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SURVIVING CHILDHOOD

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON THE LINK BETWEEN CHILDHOOD TRAUMA AND PSYCHOSIS

Martine van Nierop, 30 januari 2015

1. Adopting a stratified medicine approach may aid us in understanding underlying mechanisms of mental illness and provide us with more effective treatment options. (*this thesis*)
2. Childhood traumatic experiences are associated with a mixed phenotype of psychopathology. (*this thesis*)
3. False-positive ratings of self-reported psychotic experiences are phenotypically continuous with clinical psychosis but discontinuous in need for care. (*this thesis*)
4. The experience of ‘Intention to harm’ is a key component linking childhood traumatic experiences to psychosis. (*this thesis*)
5. Continuing to rely on diagnostic categories not based on biological mechanisms will prohibit true scientific progress. (*this thesis*)
6. ‘The question of nature versus nurture is a false dichotomy’. (*Matt Ridley*)
7. ‘Your assumptions are your windows on the world. Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won’t come in’. (*Isaac Asimov*)
8. A state of social defeat is a logical and effective evolutionary development; the withdrawal from a fight that you know you will lose will preserve your life. (*John Scott Price*)
9. Additional psychological (trauma-)treatment can greatly decrease the cost of mental healthcare.
10. By preventing abuse we prevent the development of future abusers.
11. ‘See first, think later, then test. But always see first. Otherwise you will only see what you were expecting. Most scientists forget that.’ (*Douglas Adams*)