

The Nature/Nurture Mixture

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The nature/nurture interaction is a vibrant and important field of study in behavioral science. Terrie Moffitt has focused her research on how genes and environment can, in certain combinations, spur antisocial and criminal behaviors. Her groundbreaking research, in collaboration with psychological scientist Avshalom Caspi, showed that individuals with a specific genotype are more vulnerable to developing antisocial and violent behavior if they are mistreated during childhood. She's also linked another genotype to a risk for depression in the wake of stressful life events.

[Watch Terrie Moffitt's keynote address at the inaugural International Convention of Psychological Science.](#)