ABSTRACT
In Dr. Iverson’s talk, she will present findings from two lines of research designed to address the broader issue of the relationship between early motor development and later communicative and language development. The first assesses whether delays and atypicalities in early motor development provide an index of eventual autism spectrum disorder diagnosis; and the second asks whether such delays also influence infants’ interactions with objects and people in ways that may exert far-reaching, cascading effects on development.

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