

Network Member Bio



Carol Lynn Martin is a Professor of Family and Human Development at Arizona State University. Her work has focused on understanding how children's cognitions about gender influence their memory, exploration, impression formation, and behavior. A more recent interest is in children's play patterns; specifically, how and why sex segregation occurs in children's play, the correlates of this type of play, and the consequences that may accrue from spending time with same-sex play partners. She is also involved in a research project in which play patterns are modeled using computer simulations, and this research team also has been developing new methods for assessing dynamic changes in play partners over time. Funding through NICHD and NSF has been requested to expand these projects. She is also involved in a NICHD-funded study of how children's early peer experiences influence their later school adjustment with Dr. Gary Ladd. After obtaining a B.A. from the University of Georgia in psychology, she received an M.S. degree in Experimental Psychology (Human Cognition) at Rutgers—The State University, and then moved to the University of Georgia to earn her Ph.D. in Child and Family Development. Dr. Martin has been on the faculty at the University of British Columbia in Family Sciences. She was recently named as a Cowden Distinguished Professor at Arizona State University. She is one of the authors of the *Handbook of Child Psychology* chapter on gender development. She has been on the editorial boards for several journals, and presently serves as an Associate Editor for *Developmental Psychology*. She is a Fellow in the American Psychological Association. Dr. Martin has served on several national committees funded by NSF, which were devoted to understanding the processes underlying stereotyping, discrimination, and prejudice. She is a co-organizer of the newly formed Gender Development Conference, the first of which was held in conjunction with SRCD in 2001 and the next is planned for 2004.