



## Center for Developmental Science

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### Fall 2016 Newsletter

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#### Carolina Consortium on Human Development Seminar Series

The faculty at the Center for Developmental Science is pleased to announce that the Fall 2016 semester of the Carolina Consortium on Human Development will focus on “*Socializing Other-Focused Behaviors, Emotions and Values in Children.*” Beginning September 12th, the Proseminar meetings will be on Monday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:15 PM in the CDS lower level classroom.

Over the course of the semester, we will discuss parent socialization that focuses on instilling values in youth as a way to transmit those patterns of behaviors and lived experiences in children. In this seminar, we will focus specifically on biologically-informed socialization models related to the development of social connection and responsibility in children via the promotion of other-focused emotions such as empathy and generosity.

We are interested in the ways in which children’s values, empathy and generosity develop, the role of parents in this process, and the environmental and biological contexts that support parents’ role in socialization. We are particularly interested in what parents do to promote positive behaviors, rather than what parents might do to discourage negative behaviors that are inconsistent with their values.

We thank the organizing committee – composed of Andrea Hussong (UNC-CH, committee co-chair), Avshalom Caspi (Duke University), Ariel Knafo (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Visiting Scholar and committee co-chair), Amy Halberstadt (NCSU) and Jennifer Coffman (UNC-CH) – for coordinating this exciting series.

\*The Cairns Capstone Lecture will be in [Hyde Hall](#) on UNC Chapel Hill’s Campus.

[The schedule and readings are posted on the CDS website.](#)

09/12: **Audun Dahl**, University of California, Santa Cruz

09/19: **Joni Sasaki**, York University

09/26: **Parissa Ballard**, UC Berkeley

10/10: **Gustavo Carlo**, University of Missouri

10/24: **Michael Tomasello**, Duke University

11/07: **Ariel Knafo**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

11/24: **Jennifer Jenkins**, University of Toronto

11/21: **Andrea Hussong**, UNC-Chapel Hill

12/05: **Judith Smetana\***, Rochester University  
(Cairns Capstone Lecture)

#### Ice Cream Social on Monday, September 12:

We welcome the CDS community to gather in our lower level classroom on Monday, September 12 from 1-2 PM for our annual fall ice cream social! We will welcome new trainees, staff and faculty from across our campuses and stay to hear this fall’s first CCHD speaker, Dr. Audun Dahl give his talk titled *The development of infant helping through social interactions* from 2:00-3:15.

## Welcome New and Returning CCHD Fellows!



### Postdoctoral Fellows

With the renewal of our NICHD T32 training grant this spring, we are entering the fall with an expanded training program. We are delighted to welcome five new postdoctoral fellows to our program!

**Back row:**

Hayley Henrikson Estrem, Ph.D.,  
Michaeline Jensen, Ph.D., Sherika Hill, Ph.D.

**Front row:**

Helen Milojevich, Ph.D., Mairin Augustine, Ph.D.

Mairin Augustine, Ph.D.	Human Development and Family Studies, 2016	<i>Pennsylvania State University</i>
Hayley Estrem, RN, Ph.D.	Nursing, 2015	<i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i>
Sherika Hill, Ph.D.	Maternal and Child Health, 2013	<i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i>
Michaeline Jensen, Ph.D.,	Clinical Psychology, 2016	<i>Arizona State University</i>
Helen Milojevich, Ph.D.	Developmental Psychology, 2016	<i>University of California Irvine</i>

### Predocctoral Fellows

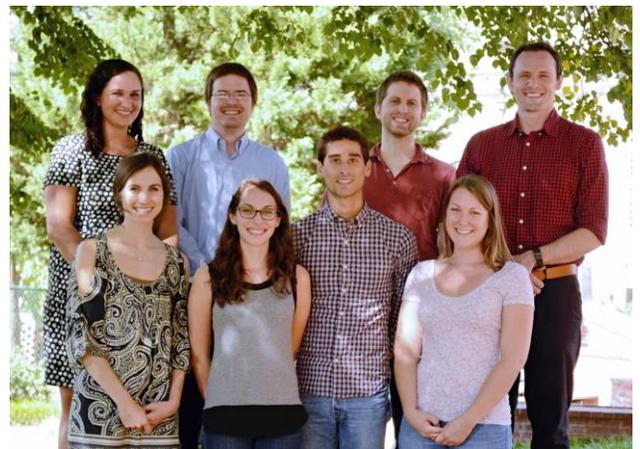
In addition, five predoctoral fellows are returning for their second year of CCHD training and three new predoctoral fellows will be joining them.

**Back row:**

Margaret Anton, Drew Rothenberg, Jon Schaefer, Todd Jensen

**Front row:**

Rebeccah Sokol, Jessica Bullins, Robert Carr, Kesha Hudson



Margaret Anton	Ph.D. Candidate in Clinical Psychology	<i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i>
Jessica Bullins	Ph.D. Candidate in Neurobiology	<i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i>
Robert Carr	Ph.D. Candidate in Applied Developmental Sciences	<i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i>
Kesha Hudson	Ph.D. Candidate in Developmental Psychology	<i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i>
Todd Jensen	Ph.D. Candidate in Social Work	<i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i>
Drew Rothenberg	Ph.D. Candidate in Clinical Psychology	<i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i>
Jon Schaefer	Ph.D. Candidate in Clinical Psychology	<i>Duke University</i>
Rebeccah Sokol	Ph.D. Candidate in Health Behavior	<i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i>

Faculty mentors with questions about changes to the program or expectations are always welcome to contact [Jennifer Coffman](#). We anticipate recruitment in the spring of an additional 2-5 predoctoral trainees.

## CDS Pilot Grants

The Center for Developmental Science announces the availability of pilot grants to support preliminary work by interdisciplinary research teams who intend to pursue external funding. The purpose of these funds is to foster new collaborations involving CDS faculty that enhance Developmental Science research. Although applications in any area of Developmental Science are eligible for funding, those that cross levels of analysis to explain developmental phenomena, that contribute to new methodologies applied within Developmental Science, or that address translational goals of Developmental Science research are of particular interest. To be eligible, the PI for the award must be a UNC-CH faculty member and the resulting application for external funding must be supported primarily by the CDS but inter-institutional teams are encouraged. Note that interdisciplinary teams may include scientists from the same department who emphasize perspectives from different disciplines as well as those who cross departmental and institutional affiliations. Awardees will have access to support and research services through the CDS. Junior faculty members and Scholars of Color are particularly encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is October 15th and funding decisions will be made by December 1st for one-year awards of up to \$10,000. More information will be available on the [CDS Website](#) soon.

## CDS Comings and Goings:

### Welcome Dan McNeish!

This fall, we welcome Dr. Dan McNeish to our staff where he serves as a CDS Quantitative Methodologist. Dan McNeish completed his Ph.D. in Measurement and Statistics at the University of Maryland in 2015 and earned his BA in Psychology from Wesleyan University in 2011. In 2016, he worked as an assistant professor in the Department of Methodology and Statistics at Utrecht University in the Netherlands.

His research interests in applied statistics generally fall into four broad areas: (1) statistical models for correlated data; (2) methods for challenging data structures, small sample sizes in particular; (3) structural equation and latent growth models; (4) applying statistical methods used in other disciplines to behavioral science problems.

In his role as a Quantitative Methodologist at the CDS, he will offer support for grant preparation and

development as well as consulting for CDS administered proposals and awards.

### Executive Committee Changes:

This fall we also have some changes in our CDS Inter-Institutional Executive Committee. Gaby Stein, an Associate Professor from UNC-G, and Dan Bauer, from UNC-CH, both will join this committee. Thanks to those who are continuing – Lynne Baker-Ward, NCSU, Amy Watson Briceño, UNC-CH, Jennifer Coffman, Susan Ennett, UNC-CH, Jill Hamm, UNC-CH, Roger Mills-Koonce, UNC-G, Andrea Hussong, UNC-CH, and Terrie Moffitt, Duke University.

### CDS Interim Director:

In the spring, we will welcome Dan Bauer as the CDS interim director while Andrea is on research and study assignment. We are grateful to Dan for stepping into this leadership role come January 1!

## Welcome Dr. Ariel Knafo

This fall Dr. Ariel Knafo joins us at the CDS through the Nannerl O. Keohane Distinguished Visiting Professorship, a joint award from UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University. Dr. Knafo is a professor of developmental social psychology in the Psychology Department at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research concerns the development of values, personality, and prosociality using multiple levels of analysis, including behavioral genetics, and methodologies. He investigates complex patterns of parent-child and genetic-environment reciprocal or circular influences using twin and longitudinal studies focused on the early years of life. His aim is to combine behavior genetics and social-personality psychology approaches, with a developmental perspective to provide a comprehensive view of child and adolescent development and behavior. This fall, he is co-leading the CCHD seminar series on “Socializing Other-Focused Behaviors, Emotions, and Values in Children” with Andrea Hussong where he will also be presenting his work on Monday, November 7th.

## A Note from the Director:

Dear CDS Faculty, Fellows and Friends,

I am delighted to welcome everyone to what promises to be a very exciting fall ahead. As most of you know, we enter this semester with a newly refunded NICHD training grant to support the Carolina Consortium on Human Development AND a very positive administrative review of the CDS conducted by UNC-CH. Thanks to all of you who played a part in helping us meet these two important goals and lay the foundation for the next five years.

As part of these reviews, we had an opportunity to hear from many of you and to develop a new five-year strategic plan. This fall, we will hold a CDS faculty gathering to share the highlights of that status report and to plan for the future together.

Whether you are new to CDS or a longtime member, there are many ways to be engaged with the Center. As you put your schedules together for the year, I thought I'd share my Top 10 List.

1. Come to our Ice Cream Social on Monday, Sept 12th at 1:00. Welcome Ariel Knafo to the CDS community and stay for our first CCHD speaker, Audun Dahl.
2. Come to CCHD talks throughout the semester or be a webcast site to receive these talks at your institution. (Contact [Lisa Foust](#) for information about webcasting.)
3. Look for and attend upcoming events for a Developmental Neuroscience faculty working group and a Mid-Career Transitions Conversation Hour.
4. Contact us to connect with the CDS network, with any of our CCHD speakers while they are in town, or with our visiting scholars.
5. Join a faculty working group at the CDS or suggest a new group that you'd like to develop.
6. Meet with Andrea or Jennifer to discuss new research projects that we can facilitate through our research navigation teams.
7. Apply for pilot funding to develop a research project through the CDS.
8. Meet our tremendous new class of fellows by serving on advisory committees, taking their meetings, or seeking them out to explore areas of overlap.
9. Come to the CDS faculty gathering in November, hear about the new strategic plan and changes taking place, and weigh in on what is next for the Center.
10. Join others in supporting the Center's training and research mission by donating to the CDS through our online portal or contacting Andrea directly to discuss possibilities.

We have many new faces to welcome to the CDS this fall and I invite you to come out to the Center to meet one another. But we have also lost dear friends and colleagues. In particular, we look forward to working with you and others to honor the contributions to the CDS and beyond of Dr. Steven Reznick. Steve contributed to the Center in so many ways - as mentor, researcher, teacher, visionary, and cheerleader. Now, as ever, we are thinking of you Steve. Wish us well.

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