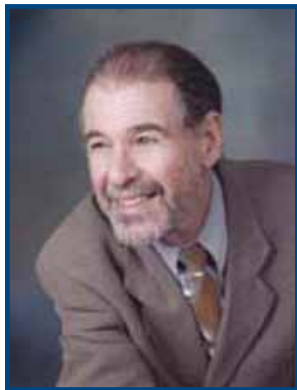


Public Lecture

2010 ASB Visiting Professor

Professor Barry M. Lester



**“How does methamphetamine ‘P’
and other drug use during pregnancy
affect the outcome of children?”**

7.00 – 8.30 pm Wednesday 10th February 2010

Room 260-073/OGGB4

Level 0, Owen G Glenn Building,

12 Grafton Road, Auckland

Dr Lester is Professor of Psychiatry & Human Behavior and Pediatrics at Brown Medical School. He received his PhD in Developmental Psychology from Michigan State University in 1973. He also completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. He is the founder and Director of the Brown Center for the Study of Children at Risk a joint initiative between Women & Infants Hospital and Brown Medical School. His research specialty is developmental processes in infants at risk, including infants with prenatal substance exposure. He is particularly interested in the interplay between the biological, parenting, and social environmental forces that drive development.

His research has been supported by NIH grants for over 30 years. A past member of NIH study sections, Dr. Lester is currently a member of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse. He is Principal Investigator of two of the largest and longest running longitudinal, multi-site studies of prenatal exposure to drugs. His Maternal Lifestyle study is currently following up adolescents who were exposed prenatally to crack-cocaine and his Infant Development, Environment and Lifestyle study is currently following up 5 year old children who were exposed prenatally to methamphetamine “P”. His interest and research in this area has led to the development of a standardized measure of early neurobehaviour of high risk infants and a Vulnerable Infants Program in collaboration with the family courts. This program provides the much needed support of parenting in families where one or more parents are drug dependent.

Professor Lester is past President of the International Association of Infant Mental and currently he is a member of the U.S. National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse.

