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#### Abstract

Longitudinal data are necessary for the study of development, but researchers face many options with respect to designs. This workshop focuses on longitudinal mixed-methods designs, which refer to those research designs that integrates qualitative and quantitative data analyses. First, we will describe why researchers could consider mixed-method designs. Second, we describe three broad approaches to mixed-methods research designs and will cover concrete examples of these. Third, we present some possibilities that we envision for creative application of mixed-method designs and encourage participants to come up with their own examples of applications. Fourth, we conclude the workshop by addressing several challenges and opportunities relevant to longitudinal mixed-methods research, including considerations for the use of these methods among scholars who are either early career and/or are limited in their resources (e.g., time, money).

**Reading:** Klimstra, T. A., & Johnson, S. K. (in press). Longitudinal mixed methods in the study of young adults. In: A. Sorgente, J. R. Schwab, S. Claxton, & R. Vosylis (Eds.): *Flourishing as a Scholar: Research Methods for the Study of Emerging Adulthood*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK.