



## Dr. J. Randy Koch

is an associate professor in the Department of Psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Koch earned his doctorate in community psychology from Michigan State University in 1985. Prior to joining VCU in 2003, he was the Director of Research and Evaluation for the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, a position he held since 1989. In this position, he was responsible for evaluating publicly-funded behavioral healthcare services in Virginia as well as conducting a wide range of policy studies. Since joining VCU, his research interests have focused primarily on the prevention of youth tobacco use and methods for improving the quality of substance abuse services, both within the US and in other countries, especially program performance and outcome measurement. Among his current responsibilities, he is a co-investigator for the Center for the Study of Tobacco Products, an FDA-funded tobacco center of regulatory science; he is a Co-PI for the Virginia Youth Tobacco Projects, a statewide, multi-university research program on the causes and prevention of youth tobacco use; and he is the director of the VCU Humphrey Fellowship Program on Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Policy that brings mid-career professionals from low and middle-income countries to VCU for advanced leadership and technical training. Dr. Koch has also participated in a variety of international projects, including his current work serving on an expert committee for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime that is developing quality assurance mechanisms for drug dependence treatment services.