

## Collaborative Award Recipients

**Maureen Allwood** and **Cathy Spatz Widom**, Department of Psychology. **Distinguished Professor Cathy Widom** is a leading researcher of the long-term consequences of child abuse and neglect. **Assistant Professor Maureen Allwood** researches children and adolescents' emotional, behavioral and physiological responses to trauma and violence (e.g., war, domestic, community violence), including Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and delinquent behaviors. In this collaborative project between junior and senior faculty members, Professor Widom will continue in a formal mentoring role with Professor Allwood which began when they worked together on a project for the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). The current project examines the role of maternal trauma as a mechanism in the intergenerational transmission of child abuse and neglect, using data from an existing large-scale prospective cohort design study funded by the NICHD study led by Professor Widom.

**Cynthia Mercado**, Associate Professor, and **Elizabeth Jeglic**, Associate Professors in the Department of Psychology; and **Lila Kazemian**, Associate Professor Department of Sociology. Professors Mercado and Jeglic have collaborated on a National Institute of Justice study examining sex offender treatment, civil commitment, and risk for recidivism in New Jersey and have collaborated on other projects involving sexual violence. In this interdisciplinary collaboration they will team with Professor Kazemian who brings expertise in life course and criminal careers, as well as statistical methods. The team will examine an existing dataset that includes archival data on the offense patterns and characteristics of over 3,000 sex offenders, looking at particular offenses and the escalation of criminal careers of sex offenders.