

Forgiveness Among Families

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About the Investigator and Her Research in Forgiveness

Dr. June Tangney has continued to study the self-conscious emotions (such as shame and guilt). She has been drawn to the study of forgiving oneself, because shame and guilt can motivate attempts to deal with those self-conscious emotions and forgiveness is one way that people deal with them. She is Professor of Psychology at George Mason University, Fairfax VA. She is a Fellow of the APA in the Division of Personality and Social Psychology, is co-editor of *Self-Conscious Emotions: Shame, Guilt, Embarrassment, and Pride* (1995) and *The Handbook of Self and Identity* (2004), and has served as Associate Editor of *Self and Identity*. Her primary interest is in the moral emotions of shame and guilt. Her research on the development and implications of moral emotions across the lifespan is summarized in *Shame and Guilt* (2002), co-authored by Ronda Dearing. She is currently examining the implications of moral emotions and moral cognitions in a longitudinal study of incarcerated offenders, drawing on principles of restorative justice and criminology to learn more about how to better facilitate desistance and rehabilitation.

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