Abstract:
Depression is a neurodevelopmental disorder that shows a dramatic rise in rates from childhood into adolescence and then early adulthood. Decades of research demonstrate that there is no single cause that contributes to depression onset and recurrence across the lifespan. Rather, numerous influences are present and co-exist, including genetic, biological, temperamental, biological, cognitive, and environmental. This talk will take a developmental psychopathology perspective to understand the ontogeny of depression from childhood into adolescence and young adulthood, and will focus on how multiple levels of analysis can be investigated to better understand the etiology and development of depression among youth.