

BRINDA JEGATHEESAN

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RESEARCH AREAS

Educational Psychology

Learning Science and Human Development

Developmental Disabilities

SCHOLAR SNAPSHOT

Professor Jegatheesan's research focuses on the bond between animals and children and the essential role that animals play in their socialization process in cultures throughout the world. She serves as vice president development for the International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations and on the board of the International Society for Anthrozoology. She is editor of the science section of the journal *People and Animals: The International Journal of Research and Practice* and a member of the editorial board for the Human-Animal Bond Research Initiative Foundation. She also serves as a Fellow at the Institute for Human-Animal Connection.

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In addition, Professor Jegatheesan's scholarship explores the development of children with neurobiological disorders (autism) and other intellectual and developmental disabilities and medical illness; children of trauma (domestic violence, neglect, poverty); child development, parenting and family functioning in global contexts; indigenous language revival/preservation and learning; and children's moral emotions, reasoning, judgement and response.

Professor Jegatheesan is multilingual and has worked as a bilingual general and special education teacher in Asia and Hawaii. Her work has been featured in numerous media outlets including The Sacramento Bee, The Washingtonian Magazine, and Wisconsin Public Radio in the US and in Taiwan, China and Japan.

IN DEPTH

Professor Jegatheesan discusses the positive effects dogs can have on children on Wisconsin Public Radio.

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