
HDGG Newsletter Fall 2022



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Message from the HDGG Chair:

Dr. Lenna Ontai



Hello and welcome to another year of the UC Davis Human Development Graduate Group Program! I am delighted to begin my service as Chair of the program. While the chair role is new to me, I have been actively involved with HDGG for a long time, serving in several committee roles and as a graduate advisor, and most recently as Vice Chair where I received excellent mentoring from Dr. Amanda Guyer in her leadership of the program. I am excited to continue building on program strengths, including overseeing the upcoming program review that will be taking place over the next two years. I encourage everyone, including our program alumni, to participate in the review. There will be several options for everyone to share their voices throughout the process and I would love to hear them! Your input will help us to continue to grow and prepare the program for the next decade. I am excited for the year to come and look forward to supporting our students and faculty in fostering the next generation of developmental scientists.



HDGG Spotlight

Each newsletter we will be spotlighting one faculty member and one student about their current research.

HDGG Spotlight Faculty:

Dr. Brittany Chambers



Communication Committee (CC): From the past year, what is one professional or research-related accomplishment you are particularly proud of?

Brittany Chambers (BC): Engaging with undergraduate students to understand how structural racism and other systems of oppression impacts contextual determinants of health in HDE 137.

CC: What are your current research interests or professional goals?

BC: My research interests include using a community-based approach to better understand, measure, and dismantle racism to advance Black maternal health.

CC: What is one active or upcoming project that you are most excited about?

BC: I am so excited about my currently funded K01-*Community Racial Equity Training And Evaluation of Current and Future Health Care Clinicians (CREATE) Study*. You can find out more about it [here](#).

HDGG Student Spotlight:

Kristina Sayler



Communication Committee (CC): From the past year, what is one professional or research-related accomplishment you are particularly proud of?

Kristina Sayler (KS): I'm very proud of publishing some of my dissertation work in the Journal of Youth and Adolescence. Our paper is entitled " Parenting, Peers and Psychosocial Adjustment: Are the Same—or Different—Children Affected by Each?". I'm also honored to serve as an Associate Instructor this quarter for HDE 100A (Infancy and Early Child Development).

CC: What are your current research interests?

KS: My current research interest is on differential susceptibility to the effects of trauma exposure on developmental outcomes (e.g., cognitive deficits, problem behavior).

CC: What are your goals or plans post-dissertation?

KS: After I defend my dissertation, I plan to apply for Research Scientist positions through the State of California and consider policy work through local non-profits.



Please welcome the new HDGG
cohort!



Hala Alkhatib

Major Professor: Dr. Aubyn Stahmer



Maddy Frazier

Major Professor: Dr. Johnna Swartz



Aubrey Golden

Major Professor: Dr. Daniel Choe



Bri Grosskopf

Major Professor: Dr. Lenna Ontai



Allyson Snyder

Major Professor: Dr. Drew Cingel



Gustav (JD) Oppermann

Major Professor: Dr. Nicole Sparapani



Recent Accomplishments!



Andrea Cordero

Learning, Memory, and Plasticity (LaMP)

T32 training grant



Jennifer Falbe

Falbe J, Grummon AH, Krieger JW.

Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Taxes and
Population Health Outcomes. JAMA

Pediatr. 2022 Feb 1;176(2):129-131. doi:
10.1001/jamapediatrics.2021.5051.



Kevin Gee

2022 Outstanding Faculty Award from the UC Davis chapter of the Asian Pacific American UC-Systemwide Alliance (APASA)



Gail S. Goodman

Recipient, UC Davis Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Research Award, 2021

Eisen, M. E., **Goodman, G. S.**, Diep, J., Lacsamana, M., Ristrom, L., & Qin, J. (2021). Disclosures of sexual and physical abuse across repeated interviews. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*.



Randi Hagerman

Hibbard E Williams Lifetime Achievement Award May 2022 from UC Davis School of Medicine

Salcedo-Arellano MJ, **Hagerman RJ**. (2022) Recent research in fragile X-associated tremor/ataxia syndrome. *Curr Opin Neurobiol*. 2022 Feb;72:155-159. doi: 10.1016/j.conb.2021.11.006. Epub 2021 Dec 7. PMID: 34890957. 496.



Maciel Hernández

Hellman Fellowship

Hernández, M. M., Eisenberg, N., Valiente, C., Spinrad, T. L., Johns, S. K., Berger, R. H., Diaz, A., Silva, K. M., Thompson, M. S., Gal-Szabo, D., & Southworth, J. Effortful control and extensive observations of negative emotion as joint predictors of teacher–student conflict in childhood. *Early Education and Development*, 33: 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10409289.2020.1857169>



Ryan Hodge

Graduate Advisor to the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Chancellor (GSADC) (2022-2023)

Graduate Studies Dissertation Year Fellowship (2023-2024)



Lindsey Partington

Partington, L. C., Mashash, M., & Hastings, P. D. (2022). Family Thriving During COVID-19 and the Benefits for Children's Well-Being. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 13.



Elizabeth Prado

Awarded an R03 entitled "Investigation of a new sequential multiple hit model to examine risk and resilience in a prospective longitudinal cohort of children in Ghana" with co-investigators Haiying Yuan, Paul Hastings, and Amanda Guyer at UCD and Seth Adu-Afarwuah at the University of Ghana.



Julie Schweitzer

Title: Virtual Attention Reality Management Improving Attention in Children. NIMH/NIH. Principal Investigator: Schweitzer. Title: Can fidgeting lead to enhanced attention and emotional regulation in adult ADHD? NIH/NIMH. Principal Investigator.



Marika Sigal

Sigal, M., Ross, B. J., Behnke, A. O. & Plunkett, S. W. (2021). Neighborhood, peer, and parental influences on minor and major substance use of Latino and Black adolescents. *Children*, 8(4), 267. <https://doi.org/10.3390/children8040267>

For a complete list of accomplishments please check full list here: <https://humandevelopment.ucdavis.edu/accomplishments>





See you all in 2023!

