

# MELTEM YUCEL

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Psychology, University of Virginia	Expected 2020
Dissertation: <i>“Did you hear?”: Gossip in development</i>	
Drs. Amrisha Vaish (Chair), Gerald L. Clore, Vikram K. Jaswal, Timothy D. Wilson, Laura E. Barnes	
Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Psychology	Expected 2020
M.A. in Psychology, University of Virginia	2017
Thesis: <i>Young children and adults show higher arousal to moral transgressions</i>	
Drs. Amrisha Vaish (Chair), Gerald L. Clore, Vikram K. Jaswal	
B.A. in Psychology, Özyegin University, Istanbul, Turkey	2011 - 2015
GPA: 3.99/4.00 (Salutatorian)	
Summer Internships:	
- Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Drs. Michael Tomasello & Josep Call	2014
- Harvard University, Drs. Susan Carey & Jesse Snedeker	2013

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

### **National & International**

International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE Academy), Fellow	2017 - 2019
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Graduate Student Travel Award [\$ 300]	2019
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Graduate Student Travel Award [\$ 500]	2018
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Frances Degen Horowitz Millennium Scholar	2017
Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society, Member	2016
Fulbright Commission, Fulbright Ph.D. Scholar [Awarded, Declined]	2015

### **Internal**

UVA Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, Associate Fellow	2019 - 2020
UVA Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Teaching Relief Fellowship	2019 - 2020
UVA Robert J. Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, Selected Speaker [\$ 200]	2019
UVA Psychology Dept., Student Choice Colloquium Speaker	2019
The Raven Society (UVA’s oldest and most prestigious honor society), Elected Member	2018
Jefferson Scholars Foundation, Research Prize [\$ 1,500]	2018
UVA Robert J. Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place in Oral Presentation [\$ 200]	2018
UVA Psychology Dept., Graduate Research Travel Award [\$ 500]	2017 & 2018
UVA, Graduate Fellowship	2015 - 2020
Özyeğin University, Salutatorian	2015
Özyeğin University, Dean’s High Honor List	2011 - 2015
Özyeğin University, Outstanding Academic Achievement Scholarship [100%]	2012 - 2015
Özyeğin University, Undergraduate Placement Exam Entrance Scholarship [50%]	2011 - 2012

## GRANTS

Role	Funding Mechanism	Project Title	Amount	Dates
<b>Funded Internal Grants</b>				
Co-PI	UVA Double Hoo Research Grant	Do emotions shape how people differentiate moral norms from conventional norms?	\$ 10,000	05/2017 - 05/2019

PI	Ozyegin University Summer Research Grant	Studying Comparative Developmental Psychology	\$ 2,300	08/2014 - 10/2014
PI	Ozyegin University Summer Research Grant	Studying Developmental Psychology	\$ 3,600	06/2013 - 08/2013
<b>Pending Grants</b>				
Co-PI	Templeton Foundation	From vain gossip to kind remarks: Cultivating positive strategies for talking about others in child development	\$ 427,964	Under Review
Per- sonnel	Templeton Foundation	Opening closed minds: Designing and testing interventions for cultivating curiosity about divergent moral beliefs	\$ 600,012	Under Review

## PUBLICATIONS

\* Signifies equal contribution

- Beeler-Duden, S. G.\*, **Yucel, M.\***, & Vaish, A. (Accepted). The role of affect in feelings of obligation. Commentary. *Brain and Behavioral Sciences*.
- **Yucel, M.**, & Vaish, A. (2018). Young children tattle to enforce moral norms. *Social Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sode.12290>  
- *Top 20 most read papers in Social Development 2017/2018*
- Selçuk, B., & **Yucel, N. M.** (2017). The role of institutionalization in theory of mind. In V. Slaughter & M. de Rosnay (Eds.), *Theory of mind development in context*. Pp. 89-105. London: Routledge.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- **Yucel, M.**, Hepach, R., & Vaish, A. (Under review). Young children and adults show differential arousal to moral and conventional transgressions. Manuscript under review.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- **Yucel, M.**, Branovan, R., Sjobeck, G., & Rottman, J. (in preparation). People will always talk: Gossip and well-being on college campuses. Manuscript in preparation.
- **Yucel, M.**, Drell, M. B., Jaswal, V. K., & Vaish, A. (in preparation). Fairness reexamined: Children's understanding of fairness norms. Manuscript in preparation.
- Westgate, E. C., & **Yucel, M.** (in preparation). From electric shocks to the electoral college: How boredom guides behavior. In A. Elpidorou (Ed.), *The Moral Psychology of Boredom*. Invited chapter in preparation.
- **Yucel, M.**, & Tahiroğlu, D. (in preparation). Kill one to save five: The effects of a foreign language on emotional and moral decision making. Manuscript in preparation.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Chaired Conference Symposia

1. **Yucel, M.**, & Vaish, A. (Co-chairs). (2019, March). The emergence of and mechanisms underlying the development of moral norms. Paper symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Baltimore, MD.

### Peer-Reviewed Oral Presentations

1. **Yucel, M.**, Hepach, R., & Vaish, A. (2019, March). Norms with affect: Children and adults show greater physiological arousal to moral than conventional transgressions. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Baltimore, MD.

2. Vaish, A., & **Yucel, M.** (2019, March). Tattling as punishment: Young children tatttle to enforce moral norms. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Baltimore, MA.
3. Marcus, J., Wiese, C., & **Yucel, M.** (2013, August). Sample type and meta-analyses: It isn't just field and lab. Paper presented at the 73rd annual meeting of the *Academy of Management (AoM)*. Orlando, FL.

#### Peer-Reviewed Poster Presentations

1. **Yucel, M.**, & Vaish, A. (2019, October). Do 6- to 7-year-old children infer status and virtue from gossip? To be presented at the *Cognitive Development Society (CDS)* conference, Louisville, KY.
2. **Yucel, M.**, Drell, M. B., Jaswal, V. K., & Vaish, A. (2019, October). Fairness Reexamined. To be presented at the *Cognitive Development Society (CDS)* conference, Louisville, KY.
3. **Yucel, M.**, Hepach, R., & Vaish, A. (2018, June). Norms with affect: Children and adults show greater physiological arousal to moral than conventional transgressions. Presented at the biennial *International Congress on Infant Studies (ICIS)*, Philadelphia, PA.
4. **Yucel, M.**, & Tahiroğlu, D. (2018, March). The role of foreign language on moral decision making. Presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)* annual convention, Atlanta, GA.
5. **Yucel, M.**, & Vaish, A. (2017, April). Young children tatttle to enforce cooperative norms. Presented at the biennial meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Austin, TX.
6. **Yucel, M.**, & Vaish, A. (2017, January). Children's norm enforcement behavior and its temperamental correlates. Presented at the *Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development (BCCCD)*, Budapest, Hungary.

#### Invited Talks & Presentations

1. Talk, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA [2019, Forthcoming]
2. Talk, International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course, Ann Harbor, MI 05/2019
3. Talk, Psychology Dept. Colloquium Series, UVA *\*Selected Speaker* 01/2019
4. Poster, International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course, Charlottesville, VA 10/2018
5. Talk, International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course, Berlin, Germany 05/2018
6. Poster, International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course, Zurich, Switzerland 10/2017
7. Talk, Food for Thought Series at Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey 12/2016

#### Other Talks & Presentations

1. Talk, Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, UVA *\*Selected Speaker Honorarium* 03/2019
2. Talk, The Raven Society Research Expo, UVA 02/2019
3. Talk, Developmental Lunch Series, UVA 04/2018
4. Talk, Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, UVA *\*2nd Place in Oral Competition* 03/2018
5. Poster, Diversifying Scholarship Conference, UVA 11/2017
6. Talk, Intra-departmental Symposium, UVA 09/2017
7. Talk, Developmental Lunch Series, UVA 02/2017
8. Poster, Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, UVA 03/2017
9. Talk, Developmental Lunch Series, UVA 04/2016
10. Poster, Harvard University Laboratory for Developmental Studies, Boston, MA 08/2013
11. Talk, Harvard University Laboratory for Developmental Studies, Boston, MA 08/2013

**TEACHING & MENTORSHIP****Teaching Assistantships (TA) at UVA***Head TA:* Introduction to Social Psychology (S19)*Discussion TA:* Introduction to Child Psychology (F18), Introduction to Social Psychology (S18, S19)*Lab TA:* Research Methods and Data Analysis I & II (F16, S17, F17)*Review TA:* Introduction to Child Psychology (F15), Research Methods and Data Analysis II (S16)*Guest Lectures:*

- Eye-tracking & pupillometry methods, Research Methods: Child Development (F19)
- Moral Development, Introduction to Child Psychology (S19, F18)
- Eye-tracking & pupillometry methods, Designing and Conducting Research with Children (F17)

**Teacher Training:**

Tomorrow's Professor Today, Center for Teaching Excellence	2018 - present
Graduate Teacher Training Program (Dr. Dan Willingham), UVA Psyc. Dept.	2015 - 2017

**Students Advised:** Jenna Marzougui (*2019 Distinguished Majors Thesis student & 2019 Minerva Award Recipient*), Madeleine F. Mitchell (*2017 - 2019 Double Honors Student*), Angelica Bosko, Nancy Hernandez, Kimberly Cancel-Vargas, Daniela Alvarez, Nishta Polam, Michelle Winkler-Mallma, Anne Kresge, Marie Grace Martinez, Celina Abboud, Maura Austin, Emma Day.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS****Cognitive Development Society (CDS)**

Graduate Student Representative and Board Member	2017 - present
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**International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course**

LIFE Program Fellow Speaker	2018 - 2019
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**Reviewing**

Award Reviewer: Outstanding Research Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology	2017
Student Mentee Reviewer: <i>Social Development</i>	2016

**University of Virginia, Psychology Department**

Cohort Representative	2015 - present
Graduate Research Council Co-chair	2017 - 2019
Developmental Area Representative	2018 - 2019
Babypool Coordinator	2018 - 2019
Developmental Area Speaker Series Co-chair	2017 - 2018
Graduate Student Recruitment Coordinator	2018 - 2019
Panel Speaker, Research in Developmental Psychology, UVA Psychological Society Meeting	2018
Graduate Symposium Committee: Intra-departmental Symposium Organizer	2017
Psychology's Response to Acts of Bigotry on Campus: Member	2016 - 2017
Well-Being Committee: Member	2016 - 2017
Panel Speaker, Applying to Graduate School, ESDL & ESDL Undergraduate RA Meetings 2016 & 2017	

**University of Virginia, The Raven Society**

Secretary and Board Member	2019 - present
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**SKILLS****Graphics:** Gimp**Statistics:** SPSS, R**Eye-tracking:** Tobii Studio**Other:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ELAN (Linguistic Annotator)**Languages:** Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), German (Intermediate)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Psychological Association (APA) & APAGS (also a member of Div. 1, 3, & 7)	2015 - present
Association for Psychological Science (APS)	2016 - present
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)	2017 - present
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)	2015 - present
Cognitive Development Society (CDS)	2015 - present
International Congress on Infant Studies (ICIS)	2016 - present
International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE Academy)	2016 - present

**REFERENCES**

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