

A&S PSYCHOLOGY NEWSLETTER



CONGRATS PIETRA BRUNI!

Pietra Bruni was selected to be one of Vanderbilt University's representatives to the AAAS Catalyzing Advocacy in Science & Engineering Workshop that will be held in Washington, DC

March 26-29, 2023!



SUZANA HERCULANO-HOUZEL

Suzana Herculano-Houzel was featured in an article in The Washington Post!

"The T. rex may have been a lot smarter than you thought."

[Read the full article here!](#)

CONGRATS SEAN POLYN!



Children's memory "in the wild": examining the temporal organization of free recall from a week-long camp at a local zoo | Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications

[Read more here!](#)

GRANTS

kaas lab:

Kaas Lab received NIH/NINDS RO1 NS129982 grant titled:
"Area 3b hand cortex in primate: the targets and sources of extra-hand
suppressive surrounds".

Start date: January 1st, 2023. Jon Kaas (PI), Hui-Xin Qi (Co-PI).

Accepted manuscript:

Stepniewska I, Sofia Kahler-Quesada S, Kaas JH, and Friedman RM
Functional imaging and anatomical connections in squirrel monkeys
reveal parietal-frontal circuits underlying eye movements.
Cerebral Cortex 2023

Hui-Xin Qi, Jamie L. Reed, Chia-Chi Liao,
Jon H. Kaas

Regressive changes in sizes of somatosensory cuneate nucleus after
sensory loss in primates.

PNAS 2023



PUBLICATIONS

Newman, P. M., Qi, Y., Mou, W., & McNamara, T. P. (in press). Statistically optimal cue integration during human spatial navigation. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*

Kemberlee Bonnet & David Schlundt

"Assessing patient-level knowledge of precision medicine in a community health center setting."

[Read more here!](#)



Former Student Mike Treadway, who is now at Emory, research was featured in APA Newsletter!

"How inflammation, stress, and other factors can lead to depression."

Mike Treadway's Emory University lab investigates how inflammation, stress, and other disruptions to the neural circuitry underlying motivation can lead to depression and other mental disorders.

[Read more here!](#)

EVENTS

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

**LIVING UNDER THE RAINBOW:
LESBIAN AND GAY PARENTING TODAY**



CHARLOTTE PATTERSON
Professor, Department of Psychology
Chair, Department of Women, Gender & Sexuality
University of Virginia

Charlotte Patterson is an expert on the psychology of sexual orientation, with an emphasis on sexual orientation, human development, and family lives. She co-edited the *Handbook of Psychology and Sexual Orientation* (Oxford University Press, 2013) and a 2020 report from the National Academies of Science, Engineering & Medicine entitled *Understanding the Well-Being of LGBTQ Populations*. She is a recipient of the American Psychological Association's Award for Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy.

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**THURSDAY
MARCH 2
LIGHT HALL 214
12PM - 1PM**

LUNCH IS PROVIDED.
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SPEAKER SERIES ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Understanding and Harnessing the Power of Ethnic-Racial and Gender Identities in Adolescence

FRIDAY, MAR 24 | 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. | 6 Magnolia 110

SPEAKER:
Adam Hoffman, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Psychology,
Cornell University



How do ethnic-racial and gender identities develop in adolescence? Can the development of these identities predict psychosocial adjustment? Can we leverage ethnic-racial and gender identities to enhance adolescents' psychological well-being?


Dr. Adam Hoffman, an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at Cornell University, will provide new insights to answer these questions. Dr. Hoffman will share his research that characterizes the development of ethnic-racial gender identity development and some of the contextual factors that shape this development among adolescents. He will then provide evidence to point to the importance and implications of these identities for adolescents' psychological well-being. Finally, Dr. Hoffman will provide preliminary evidence that ethnic-racial and gender identities can and should be leveraged as developmental assets in intervention research to enhance the lives of adolescent youth.

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VANDERBILT Law School

**Explorations in Law and Neuroscience:
Memory States in the Brain**
A Lecture by Dr. Anthony Wagner

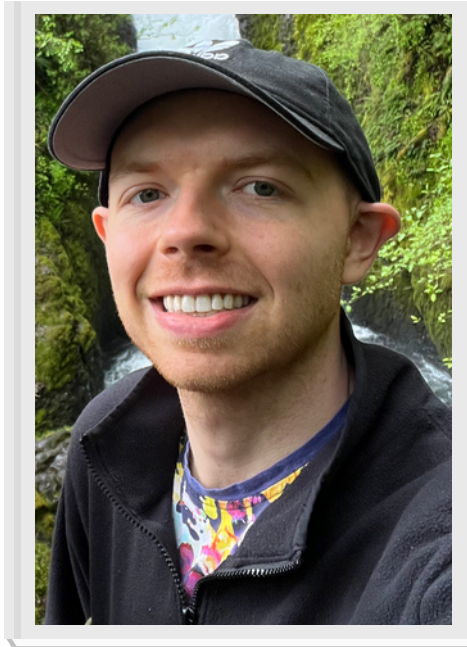
**March 21, 2023
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Moore Room**



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

SCOTT BLAIN



Scott Blain graduated Vanderbilt University with high honors in Cognitive Studies in 2016. He applies the methods and models of personality psychology to longstanding questions of clinical psychology and social neuroscience. Much of his work uses latent variable modeling and other multivariate statistical methods (e.g., SEM, ESEM, ICA, and Latent Growth Curve Modeling) to uncover mechanisms of psychopathology dimensions and related normal-range personality traits.

His work has been published in journals such as JPSP, Schizophrenia Bulletin, and the Journal of Abnormal Psychology. He has received fellowships and awards from the NSF, SPSP, ARP, SITAR, and SMEP among other organizations. He also has experience with research supervision and teaching courses in Introductory, Personality, and Abnormal/Clinical Psychology.

Scott went on to earn his PhD from the University of Minnesota. He is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan!