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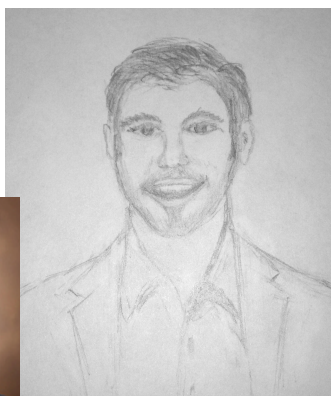
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Department of Psychology & Human Development

The second year cohort continues the annual tradition of presenting a newsletter to introduce new faces. Please take advantage of this newsletter as an opportunity to introduce yourself to these folks when you see them around! - Abbey & Sofia



Jonathan Lane, Ph.D. and his
"five-minute" self-portrait



Lisa Fazio, Ph.D. and her
five-minute self-portrait



2014-2015 New Developmental Faculty

Jonathan Lane grew up in Miami, Florida and completed his undergraduate degree at Florida International University and graduate degree at University of Michigan. Jonathan studies young children's social-cognitive and conceptual development. His work focuses on children's developing theory-of-mind, and their mental representation of and belief in the counter-intuitive and counter-perceptual. When he was a little boy he liked to play with Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, construction sets, video games and sports cards.

Two truths and a Lie: Which one is the lie?

- 1) He would like to try skydiving
- 2) He once tried out for American Idol
- 3) He played intramural softball in grad school

Lisa Fazio is from Bloomington, Indiana and completed her undergraduate degree at Washington University in St Louis and graduate degree at Duke. She studies memory development and numerical cognition with the goal of applying cognitive science to education. When she was a little girl she liked to play with Legos, Transformers and My Little Pony.

Two truths and a Lie: Which one is the lie?

- 1) Her first pet was a guinea pig
- 2) She's the third Dr. Fazio in her family
- 3) She has younger brothers who are twins

2014-2015 New Developmental Ph.D. Student



Israel “Sumo Wrestler” Flores

Israel Flores is from Pasadena, California and went to Pasadena Community College and UC Riverside for undergrad. He studies how children from underrepresented groups interact with and learn from media with guidance from his advisor Georgene Troseth. His favorite childhood toys were Green Army Men.

Two truths and a Lie: Which one is the lie?

- 1) *He doesn't like coffee*
- 2) *He has multiple tattoos*
- 3) *He has gone skydiving*

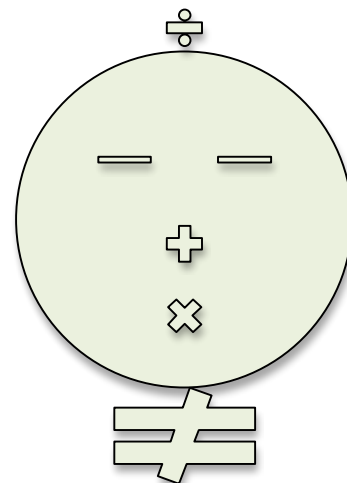
2014-2015 Child Studies Masters Empirical Track

Claire Weaver comes to Nashville from Burlington, VT, but she grew up all over (OH, IN, TX, VA, DC). She completed her undergrad at Champlain College in Burlington, VT. She is interested in child development/psychology, specifically children's concepts of gender.

Darren Yao is from Singapore, with temperatures between 70s and 90s all year round. He went to National University of Singapore for his bachelor's degree, and National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University for his postgraduate teaching licensure. In undergrad, he majored in psychology with a focus on social and music cognition. In his postgraduate teacher training, he was trained to teach English, math, and science at the elementary level.

Joanna Zuercher is from Bethesda, Maryland and went to Duke University for undergrad. She currently studies cognitive aspects of human emotions, which includes appraisal processes and action tendencies.

We were unable to gather information from **Mona Quarless, Francesca Penner** and **Natalie Burke**, and we welcome them too!



*Self portrait by **Darren Yao***

Would you rather...

Have hair that goes past your feet or be bald?

Jon—Bald

Lisa—Bald

Israel—Bald, I could wear cool wigs

Claire—Bald

Darren—The former. I like the feeling of brushing my fingers through my hair! (We're with you on that one)

Joanne— Hair that goes past my feet, I believe. Neither sound great.

Have a bucket stuck on your foot or your hand?

Jon—Hand, left hand (I'm right handed)

Lisa—Foot

Israel—Foot

Claire—Foot

Darren— On my right hand... just because I'm a left-hander, and I'm more nimble with my hands than my feet.

Joanne— Foot

Shoes on the wrong feet or pants backwards?

Jon—Shoes on wrong feet

Lisa—Pants backwards

Israel—Pants backwards

Claire—Shoes on the wrong feet

Darren— Shoes on the wrong foot... Just because I'm a left-hander, and left is right!

Joanne— Shoes on the wrong feet sound more manageable.

Be a super-villain or a supermodel?

Jon—Supermodel

Lisa—Super-villain

Israel—Super-villain!

Claire— Super-villain

Darren— Be a *pretty* bad supermodel.

Joanne— I would hate to have the DSM diagnosis of a super-villain. Not ideal. I would take supermodel.

Forced to tame a bull or a hippopotamus?

Jon—Bull. There's probably a lot more info out there on how to tame a bull

Lisa—Bull

Israel—A bull sounds safer

Claire—Neither?

Darren— A bull because "hippopotamus" is a mouthful.

Joanne— Hippos seems to want to lie around in the mud. Maybe I would just need to find one a mud bath to tame it.

Eat a slice of pizza the size of one paper plate or TWO?

Abbey—TWO!

Sofia—TWO!



Photos from SRCD 2015 in Philadelphia

