



**Prof. Louise Arseneault**

Louise Arseneault's is ESRC Mental Health Leadership Fellow, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience at MRC Social, Genetic & Developmental Psychiatry Centre in King's College. Her research focuses on the study of harmful behaviors such as violence and substance dependence, their developmental origins, their inter-connections with mental health, and their consequences for victims. In the early stages of her career, she examined harmful behaviors as a developmental outcome, primarily in adolescents and in adults. Over time, the focus of her research broadened to include harmful behaviors as causes of mental health problems. She has taken a developmental approach to investigate how the consequences of violence begin in childhood and persist to mid-life, by studying bullying victimization and child maltreatment. Her research aims are to answer questions relevant to psychology and psychiatry by harnessing and combining 3 different research approaches: developmental research, epidemiological methods and genetically-sensitive designs. Her work incorporates social as well as biological measurements.

Louise completed her PhD in biomedical sciences at the University of Montreal and moved to the UK for a post-doctoral training at the MRC Social, Genetic and Developmental Psychiatry Center. She has been working with well-known longitudinal cohorts such as the Montreal Longitudinal Cohorts, the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study and the Environmental Risk (E-Risk) Longitudinal Twin Study, a nationally-representative sample of families with twins in England and Wales. She has also been exploring another important nationally-representative cohort, the National Child Development Survey (NCDS), with a Mid-Career Fellowship Award from the British Academy. She has recently been appointed the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Mental Health Leadership Fellow.



**Prof. Gerald P. Mallon**

Gerald P. Mallon, DSW, is the Julia Lathrop Professor of Child Welfare, the Associate Dean of Research and the Executive Director of the National Center for Child Welfare Excellence at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College in New York City. Dr. Mallon earned his doctorate in Social Welfare from the City University of New York at Hunter College, holds an MSW from Fordham University and a BSW from Dominican College.

For more than 42 years, Dr. Mallon has been a child welfare practitioner, advocate, educator, and researcher. He was the first child welfare professional in the country to research, write about, and develop child protection programs for LGBTQ youth in child welfare settings. Dr. Mallon has lectured and worked extensively throughout the United States, and internationally in Australia, Canada, Cuba, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, and the United Kingdom .

Dr. Mallon's scholarship and practice has been recognized through multiple awards, is the Senior Editor of Child Welfare and the author or editor of more than twenty-three books. In his role as the Executive Director of the NCCWE, Dr. Mallon has traveled to all 50 states, many territories and numerous tribes to deliver technical assistance and training on a range of child welfare related issues particularly as they relate to youth and to foster care.

Dr. Mallon also lives the talk he talks, in addition to being a child welfare professional for his entire career, he has been a foster parent and is the adoptive parent of now grown children .