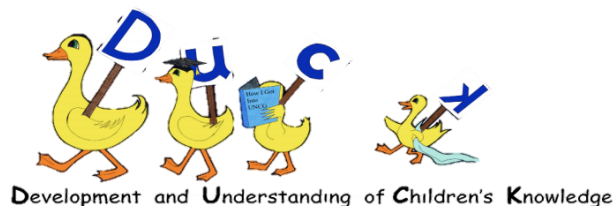


DUCK LAB NEWSLETTER

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Kids Klub at LeBauer Park: Crafts & Conversation

The DUCK Lab has continued to work with LeBauer Park to put together Crafts and Conversation for the Greensboro community every other Saturday from 11AM – 1PM. During those times, Dr. Janet Boseovski and Dr. Stuart Marcovitch are available to talk to parents about any child development related questions.

Simultaneously, our hard-working graduate students provide free, seasonal themed crafts to children of all ages. The crafts are designed to target key developmental skills, with a different craft aimed for children of specific age groups. The event has proven a success, with many families returning and enjoying the opportunity to make crafts.

Meet the DUCK Lab!

Lab Managers:

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Kimmy Marble

Research Assistants:

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Amber Campos
Delaney Collyer
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Natalie Suchy
Kailei Trippi
Kamya Vijayakrishnan

Directors:

Dr. Janet Boseovski
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Dr. Chris Erb

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Kathleen Bettencourt
Jessica Caporaso
Kimmy Marble

Master's Candidates:

Rachel Croce
Sarah Sipe
Andrea Yuly

Greensboro Science Center



The DUCK Lab has continued our collaborative research partnership with the Greensboro Science Center! As part of an ongoing project, we are seeking to understand how children learn and retain scientific information from parents and educators in the GSC setting.

Did you know that the GSC is one of only seven accredited locations in the U.S. to house a zoo, science center, and aquarium?!

In the coming months, we will be back for a new phase of our study. If you visit the GSC, you might spot us in the new Jeansboro Junction play area. Feel free to say hello!

HONORable Research Spotlight

Amber Campos is a former Undergraduate Research Assistant at the DUCK Lab who graduated last May. Last year, she completed an Honors project focused on children's experiences of schadenfreude (pleasure in others' misfortune) and the factors that contribute to it. Her project was funded through UNCG's Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Office and she presented her project at the Carolyn & Norwood Thomas Undergraduate Research and Creativity Exposition. Her experience in the lab allowed her to implement her research ideas and to explore her research interests at a greater depth. She hopes to pursue a future career in research and continues to volunteer in the lab.



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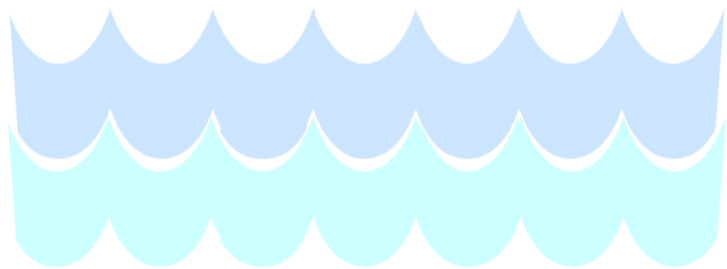
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Frequently Asked Questions

How is my child's information stored and used?

Your child's personal information is only accessible to our trained DUCK Lab members. Also, we use ID numbers on all stored data so that the information that we collect cannot be paired readily with your child's name.

How are DUCK Lab members trained?

All of our student research assistants have received rigorous training in ethical research practice and the proper administration of research protocols.

How can I be confident that the studies are okay for my child?

All our research is approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at UNCG. They help to ensure that our studies are always designed with your child's well-being in mind.

What are the studies like for my child?

Our data are collected through playing games and reading stories rather than "tests" in which children feel pressured to produce "right" answers.

**Further questions?
Feel free to contact us!**

Where are they now? DUCK Alums

Former graduate student **Dr. Candace Lapan** is currently serving as a Research Specialist at the University of Virginia. She is working with Dr. Sara Rimm-Kaufman and oversees the Connect Science Efficacy study. The study investigates the effectiveness of the newly developed Connect Science 4th grade curriculum, which teaches and reinforces essential science knowledge and social emotional skills with service learning. This year, she will oversee randomized control trials involving a group of intervention and comparison teachers. Among many responsibilities, she assists with the development and selection of student and teacher measures, trains and supports intervention teachers in their use of the curriculum, and collects and prepares data for publication. Candy hopes to continue to move her work forward in this direction, as she has enjoyed work in the applied developmental science field. The project has given her the opportunity to learn about the vast real-life applications of her work and has taught her important skills for conducting applied developmental science research.



Angela Dyson graduated in 2015, after completing an honors thesis and serving as the DUCK lab manager for two years. Currently, she is beginning her second year as a



Master's student in the Mental Health Counseling program at Wake Forest University. She hopes to eliminate negative connotations surrounding counseling and mental health, and seeks to provide individuals with the resources and help they may need in the counseling field. In addition to her Master's work, Angela works as a Human Resource Assistant and Switchboard Operator at the corporate office for the North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance, and as a Crisis Counselor with the Crisis Textline. In the future, Angela hopes to pursue her doctorate degree and to possibly work with families in a counseling office setting.



**Thank you for
participating!**

A Child's World- Cherry, A Child's World- Hartman, Apple Tree Academies, Apple Tree Academies – Greensboro, Arts and Basics, Big Brothers Big Sisters of High Point, Blanche S. Benjamin Branch Public Library, Building Blocks Children's Center, Childcare Network # 162, Childcare Network #161, Childcare Network #237, Childcare Network #242, Childcare Network #56, Childcare Network #78, Childcare Network #157, Childcare Network #163, Childcare Network #207, Children's Christian Playschool, Cogie Cathedral, Curry 205 UNCG, Curry Annex UNCG, Excel Christian Academy, Faith Wesleyan Childcare, Fellowship Day School, First Baptist Preschool, First Presbyterian Weekday Preschool, First Step Preschool, Friendly Ave Christian School, Greensboro Children's Museum, Greensboro Science Center, Greensboro Summer Solstice, Hartley Dr. Family YMCA (previously High Point YMCA), Hayes Taylor YMCA A.S. Program, Hemphill Branch Library, Hester's Creative Schools, Inc., Holy Trinity Day School, Jesse Wharton Elementary School, Jones Elementary School, Kids Ahead, Kids-R-Kids 1, Kids-R-Kids 2, La Petite Academy - Greensboro, LeBauer Park, Little Bo Peep Daycare, Little Feet Learning Center, Little Mouse Playhouse, Little One's World Academy, Little Thinkers, Mainstreet United Methodist Preschool, May Memorial Library, McGirt-Horton Branch Library, Mt. Pleasant Daycare Center, Muirs Chapel Christian Playschool, Our Children's House, Partners in Childcare, Proehlfic Park Family Sports Complex, Rainbow, Spears Family YMCA, St. Francis Day School, Sunshine House - Lawndale, Sunshine House - Vandalia, Sunshine House - Samet, Sunshine House - Walker, The Learning Palette Preschool, Touch-a-Truck Festival, Triad Christian Academy, Wee Care CDC, West Market Methodist Early Childhood Center