Early Childhood and Poverty

**Individualism**
- Willpower explains individual differences
- Positive outcomes are yours if you want
- What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger
- Health is the result of good choices

**Family Bubble**
- Parenting choices determine child outcomes
- Invisible: External factors influencing family, child

**Environments**
- Children’s environments = parents
- Environments matter

**Oppurtunity**
- Children are the future

**Fatalism**
- Damage done is damage done
- Cycle of poverty will always be with us

**Disparities**
- Positive outcomes are the norm
- Negative outcomes are the exception
- Individual choices determine disparities
- Solution = awareness of opportunities
- Solution = more (not better) programs

**Process**
- Black box
- Naturalism: Kids just grow up
- Children are undeveloped
- Children are containers; fill ‘em up
- Early learning = morals and manners, or ABCs

What’s in the swamp of...