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**“Cognitive Functioning from 18 to 80”**

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One of the most fundamental questions in the field of cognitive aging concerns the relation between age and cognitive functioning. That is, when does age-related cognitive change begin, and to what extent is it normative? These questions are important for both theoretical (i.e., what mechanisms are responsible for normal and pathological aging), and practical (i.e., when is the optimal time to start interventions intended to remediate cognitive?) reasons. Despite their centrality and apparent simplicity, no consensus has yet been reached regarding answers to these questions. In this talk I will provide tentative answers to the questions based on results from the Virginia Cognitive Aging Project (VCAP). VCAP is a mixed cross-sectional (N = 4500) and longitudinal (N = 2100) study of aging and cognition in which adults ranging from 18 to 99 years of age perform each of 16 cognitive tests at each measurement occasion.

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