

George F. Michel

George Michel received his doctoral training, supported as an NIMH Fellowship, in developmental psychobiology at the Institute of Animal Behavior (under the direction of Daniel S. Lehrman) and cognitive psychology at the Institute for Cognitive Studies (under the direction of Solomon Asch) at Rutgers University in Newark. His dissertation examined the experiential factors responsible for progesterone induced incubation in ring doves. Subsequently, he was an NICHD Post-doctoral Fellow at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston where he studied developmental neuropsychiatry and neuropsychology under the direction of Peter H. Wolff. He remained at Children's hospital for 10 years as an Officer of Harvard University Medical School. During that time, he spent nearly a year as a Fellow of the Max Planck Institute for Child Psychiatry in Munich under the direction of Detlev Ploog. In 1988, he joined the psychology department of DePaul University in Chicago and served as department chair from 1995 to 1998. In 2001, he was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the journal "Developmental Psychobiology". He is a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science and Divisions 3 (Experimental Psychology) and 6 (Behavioral Neuroscience) of the American Psychological Association. In 2005, he served as elected President of the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology. In 2004, he moved to Greensboro NC to become head of the psychology department at UNC-Greensboro and has remained there as a Professor of Psychology. He has published two books on developmental psychobiology (both with Celia Moore) and is Associate Editor of the Cambridge Encyclopedia of Child Development (2006). He has published 12 book chapters addressing such topics as infant sensorimotor development, developmental neuropsychology, anthropomorphism in animal cognition, and the relation of hormones and experience in parental care. His peer-reviewed empirical publications include more than 70 articles dealing with a diverse set of topics including: development of emotional expression in infants, origin and consequences of parental care, experience-hormone interactions in animals, the neuropsychology of dyslexia, and the development of handedness. He has talked at more than 120 Conferences and Universities around the world (in Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, Austria, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan). His research has been supported by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the National Science Foundation.