Guner, EDHD, doctoral student, Graduate Assistanship, 2002-present
Allison Holmes, EDHD, doctoral student, Chair of dissertation committee, degree expected 2007
Jason Robertson, EDHD, Master thesis, advisor, degree expected 2006
Ebony Dashiell, Psychology, Master thesis, December 2004.
LeeAnne Montgomery, EDHD, doctoral student, member of portfolio committee, 2004
Christy Edmonds, EDHD, doctoral student, member of portfolio committee, 2004
Heidi McClothlin, EDHD, doctoral student, member of the dissertation committee, 2004
Jacqueline Shannon, member of dissertation committee, NYU, 2002.

Observation of Graduate Student's Teaching
Stefannie Sinno, EDHD, doctoral student, 9/03
Angel Kim, EDHD, doctoral student, 2/04

REVIEW FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS/PUBLISHERS

Child Development
Developmental Psychology
Parenting, Science, and Policy
Psychological Review
Perceptual and Motor Skills
Social Psychology
Cambridge University Press
Journal of Marriage and the Family
British Journal of Psychology

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2004 NCATE
2003 Standing committee and secretary of the Faculty staff meetings, Human Development
2202 Salary Review Committee, Human Development
2002 Graduate Admissions Committee, Human Development