GUEST SPEAKER

Akhgar Ghassabian, M.D., Ph.D.

Epidemiologist
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Tuesday, November 3, 2015
10:00 am – 11:00 am
Ritter Annex, Room 941, 9th Floor

Open to all Faculty, Staff and Students.

“Modifiable Risk Factors of Childhood Psychopathology: Population-based studies of cognition and behavior”

Dr. Ghassabian obtained her Medical Degree in Tehran, Iran and completed a PhD in epidemiology at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Her primary research interests center on identifying important prenatal risk factors that contribute to the development of childhood psychopathology. Dr. Ghassabian’s doctoral thesis used data from Generation R, a large population-based study from Rotterdam, the Netherlands, in which more than 9000 children and their parents have been followed from fetal life onwards. In this work, she explored the neurodevelopmental outcomes associated with prenatal exposures, with a particular focus on maternal endocrine disruption and diet. Currently, Dr. Ghassabian is a postdoctoral fellow on the Upstate KIDS research team in the Division of Intramural Population Health Research, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, where she further investigates prenatal risk factors of child neurodevelopment using a life-course epidemiological approach. This research focuses on the impact of maternal health, preconception or during pregnancy, on children’s development.