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Invited Program Roundtable

Tips for Conducting International Research on Adolescent Development

Moderator: **Marcela Raffaelli**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Panelists: **Gustavo Carlo**, University of Missouri
Gail M. Ferguson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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Integrative Statement. Internationalization offers many benefits to individuals, institutions, and disciplines. Yet extending a research agenda across borders presents multiple challenges, discouraging many scholars from pursuing international activities. The goal of this session is to provide practical tips and resources for SRA members working (or interested in working) internationally. The session brings together distinguished scholars who conduct basic and applied research, and engage in academic training, across multiple countries and continents. Each brings a different set of experiences and perspectives from their extensive and varied international work around the globe. Collectively, they have mentored graduate students and young scholars from around the world; obtained funding to conduct interdisciplinary or international research; and disseminated their work through professional organizations and high quality journals.

Panelists will give brief overviews of their international experience then respond to questions posed by the chair. Questions will cover both scientific and logistical issues, such as:

- How can we elevate the value and importance of conducting international research to funding agencies and research journals, increasing likelihood of funding and publication?
- What types of scientific issues are typically encountered in international research (e.g., methodological issues, measurement aspects)?
- How can we address logistical issues in international work (e.g., IRB/ethical aspects, forming/leading productive research teams, dealing with budgetary and administrative aspects)?
- How can graduate programs prepare young scholars to conduct international research?

The session will encourage interaction among panelists, and time will be reserved for audience questions and general discussion.



Moderator Biography. Dr. Raffaelli has dedicated her 20+ year academic career to international scholarship and teaching aimed at generating and applying knowledge about youth growing up in situations of adversity across the globe. She has conducted collaborative research with colleagues, and served as a mentor to young scholars, from Brazil and Mexico. Dr. Raffaelli's long-standing involvement in international research activities has resulted in various forms of professional recognition. For example, she has been invited to contribute chapters on international issues for publication in prestigious edited volumes, such as the Oxford Handbook of Human Development and Culture. She has been involved in SRA committees focused on international issues, and was asked to edit a special issue of the Journal of Research on Adolescence on Majority World adolescents. In 2013, she received the Jan Trost Award for Outstanding Contributions to Comparative Family Sciences from the International Section of the National Council on Family Relations.