Comments from the 2002 Summer Institute Students

Not only did I have the opportunity to meet distinguished faculty in youth violence research as well as get great ideas for a potential dissertation, I had a great time. Who knew graduate students could be so much fun? ~ Robin Toblin, Clinical Psychology, University of Southern California

Attending the workshop really broadened my thinking about aggression research. During my discussions with other students, I learned a great deal about their research, as well as my own. I came home with a list of researchers from the fields of sociology, criminology, and psychology - many of whom I had never heard of before, but all doing work related to my dissertation project. The faculty and students' comments on my proposal have been extremely helpful in revising it, and I will remember their more general suggestions when I am writing a grant proposal. Attending the summer institute was honestly one of the most rewarding experiences of my graduate career.
~ Catherine Bradshaw, Human Development, Cornell University

My Summer Institute experience was exceptional. In addition to gaining a wealth of exposure to a range of essential topics in violence prevention research, I made important connections with others who share my enthusiasm for programmatic intervention. The caliber of both the students and the researchers attending the Institute fueled stimulating discussion during the sessions and during our evening down times as well. I'm certain that the affiliations formed during that week will develop into substantive collaborations as each of us carves out our niche in this crucial research domain.
~ Julie R. Morales, Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota

I really think Nancy did a great job of making students feel welcome and at ease. I enjoyed all her presentations and greatly appreciated her flexibility and her emphasis on “the take home message!” ~ Anonymous

Thank you so much for providing this opportunity. The networking is invaluable and I certainly learned both theoretical and practical new approaches to my area of expertise. ~ Anonymous

Having participants from various disciplines was a great approach. I had a great time and met several people I hope to collaborate with in the future. ~ Anonymous

...Overall, this has been a fantastic experience. Thank you for the hard work in putting together a great first summer institute. ~ Anonymous