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Linda Spear is a SUNY Distinguished Professor in Behavioral Neuroscience, Department of Psychology, at Binghamton University. She has served as President of the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society, International Society for Developmental Psychobiology, and Neurobehavioral Teratology Society, and as a member of NIDA, NIAAA, and NCRR review committees, the extramural advisory boards of NIDA and NIAAA, as well as the NIAAA National Advisory Council. As detailed in her 285+ publications, including a book entitled the Behavioral Neuroscience of Adolescence, her research largely focuses on the use of animal models to characterize neurobehavioral features of adolescence, with a particular emphasis on sensitivity to and long-term consequences of alcohol use during adolescence. Dr. Spear currently directs the Developmental Exposure Alcohol Research Center (DEARC) and is a member of the consortium on the Neurobiology of Adolescent Drinking in Adulthood (NADIA) – both NIAAA-funded initiatives. She was the 2005 recipient of the Keller Award, an award given annually by NIAAA to “an outstanding alcohol researcher who has made significant and long-term contributions” to the study of alcohol abuse and alcoholism, and in 2012 received the Henri Begleiter Excellence in Research Award from the Research Society on Alcoholism as well as the Elsevier Distinguished Lecture Award given by the Neurobehavioral Teratology Society.