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.
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.
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

Randi Hagerman

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


Maciel Hernández

Hellman Fellowship

**Ryan Hodge**

Graduate Advisor to the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Chancellor (GSADC) (2022-2023)
Graduate Studies Dissertation Year Fellowship (2023-2024)

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**Lindsey Partington**

**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.

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**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


For a complete list of accomplishments please check full list here: https://humandevelopment.ucdavis.edu/accomplishments
See you all in 2023!