

# Families in the digital age: Early learning, play, and interactions in the context of screen media

The family media ecology is becoming increasingly complex. The last decade has seen a dramatic increase in young children's access to (and use of) mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablet computers. Yet television and videos remain the most commonly used media among families with young children, and many American infants live in homes where background television is ever-present. Dr. Heather Kirkorian will share findings from her experimental research on the impact of screen media on early learning and play. Dr. Kirkorian will consider differential impact based on media content, social context, and individual child factors. Specific topics will include toddlers' learning from different types of screen media, as well as the impact of background television on play and parent-child interactions.

**About the speaker:** Dr. Heather Kirkorian is an Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also holds the Laura M. Secord Chair in Early Childhood Development as well as affiliations in the Departments of Psychology and Educational Psychology. She studies the impact of digital media on attention, learning, and play in infants and young children using behavioral, observational, and psychophysiological methods. Recent publications include a chapter in the Handbook of Child Psychology and Developmental Science and empirical articles in Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, Psychological Science, Pediatrics, and Child Development.

**Join us for this invited talk!**  
**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30 am | Fralin Hall Auditorium**



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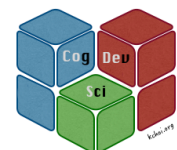
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