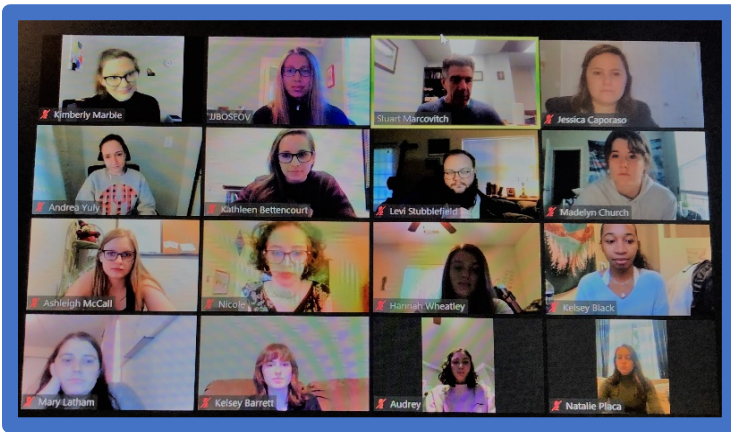




DUCK Lab Newsletter

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Lab Directors:
 Dr. Janet Boseovski & Dr. Stuart Marcovitch

Lab Manager:
 Kimmy Marble

Graduate Students:
 Kathleen Bettencourt, Jessica Caporaso, Kimmy Marble, Levi Stubblefield, & Andrea Yuly

Research Assistants & Volunteers:
 Kelsey Barrett, Kelsey Black, Maddy Church, Nicole Fanatico, Faith Latham, Ashleigh McCall, Audrey Owings, & Natalie Placa

Nicole Fanatico: From Honors Student to Recruitment Specialist

How can children simultaneously settle conflict and maintain social relationships? Nicole is investigating how 4- and 7-year-olds respond to social conflict with a liked peer, neutral peer, and disliked peer. Based on some preliminary data analyses, older children and girls competently respond to social conflict across all types of peers while younger boys respond more competently to disliked peers than any other peer. Nicole recently wrapped up the first phase of this project for the Honors program and will continue collecting data in 2021 to investigate the potential link between children's social competence and their regulation abilities.

In the meantime, we are excited to announce that Nicole has started a new position as the Child Development Research Center's Participant Recruitment Specialist! Nicole will take on the critical role of helping recruit new participants in order for research to continue during the pandemic. Our research relies on support and participation from the community and we are looking for volunteers to continue this important work. Nicole will launch revamped efforts to engage with our partners and prospective volunteers!



COVID-19: Lab Update

Sign up today to participate in new research opportunities!

Although our lab on campus has remained closed, our research assistants and volunteers continue to conduct virtual testing sessions via video conferencing applications such as Zoom. We strive to continue this research to advance knowledge about child development and inform policies aimed at improving children's lives. In addition, our undergraduate and graduate students rely on community research participation to complete their degrees through the UNCG Psychology Department. Due to COVID-19, our students are at risk of being delayed in their degree attainment and could use your help!

Graduate students Kathleen Bettencourt, Kimmy Marble, and Andrea Yuly have adapted their dissertation projects for 4- to 11-year-olds to take place virtually. Their research addresses questions regarding children's memory for time and knowledge of time patterns (e.g., seasons), children's beliefs about whether wealthy and knowledgeable people are obligated to help others, and children's perceptions of power and status within social hierarchies. You can sign up to participate in this research and many more studies at www.duck-lab.com!



Virtual Crafts & Conversations with LeBauer Park

COVID-19 has put face-to-face interaction on hold, but that has not stopped our team from providing fun crafts to the Greensboro community and beyond! In the past, Crafts & Conversation has been one way for families in the Triad to meet our lab co-directors and students, ask questions about our research and other child development topics, and enjoy free, age-appropriate crafts! Now, we have transitioned this event online, where families can follow along with our graduate students' demonstrations to make these crafts at home. The graduate students learned some new video editing skills to put together this digital content and show families how to substitute simple materials that they already have at home for some of these fun crafts. We are excited to stay engaged with the community this way and welcome your child development questions on our posts! Stay tuned to LeBauer Park and the DUCK Lab for information about a possible return to in person crafts in the spring.

Check out these videos for all ages and occasions as well as our blog about how crafts foster developmental skills on [LeBauer Park's Digital Kids Klub page](#) or [Facebook](#).

New Graduate Student: Levi Stubblefield

Levi is a North Carolina native and UNCG Alumnus who completed his undergraduate degree in Psychology in the Spring of 2020. Formerly an undergraduate Research Assistant in the DUCK Lab, he worked closely with the Greensboro Science Center team to collect data for our observational project related to children's engagement in play learning and the newer conservation project.

Levi is excited to continue with the DUCK Lab as a graduate student under the supervision of lab co-director, Dr. Stuart Marcovitch! Levi is interested in the gender development of transgender and nonbinary children. More specifically, he is interested in understanding how these children think about gender and how their own gender identity may have an effect on various aspects of their development.



Thank you for participating!

A Child's World-Cherry, A Child's World-Hartman, Altamahaw Baptist Daycare, Apple Tree Academies-Greensboro, Apple Tree Academies-High Point, Arts and Basics, Baptist Temple Day School, Big Brothers Big Sisters of High Point, 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, Childcare Network #242, Children's Christian Playschool, College Hill Childcare Co-operative, Curry 205 UNCG, Curry Annex UNCG, Day in the Park Festival, Educational Playtime Too-Spring Garden, Excel Christian Academy, Fellowship Day School, First Baptist Preschool, First Presbyterian Weekday Preschool, First Step Preschool, Friendly Ave Christian School, Friends Playhouse Child Care, Greensboro Children's Museum, Greensboro Science Center, Greensboro Summer Solstice, Guilford County Heart and Stroke Walk, Hartley Dr. Family YMCA, Hester's Creative Schools, Inc., Holy Trinity Day School, Jesse Wharton Elementary School, Jones Elementary School, Junior League of Greensboro Touch-a-Truck Festival, Kids Ahead, Kids-R-Kids 1, Kids-R-Kids 2, KinderCare Education, 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, Mt. Pleasant Daycare Center, Muirs Chapel Christian Playschool, Our Children's House, Science Everywhere, Small Wonders Early Education Center, Spartan Cinema, Spears Family YMCA, Sunshine House #209, Sunshine House #39, Sunshine House #40, Sunshine House #125, The Learning Palette Preschool, Wee Care CDC, West Market Methodist Early Childhood Center