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THE TOXIC STRESS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVERSITY:

Rethinking Health and Education Policy

Feb. 7, 3:00-4:00 PM

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Moderated by Abigail Trafford, author and former health editor at *The Washington Post*, with expert participants including HSPH's [Jack Shonkoff](#) and Robert Block, president, American Academy of Pediatrics

Evidence suggests that for the youngest children, prolonged or severe exposure to abuse, neglect and economic hardship - exacerbated by a dearth of stable, supportive relationships with adults -- can provoke a "toxic stress response" with lifelong health consequences. This *Forum* event will examine how health and education policies can be both harnessed and revamped to counteract early childhood adversity. It will include a discussion of a new policy statement, "[Early Childhood Adversity, Toxic Stress, and the Role of the Pediatrician: Translating Developmental Science Into Lifelong Health](#)," issued by the *American Academy of Pediatrics*.

Questions for the panel?

- * Tweet questions using the hash tag #toxicstressforum
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[HSPH Office of Diversity 4th Annual Unity Reception](#)

Feb. 22, 5:30-7:00 PM

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Light refreshments and dessert will be served.

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Whether drafting a plan to help patients make healthier food choices or designing an electronic medical records system, the more public health professionals know about user preferences, the more likely the initiative will be successful.

Researcher honored

[Xiang Gao](#), research scientist in the Department of Nutrition, will receive a Leadership and Expertise Award from the Friedman School Alumni Association on April 29 at Tufts University.

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