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Dr. Levitt has held chair and institute directorships at the University of Southern California, Vanderbilt University and the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Levitt has been a MERIT awardee from the National Institute of Mental Health and served as a member of the National Advisory Mental Health Council for the National Institute of Mental Health. He is an elected member of the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives, an Elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Chairman of the Neuroscience Division of the AAAS, and a newly elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

Dr. Levitt is a Senior Fellow at the Center for the Developing Child at Harvard University, and serves as Scientific Director of the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, a policy council that brings the best research from child development and neuroscience to assist state and federal policy makers and private sector business leaders in making wise decisions regarding program investment. He has spoken on this topic in over 30 states.

Dr. Levitt's research focuses on the development of circuitry that controls learning, emotional and social behavior. His research focuses on genetic and environment factors that influence circuit formation, and the factors that increase risk for neurodevelopmental and neuropsychiatric disorders. His clinical research studies address disorder heterogeneity by studying children with neurodevelopmental disorders who also have co-occurring medical conditions, such as gastrointestinal disorders. This research has a goal of developing better diagnostic criteria and personalized treatments. He has published over 260 scientific papers.