Developmental Reading List
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Outline

Core Areas
1. Developmental Meta-Theory, Methods and Issues
2. Cognitive Development
3. Social-Emotional Development
4. Developmental Psychopathology
5. Contexts of Development

Additional Readings
Recommended Readings

CORE AREAS

I. Developmental Meta-Theory, Methods and Issues

Models of development

Developmental Science

Lifespan perspectives on Development

Issues
Popper, K. (1968). The logic of scientific discovery. Chapter 4, Falsifiability (pp. 78-92).

Developmental Methodology


II. Cognitive Development


III. Social-Emotional Development


### IV. Developmental Psychopathology


### V. Contexts of Development


**ADDITIONAL READINGS**

The *Handbook of Child Psychology* (2006) has magisterial surveys of virtually every domain of study in developmental psychology. Students are strongly urged to consult relevant chapters in preparation for preliminary examinations.

The *Handbook of Attachment*—the chapters on attachment in adolescence and adulthood are very good preparation for several of the questions on attachment beyond infancy.

**RECOMMENDED READINGS**


Nichols, J.G. (1978). The development of concepts of effort and ability, perception of academic attainment and the understanding that difficult tasks require more ability. *Child Development, 49*, 800-814


Siegler, R. S. (1994). Cognitive variability: A key to understanding cognitive