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<b>Clinical Interests</b>	<p>My clinical interests are focused on the early treatment of autism and family factors related to the early treatment of autism, as well as the diagnostic assessment of very young children (0-3 yrs.) with expertise in the early identification of autism.</p> <p>My research activities include assisting Dr. Sally Rogers in providing clinical oversight to the MIND Institute treatment team of the Early Steps Study. The Early Steps Study is a NIH-funded, ACE Network grant involving a multisite randomized clinical trial which is examining the efficacy of the Early Start Denver Model as a treatment approach in early autism.</p>
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<b>Professional Memberships</b>	<p>American Psychological Association</p> <p>Autism Society of America</p> <p>International Society of Autism Research</p>
<b>Select Recent Publications</b>	<p>Nordahl, C. W., Simon, T., Zierhut, C., Solomon, M., Rogers, S., &amp; Amaral, D. Methods for acquiring Structural MRI data in 2 ? 4 year old children without the use of sedation.</p> <p>Sigman, M., Ruskin, E., Arbelle., Corona, R., Dissanayake., Espinosa, M., Kim, N., Lopez, A., &amp; Zierhut, C. (1999) Social competence in children with autism, down syndrome, and other developmental delays: A longitudinal study. Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development.</p> <p>Stone, W., Ousley, O.Y., &amp; Littleford, C. (1998). Motor imitation in young children with autism: What?s the object?. Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology.</p>

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