## Infant Learning Project

# **Developments**

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## **Current Projects:**

- Face Discrimination Study:
  - 3-4 and 8 months
- ID Speech Categorization:
  - 4 and 6 months
- Facial Expression Study:
  - 6 and 10 months
- Contact us to participate!

## **Current News:**

#### **Fellow Status**

Dr. Melanie Spence recently received the designation of Fellow by the Association for Psychological Science (APS). According to the APS, "Fellow status is awarded to APS Members who have made sustained outstanding contributions to the science of psychology in the areas of research, teaching, service, and/ or application." See their website for more information on this nonprofit organization at http:// www.psychologicalscience.org. Congratulations, Dr. Spence!

## Welcome to New Professor

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Dr. Noah Sasson recently joined UT Dallas as an Assistant

Professor in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. Dr. Sasson trained as a developmental

psychologist at the University of North Carolina, and he has conducted research on



infant memory, face perception, and autism. He is working with our lab and the Infant
Development Program (see below) on "eye tracking" studies that use a special camera to record where babies look while viewing pictures on a screen. This technology can help us learn more about what babies know and like.
Welcome to UTD, Dr. Sasson!

#### Graduation

We would also like to congratulate Michelle Lee on graduating with her master's degree in Human Development and Early Childhood Disorders. Michelle will be missed, but we are happy for her accomplishments.

We can't thank her enough for

all of her hard work in the lab since January 2008!



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Thank you to all of our families for your continued participation in the Infant Learning Project!

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The UT Dallas Center for Children and Families (CCF) is pleased to announce that the new Infant Development Program will begin offering developmental screenings in September. Screenings will assess cognition, language, motor and social skills of infants and toddlers up to 30 months of age. If you are interested, please visit their website at

http://infantdp.utdallas.edu or contact Dr. Emily Touchstone at etouchstone@utdallas.edu.

### **Infancy-Themed Lecture Series**

Don't miss the CCF's Spring 2010 Lecture Series, which will present talks with infancy themes. Faculty will share research about infant cognition/perception, language development, book sharing, childcare, and feeding. Check the Center's website for more information at <a href="http://ccf.utdallas.edu">http://ccf.utdallas.edu</a>.

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## **Helpful Websites:**

www.PsychologicalScience.org Visit the Association for Psychological Science website to learn how the study of psychology affects research, teaching, and human welfare.

http://ccf.utdallas.edu Visit UTD's Center for Children and Families website to learn more about the center and its role in our community.

http://infantdp.utdallas.edu Visit the UTD's Infant Development Program website to learn more about the services offered by this new program for your child.

## **Other Research Opportunities:**

Parents play an important role in the development of healthy eating habits. Researchers at the **Healthy Development Project** are hoping to learn more about how parents feed young children, but need your help!

The Healthy Development Project is currently recruiting for an exciting study and is looking for parents with children between the ages of 12- to 24-months-old. If you are interested in participating, please call the **Healthy Development Project** at 972-883-6073 or send an e-mail to ead062000@utdallas.edu to learn more about the study or to schedule an appointment. To learn more about this project, visit: http://bbs.utdallas.edu/healthydevelopmentproject

### Other News:

bbs.utdallas.edu/ilp

#### **New Study to Begin**

We will soon begin a new study that will examine the Other Race Effect in babies. Past studies suggest that people may have a difficult time telling apart two faces of another race than their own. However, when people have a lot of experience with different-race faces, they are better able to tell apart the two other-race faces. Our study will test infants' ability by training infants with pictures of a different race than their own. The infants will look at other-race pictures for 3 months. Then the infants will be tested on their ability to tell apart faces of the different race. Infants in this study will be tested at 6 and 9 months. If you are interested in participating, please contact us!

#### **Welcome New Students**

We have three new research assistants in our lab

this semester. We'd like to welcome:

Rachel Beaulieu Lisa Keylon Alejandra Prado

We look forward to a busy and successful fall semester!



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