

The University of Hong Kong
Department of Psychology

Departmental Seminar

The Active Infant

Date: December 9, 2013 (Monday)
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Venue: Room 6.48, 6/F The Jockey Club Tower, Centennial Campus,
HKU
Speaker: Dr. Merideth Gattis
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This talk will examine the question of whether infants are active participants their own development. I will present evidence from two longitudinal studies investigating how infants learn from social partners, and how learning changes across the first two years of life. I will argue that infants are active participants in constructing social environments, and will demonstrate how infant participation shapes the development of language and cognition. These findings have implications for theories of both typical and atypical human development.