

Dr. Krista Lisdahl

Dr. Krista Lisdahl is an Associate Professor of Psychology and serves as the Director of the UWM Brain Imaging and Neuropsychology (BraIN) laboratory. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 2005 and completed a Clinical Neuropsychology Internship at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, as well as a NIDA-funded two-year Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology, Neuroimaging, and Addiction at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Lisdahl's main specialization is in clinical neuropsychology, neuroimaging, addiction, drug effects, and adolescent brain development. Her main area of research is studying the neurocognitive consequences of chronic drug use (alcohol, cannabis, nicotine and ecstasy) during adolescence and young adulthood using magnetic resonance imaging and neuropsychological assessment. She also attempts to explain individual differences by examining whether gender, genetics, or lifestyle factors (body mass index, physical activity) moderate these effects. She has published over 40 peer-reviewed manuscripts and book chapters on these topics and has had funding from the National Institute of Health (NIH) since 2005. Her work has been featured in numerous radio shows and interviews, and the NIH and White House awarded Dr. Lisdahl a Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering (PECASE) in 2012.