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Dr. Lefkowitz's research focuses on sexual health across adolescence and the transition to adulthood

Biography

Dr. Lefkowitz's research takes a developmental perspective on sexual behaviors and attitudes during adolescence and the transition to adulthood. She has addressed two major areas of research: (1) predictors of negative and positive aspects of sexual health; and (2) broader health and relationship implications of sexual health. Across her research projects, she includes individuals from diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds, and asks research questions about how fundamental processes may differ by factors such as gender or race/ethnicity. She has been a principal investigator, co-investigator, or faculty mentor on projects funded by the NICHD, NIAAA, NIA, NIDA, and the WT Grant Foundation. Current projects include the University Life Study, a measurement burst design study in which researchers followed college students across seven semesters to examine their sexual behavior, alcohol use, and other health behaviors, and the PROSPER Peers study, in which researchers are using social network data to better understand how peers and romantic partners influence sexual behaviors. Dr. Lefkowitz is also currently developing a new line of research on sexual violence on college campuses.

Areas of Expertise

Sexuality, Sexual Behavior, Adolescence, Risky Behaviors, Romantic Relationships, Sexual Health, Transition to Adulthood, Emerging Adulthood

Affiliations

National Council on Family Relations : member., Society for Research in Child Development : member., Society for Research on Adolescence : member., Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood : member.

Education

University of California, Los Angeles
Ph.D. Developmental Psychology

University of California, Los Angeles
M.A. Psychology

Brandeis University
B.A. magna cum laude Psychology