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Biography

Elizabeth Cauffman is a Professor in the Department of Psychological Science in the School of Social Ecology and holds courtesy appointments in the School of Education and the School of Law. Dr. Cauffman received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from Temple University and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center on Adolescence at Stanford University. At the broadest level, Dr. Cauffman's research addresses the intersect between adolescent development and juvenile justice. She has published over 100 articles, chapters, and books on a range of topics in the study of contemporary adolescence, including adolescent brain development, risk-taking and decision-making, parent-adolescent relationships, and juvenile justice. Findings from Dr. Cauffman's research were incorporated into the American Psychological Association's amicus briefs submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roper v. Simmons*, which abolished the juvenile death penalty, and in both *Graham v. Florida* and *Miller v. Alabama*, which placed limits on the use of life without parole as a sentence for juveniles. As part of her larger efforts to help research inform practice and policy, she served as a member of the MacArthur Foundation's Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice as well as the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on the Neurobiological and Socio-behavioral Science of Adolescent Development and Its Applications. Dr. Cauffman currently directs the Center for Psychology & Law (<http://psychlaw.soceco.uci.edu/>) as well as the Masters in Legal & Forensic Psychology program (<https://mlfp.soceco.uci.edu/>) at UCI. To learn more about her research, please visit her Development, Disorder, and Delinquency lab website.

Areas of Expertise

Social Ecology, Juvenile Justice, Adolescent Development, Mental Health, Legal and Social Policy

Affiliations

President-Elect of the Society for Research on Adolescence , National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine : Member, Society for Research on Adolescence : Executive Council

Education

Temple University

PhD Developmental Psychology

University of California, Davis

BA Psychology

Accomplishments

Social Ecology Professor of the Year
2014 University of California, Irvine

Chancellor's Fellow
2012 University of California, Irvine

Dean's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
2011 University of California, Irvine

Associated Graduate Students Mentoring Award
2010 University of California, Irvine

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