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## EMPLOYMENT

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Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology  
**Yale University**, New Haven, CT July 2021 - Present

MindCore postdoctoral fellow  
**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA Sept 2018 – June 2021  
Advisors: Dr. Allyson Mackey and Dr. Angela Duckworth

## EDUCATION

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PhD in Brain and Cognitive Sciences  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Cambridge, MA Sept 2013 – May 2018  
Advisors: Dr. John Gabrieli and Dr. Laura Schulz  
Thesis: Social Influences on Children’s Learning

B.A. Neuroscience and Behavior  
**Wesleyan University**, Middletown, CT Sept 2007-May 2011  
Phi Beta Kappa, High Honors  
Advisor: Anna Shusterman  
Honors Thesis: The Effects of Touch on Compliance in Preschool-Age Children

## FUNDING

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Yale Education Studies Faculty Research Grant (\$10,000) 2022-2023  
CIFAR-Jacobs Foundation Seed-Funding: (\$50,000), Co-PI 2022-2023  
“Growing up in Times of Inequality: A Global Interdisciplinary Approach”  
Character Lab Research Network Grant (\$7,500) 2022  
Yale Planetary Solutions Project seed grant proposal (\$80,000), Co-PI 2022-2023  
Jacobs Foundation Early Career Research Fellowship (\$174,000) 2022-2024  
Character Lab Research Network Grant (\$40,000) 2021  
MindCORE Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (\$191,000) 2018-2021  
NSF Graduate Student Research Fellowship 2014-2017

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Jacobs Foundation Conference, Young Scholar 2023  
Jacobs Foundation Early Career Research Fellow 2022-2024  
Walle Nauta Award for Continued Dedication to Teaching, MIT 2017, 2018  
Neurohackweek Fellow, University of Washington eScience Institute 2016, 2017

UCLA-Semel Institute Neuroimaging Training Program Fellow	2016
Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience Fellow,	2015
Graduate Student Summer Travel Award, MIT	2015
Latin America School for Education, Cognition, and Neural Sciences Fellow	2015, 2018
Ida M. Green Graduate School Fellowship, MIT	2013
High Honors in Neuroscience and Behavior, Wesleyan University	2011
Connecticut Higher Education Community Service Award Nominee	2011
Dean's List, Wesleyan University	2008-2011
Phi Beta Kappa, Chapter of Wesleyan University	2010

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Leonard, J.A.**, Cordrey, S., Liu, H.S., & Mackey, A.P. (2022). Young children calibrate effort based on the trajectory of their performance. *Developmental Psychology*.
- Tooley, U.A., Park, A.T., **Leonard, J.A.**, Boroshok, A.L., McDermott, C.L., Tisdall, D., Bassett, D., & Mackey, A.P. (2022). The age of reason: Functional brain network development during childhood. *The Journal of Neuroscience*.
- Park, A., Richardson, H., Tooley, U., McDermott, C., Boroshok, A.L., Ke, A., **Leonard, J.A.**, Tisdall, D.M., Deater-Deckard, K., Edgar, C.J., & Mackey, A.P. (2022) Early stressful experiences are associated with reduced neural responses to naturalistic emotional and social content in children. *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*.
- Hart, Y., Kosoy, E., Liquin, E., **Leonard, J.A.**, Mackey, A.P., & Gopnik, A. (2022) The development of creative search strategies. *Cognition*, 225. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2022.105102>
- Leonard, J.A.**, Lydon-Staley, D.M., Sharp, S., Liu, H.Z., Park, A.T., Bassett, D.S., Duckworth, A.L., & Mackey, A.P. (2021) Daily fluctuations in young children's persistence. *Child Development*, 93(2). <https://doi/10.1111/cdev.13717>
- Chuey, A., Asaba, M., Bridgers, S., Carrillo, B., Dietz, G., Garcia, T., **Leonard, J.A.**, Liu, S., Merrick, M., Radwan, S., Stegall, J., Velez, N., Woo, B., Wu, Y., Zhou, X., Frank, M.C, & Gweon, H. (2021). Examining the Validity of Online Methods for Developmental Research. *Frontiers special issue on Empirical Research at a Distance: New Methods for Developmental Science*, 12. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2021.734398>
- Kominsky, J.F., Begus, K., Bass, I., Colantonio, J., **Leonard, J.A.**, Mackey, A., & Bonawitz, E. (2021). Organizing the methodological toolbox: Lessons learned from implementing developmental methods online. *Frontiers special issue on Empirical Research at a Distance: New Methods for Developmental Science*, 12. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2021.702710>
- Leonard, J.A.**, Duckworth, A.L., Schulz, L.E., & Mackey, A.P. (2021) Leveraging cognitive science to foster children's persistence. *Trends in Cognitive Science*, 25(8). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tics.2021.05.005>
- Romeo, R.R.\*, **Leonard, J.A.\***, Robinson, S.T., Mackey, A.P., West, M.R., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2021). Replication and extension of a family-based training program to improve cognitive abilities in young children. *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness*, 14 (4). <https://doi.org/10.1080/19345747.2021.1931999>
- Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Grotziner, H.M., Robinson, S.T., Takada, M.E., Mackey, A.P., Scherer, E., Rower, M.L., West, M.R., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2021). Neuroplasticity associated with conversational

- turn-taking following a family-based intervention. *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*, 49(100967). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcn.2021.100967>
- Park, A.T., Tooley, U.A., **Leonard, J.A.**, Boroshok, A.L., McDermott, C.L., Tisdall, D., & Mackey, A.P. (2021). Early childhood stress is associated with blunted development of ventral tegmental area functional connectivity. *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*, 47(100909). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcn.2020.100909>
- Leonard, J.A.**, Martinez, D.N., Dashineau, S., Park, A.T. & Mackey, A.P. (2021). Children persist less when adults take over. *Child Development*, 91(4). <https://doi.org/10.1111/cdev.13305>
- Leonard, J.A.**, Garcia, A., & Schulz, L.E. (2020). How adults' actions, outcomes, and testimony affect preschoolers' persistence. *Child Development*, 91(4). <https://doi.org/10.1111/cdev.13305>
- Leonard, J.A.**, Romeo, R.R., Park, A.T., Takada, M.E., Robinson, S.T., Grotzinger, H., Last, B.S., Finn, A.S., Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Mackey, A.P. (2019). Associations between cortical thickness and reasoning vary by socioeconomic status in early childhood and adolescence. *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*, 36(100641). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dcn.2019.100641>
- Romeo, R.R., Segaran, J., **Leonard, J.A.**, Robinson, S.T., West, M.R., Mackey, A.P., ... & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2018). Language exposure relates to structural neural connectivity in childhood. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 0484-18. <https://doi.org/10.1093/scan/nsy017>
- Park, A.T., **Leonard, J.A.**, Saxler, P.K., Cyr, A.B., Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Mackey, A.P. (2018). Amygdala-medial prefrontal cortex connectivity relates to stress and mental health in early childhood. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 13(4), 430-439. <https://doi.org/10.1093/scan/nsy017>
- Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Robinson, S.T., Rowe, M.L., Mackey, A.P., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2017). The neural correlates of the "30 million word gap": Childhood conversational exposure is associated with language-related brain function. *Psychological Science*, 29(5), 700-710. doi:10.1177/0956797617742725
- Leonard, J.A.**, Lee, Y., & Schulz, L.E. (2017). Infants make more attempts to achieve a goal when they see adults persist. *Science*, 357(6357), 1290-1294. doi:10.1126/science.aan2317
- Shusterman, A., Cheung, P., Taggart, J., Bass, T., **Leonard, J.A.**, & Schwartz, A. (2017). Conceptual correlates of counting: Children's spontaneous matching and tracking of large sets reflects their knowledge of the cardinal principle. *The Journal of Numerical Cognition*, 3(1), 1-30. doi:10.5964/jnc.v3i1.65
- Leonard, J.A.**, Flournoy, J., Lewis-de los Angeles, C., & Whitaker, K. (2017). How much motion is too much motion? Determining motion thresholds by sample size for reproducibility in developmental resting-state MRI. *Research Ideas and Outcomes*, 3: e12569. doi:10.3897/rio.3.e12569
- Finn, A.S., Minas, J., **Leonard, J.A.**, Mackey, A.P., Salvatore, J., Goetz, C., West, M., Gabrieli C.F.O., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2016). Functional brain organization of working memory in adolescents varies in relation to family income and academic achievement. *Developmental Science*. doi:110.1111/desc.12450
- Cain, M.S., **Leonard, J.A.**, Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Finn, A.S. (2016). Multi-media tasking in adolescents. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 1-10. doi:10.3758/s13423-016-1036-3
- Finn, A.S., Kalra, P.B., Goetz, C., **Leonard, J.A.**, Sheridan, M.A., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2016). Developmental dissociation between the maturation of procedural memory and declarative

memory. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 142, 212-220.

doi:10.1016/j.jecp.2015.09.027

**Leonard, J.A.**, Mackey, A.P., Finn, A.S., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2015). Differential effects of socioeconomic status on declarative and procedural memory. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, 9:554.

Doi:10.3389/fnhum.2015.00554

Mackey, A.P., Finn, A.S., **Leonard, J.A.**, Jacoby-Senghor, D.S., West, M.R., Gabrieli, C.F., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2015). Neuroanatomical correlates of the income-achievement gap. *Psychological Science*, 26(6), 925-933. doi:0956797615572233

Chai, X.J., Hirshfeld-Becker, D., Biederman, J., Uchida, M., Doehrmann, O., **Leonard, J.A.**, ... & Whitfield-Gabrieli, S. (2015). Altered intrinsic functional brain architecture in children at familial risk of major depression. *Biological Psychiatry*, 80(11), 849-858.

doi:10.1016/j.biopsych.2015.12.003

Chai, X. J., Hirshfeld-Becker, D., Biederman, J., Uchida, M., Doehrmann, O., **Leonard, J.A.**, ... & Gabrieli, J. D. (2015). Functional and structural brain correlates of risk for major depression in children with familial depression. *NeuroImage: Clinical*, 8, 398-407.

doi:10.1016/j.nicl.2015.05.004

**Leonard, J.A.**, Berkowitz, T., & Shusterman, A. (2014). The effect of friendly touch on delay-of-gratification in preschool children. *The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 1-11,

doi:10.1080/17470218.2014.907325

Plummer, D.B., Galla, B.M., Finn, A.S., Patrick, S.D., Meketon, D., **Leonard, J.A.** ... Duckworth, A.L. (2014). A behind-the-scenes guide to school-based research. *Mind, Brain, and Education*, 8(1), 15-20. doi:10.1111mbe.12040

Finn, A.S., Kraft, M., West, M., **Leonard, J.A.**, Bisk, C., Martin, R., Sheridan, M.A., Gabrieli, C.F.O., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2014). Cognitive skills, student achievement tests, and schools. *Psychological Science*, 25(3), 736-44. doi: 10.1177/0956797613516008

## **UNDER REVISION/ IN PREPARATION**

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<sup>+</sup>Indicates trainee

<sup>+</sup>Asaba, M., <sup>+</sup>Santos, M., Jara-Ettinger, J., & **Leonard, J.A.** (under review). Adolescents are most motivated by encouragement from someone who knows their abilities and the domain.

**Leonard, J.A.**, Garcia, T., Bennet-Pierre, G., & Gweon, H. (in prep). Preschoolers infer relative competence based on quality and process.

Serko, D., **Leonard, J.A.**, & Ruggeri, A. (in prep). Children strategically decide what to practice

McDermott, C., Taylor, K., Lydon-Staley, D., **Leonard, J.A.**, & Mackey, A.P. (in prep). Praise sensitivity at age 3 predicts mental health in middle childhood.

## **PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (6-page papers)**

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<sup>+</sup>Zhang, F., <sup>+</sup>Carrillo, B., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2023) Children's developing understanding of learning as improvement over time. *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

<sup>+</sup>Asaba, M., Davis, I., **Leonard, J.A.**, & Jara-Ettinger, J., & (2023) Detecting social biases using mental state inference. *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

- <sup>+</sup>Asaba, M., Santos, M., Jara-Ettinger, J., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2022) Adolescents are most motivated by encouragement from someone who knows their abilities and the domain. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.*
- <sup>+</sup>Zhang, F., McDougale, S., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2022) Thinking about doing: Representations of skill learning. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.*
- Serko, D., **Leonard, J.A.**, & Ruggeri, A. (2022) Developmental changes in children's training strategies. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.*
- Leonard, J.A.**, Sandler, J., Nerenberg, A., Rubio, A., Schulz, L.E., & Mackey, A. P. (2020). Preschoolers are sensitive to their performance over time. *Proceedings of the 42st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.*
- Leonard, J.A.**, Bennett-Pierre, G., & Gweon, H. (2019). Who is better? Preschoolers infer relative competence based on efficiency of process and quality of outcome. *Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society.*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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<sup>+</sup>Indicates trainee

- McDermott, C., Beavers, C., **Leonard, J.A.**, & Mackey, A. P. (2023) *Child Sensitivity to Parent Praise Varies by Parent Mental Health.* Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Salt Lake City, UT.
- <sup>+</sup>Asaba, M., Santos, M., Jara-Ettinger, J., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2022) *Adolescents are most motivated by encouragement from someone who knows their abilities and the domain.* The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, CAN.
- <sup>+</sup>Zhang, F., McDougale, S., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2022) *Thinking about doing: Representations of skill learning.* The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, CAN.
- Leonard, J.A.** (2022) *Discussant: Children's motivation in STEM.* Cognitive Development Society, Madison, WI.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Liu, H., Cordrey, S., & Mackey, A.P. (2021) *Children stick with a challenge when their performance improves over time.* Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Virtual Conference.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Bennett-Pierre, G., Garcia, T. & Gweon, H. (2021). *Young children infer relative competence based on efficiency of process and quality of outcome.* Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Virtual Conference.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Thomas, O., Pelz, M., Braham, E. (2020)\*. *Children and challenge: Using research to inform museum experiences.* InterActivity: Association of Children's Museums Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Grotzinger, H., Robinson, S.T., Takada, M., Segaran, J., Mackey, A.P., Rowe, M.L., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2019). *Cortical plasticity associated with a parent-implemented language intervention.* FLUX Congress, New York, NY.
- Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Grotzinger, H., Robinson, S.T., Takada, M., Segaran, J., Mackey, A.P., Rowe, M.L., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2019). *Cortical plasticity associated with a parent-implemented language intervention.* Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Helsinki, Finland.

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\* Cancelled due to Covid-19

- Leonard, J.A.**, Bennet-Pierre, G., & Gweon, H. (2019). *Who is better? Preschoolers infer relative competence based on efficiency of process and quality of outcome*. The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Montreal, CAN.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Romeo, R.R., Park, A.T., Takada, M.E., Robinson, S.T., Grotzinger, H., Last, B.S., Finn, A.S., Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Mackey, A.P. (2018). *The neural correlates of reasoning differ by socioeconomic status in development*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Baltimore, MD.
- Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Robinson, S.T., Rowe, M.L., Mackey, A.P., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2018). *Neural plasticity associated with a parent-implemented language intervention*. Boston University Conference on Child Language Development, Boston, MA.
- Leonard, J.A.** Garcia, A., Chew, K., & Schulz, L.E. (2018). *Practice what you preach: Children integrate adults' outcomes, actions, and testimony to decide how hard to try*. The International Congress of Infant Studies, Philadelphia, PA.
- Leonard, J.A.** & Schulz, L.E. (2018). *Social influences on children's motivation*. Association for Psychological Sciences, San Francisco, CA.
- D'Mello A., Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Mackey, A.P., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2018). Cerebellar contributions to children's language processing. In nanosymposium: Human cognition and behavior: Neurocognitive development. *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, CA.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Romeo, R.R., Mackey, A.P., Takada, M., Robinson, S., Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Schulz, L.E. (2017). *Predicting and Intervening on cognitive outcomes in young children*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Austin, TX.
- Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Robinson, S.T., Rowe, M.L., Mackey, A.P., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2017). *Children's language exposure predicts neural structure and function during language processing, independent of SES*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Austin, TX.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Schulz, L.E. (2016). *Socioeconomic status and exploratory play in early childhood*. Active Learning Workshop at the Cognitive Science Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Leonard, J.A.**, & Schulz, L.E. (2015). *If at first you don't succeed: The role of evidence in children's persistence*. More On Development, Columbus, OH.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Flyod, S., Schulz, L.E. (2015). *The development of implicit theories of effort*. The Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Philadelphia, PA.
- Mackey, A.P., **Leonard, J.A.**, Finn, A.S., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2014). *Hippocampal structure and connectivity is linked to standardized test score improvement*. Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC.
- Finn, A.S., **Leonard J.A.**, Mackey, A.P., Goetz, C.A., Salvatore, J., De los Angeles, C., Sheridan, M.A., Gabrieli, C.F.O., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2013). *The neural substrates associated with improvement on standardized exams during middle school*. The Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

## CONFERENCE POSTERS

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- <sup>+</sup>Shachnai, R., <sup>+</sup>Asaba, M., Hu, L., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2022). *Parents take over less when they think their young child is learning*. The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Sydney, Australia.

- <sup>+</sup>Zhang, F., <sup>+</sup>Carrillo, B., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2023). *Children's developing understanding of learning as improvement over time*. The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Sydney, Australia.
- <sup>+</sup>Asaba, M., Davis, I., **Leonard, J.A.**, & Jara-Ettinger, J., & (2023). *Detecting social biases using mental state inference*. The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Sydney, Australia.
- <sup>+</sup>Zhang, F., <sup>+</sup>Carrillo, B., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2023). *Developmental differences in children's predicted learning curves*. Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Foster, J., Cohodes, E., **Leonard, J.A.**, Goldfarb, E., & Gee, D. (2023). *Associations between Early-Life Stress and Affective Schema-Based Memory Processes*. Association for Psychological Sciences, Washington, DC.
- <sup>+</sup>Asaba, M., Zhang, M., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2023) *Children's representations of others' gender bias*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Salt Lake City, UT.
- McDorman, A. S., Gilmer, M., Taylor, E., Alexander, V., **Leonard, J.A.**, Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Romeo, R. (2023). *With Infinite Affection: Caregiving as Protective of Children's Social-Emotional Skills Against Household Chaos or Low SES*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Serko, D., **Leonard, J.A.**, Ruggeri, A. (2022) *Developmental changes in children's training strategies*. The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, CAN.
- <sup>+</sup>Asaba, M., Santos, M., Jara-Ettinger, J., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2022) *Who is motivating? Students evaluate encouragement based on speaker's knowledge*. Cognitive Development Society, Madison, WI.
- <sup>+</sup>Shachnai, R., <sup>+</sup>Asaba, M., Santos, M., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2022) *Why parents intervene in their young children's struggles*. Cognitive Development Society, Madison, WI.
- Serko, D., **Leonard, J.A.**, Ruggeri, A. (2022) *Older but not younger: Children adapt their decisions about which game to practice more to maximize test performance*. Cognitive Development Society, Madison, WI
- <sup>+</sup>Asaba, M., Nerenberg, A., & **Leonard, J.A.** (2021). *Who is motivating? Students evaluate encouragement based on speaker's knowledge*. The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Virtual conference.
- Park, A.T., **Leonard, J.A.**, Tooley, U.A., Richardson, H., Ke, A., Tisdall, D., Edgar, C., & Mackey, A.P. (2020). *Neural activation to naturalistic emotional events in young children*. FLUX Congress, Santa Rosa, CA (Virtual conference).
- Leonard, J.A.**, Sandler, J., Nerenberg, A., Rubio, A., Schulz, L.E., & Mackey, A. P. (2020). *Preschoolers are sensitive to their performance over time*. The Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, Toronto, CAN (Virtual conference).
- Tooley, U. A., Park, A. T., **Leonard, J. A.**, Boroshok, A. L., Bassett, D. S., & Mackey, A. P. (2020). *Functional network development during early childhood*. (2020). Organization for Human Brain Mapping Equinox, (Virtual conference).
- Park, A. T., Tooley, U. A., Boroshok, A. L., **Leonard, J. A.**, & Mackey, A. P. (2020). *Early childhood stress is associated with blunted development of ventral tegmental area connectivity* [Poster presentation]. Human Brain Mapping Annual Meeting, Montréal, Québec, Canada.

- Leonard, J.A.**, Martinez, D.N., Dashineau, S., & Mackey, A.P. (2019). *Let me do it myself: The relationship between intrusive behavior in adults and young children's persistence*. Child Development Society, Louisville, KY.
- Martinez, D.N., **Leonard, J.A.**, & Mackey, A.P. (2019). *Children's persistence is related to how much they attend to their parent's effortful actions*. Child Development Society, Louisville, KY.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Sorcher, L., Forde, J., Fergeler, S., Tooley, U.A., Park, A.T., Hart, Y., & Mackey, A.P. (2019). *Associations between brain development and creativity in early childhood*. FLUX Congress, New York, NY.
- Park, A.T., **Leonard, J.A.**, Tooley, U.A., Boroshok, A.L., & Mackey, A.P. (2019). *Stress exposure in early childhood relates to altered midbrain functional connectivity*. FLUX Congress, New York, NY.
- Tooley, U.A., Park, A.T., **Leonard, J.A.**, Bassett, D.S., & Mackey, A.P. (2019). *Functional network development in early childhood*. FLUX Congress, New York, NY.
- Valencia V., Romeo, R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Rowe, M., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2019). *Hablamos Ambos (We Speak Both): Relationship between primary language use and lexical diversity in bilingual families*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Baltimore, MD.
- Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Segaran, J., Mackey, A.P., Rowe, M.L., Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2019). *Structural and functional neural correlates of language experience in children from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds*. Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Romeo, R.R., Park, A.T., Takada, M.E., Robinson, S.T., Grotzinger, H., Finn, A.S., Gabrieli, J.D.E., & Mackey, A.P. (2018). *Associations between cortical thickness and reasoning vary by socioeconomic status in early childhood*. Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA.
- Romeo, R.R., Segaran, J., **Leonard, J.A.**, Robinson, S. T., Mackey, A.P., Yendiki, A., Rowe, M.L., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2018). *Neural correlates of the "30-million word gap": Children's language exposure is related to white matter structure*. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, Boston, MA.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Magid, R., Kleiman-Weiner, M., DePascale, M., Tenenbaum, J., & Schulz, L.E. (2017). *Preschoolers rationally deploy effort in social learning and collaborative contexts*. Cognitive Development Society, Portland, OR.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Kleiman-Weiner, M., Lee, Y., Tenenbaum, J., & Schulz, L.E. (2017). *Preschoolers and infants calibrate persistence from adult models*. Cognitive Science Society, London, UK.
- Takada, M.E., **Leonard, J.A.**, Romeo, R.R., Robinson, S.T., Mackey, A.P., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2017). *Cognitive and neural correlates of mathematical reasoning across math proficiency levels*. Society for Research in Cognitive Development, Austin, TX.
- Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Robinson, S.T., Rowe, M.L., Mackey, A.P., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2017). *Language exposure is associated with the cortical thickness of young, low-SES children*. Society for the Neurobiology of Language, Baltimore, MD.
- Romeo, R.R., **Leonard, J.A.**, Robinson, S.T., Segaran, J., Rowe, M.L., Mackey, A.P., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2016). *Children's language exposure predicts neural activation during language processing*. Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Lee, Y., & Schulz, L.E. (2015). *If at first you don't succeed: The role of evidence in preschoolers' and infants' persistence*. Cognitive Development Society, Columbus, OH.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Mackey, A.P., Finn, A.S., & Gabrieli, J.D.E. (2015). *Differential effects of socioeconomic status on declarative and procedural memory*. FLUX congress, Leiden, Netherlands.
- Leonard, J.A.**, Lee, Y., & Schulz, L.E. (2015). *If at first you don't succeed: The role of evidence in preschoolers' and infants' persistence*. Cognitive Science Society, Pasadena, CA.



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## **INVITED TALKS**

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EdukCircle International Convention on Psychology	2023
Developmental Psychology Talk Series, UC San Diego	2023
Social Curiosity Workshop, University of Göttingen & Stanford University	2022
Cognitive Development Center Seminar Series, Central European University	2022
Developmental Brown Bag, Brown University	2022
Developmental Science Program Colloquium, University of Maryland	2022
Developmental Talk Series, University of Toronto	2021
Teachers College Seminar, Columbia University	2021
Developmental Brown Bag, Duke University	2021
Computational Cognitive Development Laboratory, Harvard University	2021
Psychology Developmental Colloquium, Temple University	2020
Department of Psychology Colloquium, University of Chicago	2020
Department of Psychology Colloquium, University of Southern California	2020
iSearch Research Retreat, Max Planck Institute for Human Development	2020
Concepts and Categories Seminar, New York University	2019
Department of Psychology Colloquium, Yale University	2019
Department of Psychology Colloquium, Stanford University	2019
Affective Neuroscience and Development Laboratory, Harvard University	2018
Developmental Group Talk Series, University of Pennsylvania	2017
Developmental Colloquium, Stanford University	2017

## **TEACHING**

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### **Primary Instructor**

Translating Developmental Science into Educational Practice, Yale University	2023
Developmental Psychology, Yale University	2021, 2022
Tools for Academic Success and beyond, Yale University	2022
Science Pedagogy for Elementary School Students, Wesleyan University, Co-instructor	2009-2011

### **Teaching Assistant**

Infant & Childhood Cognition, MIT	2016
Psychological Science, MIT	2016, 2017
Cognitive Processes, MIT	2015
Research Methods in Cognitive Development and Education, Wesleyan	2010

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE FIELD**

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### **Journal Ad-hoc Reviewer**

*Child Development, Cognition, Cognitive Development, Cognitive Science, Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, Developmental Psychology, Developmental Psychobiology, Developmental Science, Developmental Psychobiology, Human Brain Mapping, Infant and Human Development, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Journal of Experimental Child Psychology, Journal of Neuroscience, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Nature Communications, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Plos One, Psychological Science*

### **Conference Reviews**

Society for Research in Child Development, Cognitive Development Society, Cognitive Science Society (meta-reviewer, 2023)

### **Grant Reviews**

NSF EHR Panel Study Section Member, 2022  
NSF EHR ad-hoc reviewer, 2021  
The Leaky Foundation ad-hoc reviewer, 2021

## **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE AT YALE**

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The Psychology Department's Committee on Racial Equity and Diversity	2022-2023
The Education Studies Advisory Committee	2022-2023
Chair of Psychology Colloquia	2022-2023
Developmental Search Committee, Department of Psychology	2022-2023
The Graduate Program Advisory Committee	2021-2023
Open Search Committee, Department of Psychology	2021-2022
Fellow, Silliman College	2021-

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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American Psychological Association	2017
Cognitive Science Society	2015
FLUX Congress	2015
Cognitive Neuroscience Society	2014

Society for Neuroscience	2013
Cognitive Development Society	2011
Society for Research on Cognitive Development	2011

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

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Yale Community Breakfast (2023); The Happiness Lab Podcast (Happier Parents, Happier Kids pt. 2; 2022); Stanford Psychology Podcast: Young Children’s Effort Allocation and Persistence in Learning (2022); Character Lab Tip of the Week: Step back: Let kids do it themselves (2021); The Conversation: Babies can learn the value of persistence by watching grownups stick with a challenge (2017)

## **MENTORSHIP**

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### **Yale Postdoctoral Mentor**

Mika Asaba, 2021 – present  
NSF Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowship

### **Yale Graduate Mentor**

Reut Shachnai, Yale Psychology (Developmental) Ph.D Program (2021 – present)  
Brandon Carrillo, Yale Psychology (Developmental) Ph.D Program (2021 – present)  
Flora Zhang, Yale Psychology (Cognitive) Ph.D Program (2021 – present)

### **Visiting Graduate Students**

Daniil Serko, Max Plank Institute for Human Development, Ph.D Program (Spring 2022)

### **Graduate Committees**

#### *Dissertation Committees*

Tristan Yates (Cognitive, 2023), Emory Richardson (Developmental, 2023), Zachary Silver (Developmental, 2023), Kate Yang (Developmental, 2022), Megan Collins (Clinical, 2022)

#### *Pre-Dissertation Committees*

Jordan Foster (Clinical, 2022, 2023), Lilian Behm (Neuroscience, 2023)

### **Yale Undergraduate Mentor**

#### *Undergraduate Senior Theses*

*Psychology:* Marissa Healy (Spring 2023)  
*Cognitive Science:* Noah Norman (Spring 2023), Emily Li (Spring 2022)

#### *Undergraduate Research Assistants in the Leonard Learning Lab*

Justice Brown (2022), AC Christakis (2022), Yagmur Ozturkoglu (2022), Zahra Yarali (2022), Noah Norman (2022), Lauren Okine (2022), Jessie Cheung (2022), Montse Rodriguez (2022), Elaine Cheng (2022), Matthew Elmore Merritt (2021-2022), Suzanna Yang (2021-2022)

### **Penn Undergraduate Mentor**

#### *Undergraduate Psychology Senior Theses*

Skyler Cordrey (Spring 2021), Amanda Nerenberg (Spring 2021), Julia Sandler (Spring 2020), Aidan Rubio (Spring 2020), Lily Stein (Fall 2020), Dominique Martinez (Spring 2019), Samantha Dashineau (Villanova Masters student 2019)

#### *Undergraduate Research Assistants in the Changing Brain Lab*

Skyler Cordrey (2019-2021), Amanda Nerenberg (2019-2021), Greer Bizzell-Hatcher (2019-2021), Hunter Liu (2019-2021), Ava Cruz (2018- 2019)

### **MIT Undergraduate Mentor**

#### *Undergraduate Research Assistants in the Early Childhood Cognition Lab*

Andrea Garcia (2018), Stephanie Flores (2018) Fatima Gunter-Rahman (2017-2018), Yuna Lee (2015-2017), Megumi Takada (2015-2017), Katherine Chew (2017), Yuriko Fukumura (2017), Daniel Mirney (2016), Emily McDermitt (2016), Jakub Kaczmarzyk (2015), Dayna Wilmot (2014-2017)

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity Faculty Success Program (2023); Yale Poorvu Pedagogical Partners (2021); Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning Course (Re)Design (2021)

### **AWARDS AND FUNDING TO TRAINEES**

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Robert J. Glushko Prize for Distinguished Undergraduate Research in Cognitive Science, Yale University (\$500): Noah Norman (CogSci senior thesis)	2023
Yale College Dean's fellowship (\$4,500): Lizbeth Lozano (undergraduate RA)	2023
Yale College Dean's fellowship (\$4,500): AC Christakis (undergraduate RA)	2023
Richter Summer Fellowship (\$1,500): AC Christakis (undergraduate RA)	2023
Mellon Undergraduate Research Grant (\$500): Noah Norman (CogSci senior thesis)	2022
Yale Education Studies Graduate Research Grant (\$5,000): Reut Shachnai (Grad student)	2022
NSF SBE Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$\$): Mika Asaba (Postdoctoral fellow)	2022-2024
Yale College Dean's fellowship (\$4,500): Lauren Okine (undergraduate RA)	2022
Richter Summer Fellowship (\$1,500): Lauren Okine (undergraduate RA)	2022
Yale College Dean's fellowship (\$5,500): Jessie Cheung (undergraduate RA)	2022
Richter Summer Fellowship (\$1,500): Jessie Cheung (undergraduate RA)	2022