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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Psychology, University of Virginia Expected 2021
Dissertation: *“No fair!”: An investigation of children’s moral development*
Committee: Drs. Amrisha Vaish (Chair), Gerald L. Clore, Vikram K. Jaswal, Timothy D. Wilson, Laura Barnes
- Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Psychology, University of Virginia Expected 2021
GPA: 3.94/4.00, *Satisfied all requirements*
Capstone Presentation: *Being in the know: Social network analysis of gossip and friendship on college campuses*
- M.A. in Psychology, University of Virginia 2017
GPA: 3.97/4.00
M.A. Thesis: *Young children and adults show higher arousal to moral transgressions*
Committee: Drs. Amrisha Vaish (Chair), Vikram K. Jaswal, Gerald L. Clore
- B.A. in Psychology, Özyegin University, Istanbul, Turkey 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

- American Psychological Association (APA), APAGS Virtual Convention Grant 2020
Association for Psychological Science (APS)/Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology, 2020
APS Albert Bandura Graduate Research Award [\$1,200]
Cognitive Development Society (CDS), Diversity Travel Award [\$500] 2019
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 International Honor Society in Psychology, Member 2016
Fulbright Commission, Fulbright Ph.D. Scholar [Awarded, Declined] 2015

Internal – University of Virginia

- Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellow [\$20,000] 2020 - 2021
Corruption Laboratory on Ethics, Accountability, and the Rule of Law, Graduate Fellow 2020 - 2021
Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Dean’s Summer Fellowship Support [\$4,000] 2020
The Raven Society (UVA’s oldest and most prestigious honor society), Raven Scholarship [\$2,000] 2020
Honor Committee, Honorable Mention (recognizing people who exemplify honorable behavior) 2020
Psychology Department, Rebecca Boone Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching [\$750] 2020
Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Teaching Relief Fellow [\$5,000] 2019 - 2020
Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, Selected Speaker [\$200] 2019
Psychology Department, 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
Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, 2nd Place in Oral Presentation [\$200] 2018
Psychology Department, Graduate Research Travel Award [\$500] 2017, 2018, 2019
Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Graduate Fellowship 2015 - 2020

Internal – Özyeğin University

Salutatorian	2015
Dean's High Honor List	2011 - 2015
Outstanding Academic Achievement Scholarship [100%]	2012 - 2015
Undergraduate Placement Exam Entrance Scholarship [50%]	2011 - 2012

GRANTS**Funded External Grants**

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Climate Impact Small Research Grant. <i>The moral roots of pro-environmental behavior.</i> (Co-PI; \$1,500).	2020 - 2021
Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology. <i>Unrestricted Travel Grants - Winter.</i> (PI; \$974).	2020

Funded Internal Grants

UVA Corruption Laboratory on Ethics, Accountability, and the Rule of Law (CLEAR). <i>Dissertation Grant.</i> (PI; \$5,000).	2020 - 2021
UVA Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Council Research Grant. <i>An investigation of 4-year-old children's moral development.</i> (PI; \$1,000).	2020 - 2021
UVA Center for Global Inquiry + Innovation Graduate Research Grant. <i>"No fair!": An investigation of children's moral development.</i> (PI; \$1,000).	2019 - 2020
UVA Double Hoo Research Grant Renewal. <i>Do emotions shape how people differentiate moral norms from conventional norms?</i> (PI; \$4,000).	2018 - 2019
UVA Double Hoo Research Grant. <i>Do emotions shape how people differentiate moral norms from conventional norms?</i> (PI; \$6,000).	2017 - 2018
Özyeğin University Summer Research Grant. <i>Studying Comparative Developmental Psychology.</i> (PI; \$2,300).	2014
Özyeğin University Summer Research Grant. <i>Studying Developmental Psychology.</i> (PI; \$3,600).	2013

PUBLICATIONS*** equal contribution; ** consortium authorship**

- Tierney, W., Hardy, J., Ebersole, C. R., Leavitt, K., Viganolan, D., Clemente, E., Gordon, M., Dreber, A., Johannesson, M., Pfeiffer, T., ****Hiring Decisions Forecasting Collaboration**, & Uhlmann, E. L. (in press). Creative destruction in science. *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*.
- **Yucel, M.**, Hepach, R., & Vaish, A. (2020). Young children and adults show differential arousal to moral and conventional transgressions. *Frontiers in Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.00548>. Data and scripts available at <https://osf.io/pwknz>
 - Winner of the 2020 APS Albert Bandura Graduate Research Award
- ***Beeler-Duden, S. G., *Yucel, M., & Vaish, A.** (2020). The role of affect in feelings of obligation. Commentary. *Brain and Behavioral Sciences*, 43. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0140525X19002449>.
- **Yucel, M., & Vaish, A.** (2018). Young children tattle to enforce moral norms. *Social Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sode.12290>
 - Top 10% most downloaded papers in *Social Development* 2018/2019
 - 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.**, Sjobeck, G. R., Glass, R., & Rottman, J. (in revision). Being in the know: Social network analysis of gossip and friendship on college campuses. *Human Nature*. Preprint: <https://psyarxiv.com/q8m7u>.
- Westgate, E. C., & **Yucel, M.** (Invited chapter). From electric shocks to the electoral college: How boredom guides behavior. In A. Elpidorou (Ed.), *The Moral Psychology of Boredom*. London: Rowman & Littlefield.

- **Yucel, M.**, Sjobeck, G. R., Glass, R., & Rottman, J. (under review). Gossip, sabotage, and friendship network dataset.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- **Yucel, M.**, Drell, M. B., Jaswal, V. K., & Vaish, A. (in preparation). Is distributional fairness more like a moral or conventional norm? Children's evaluations of violations of distributional fairness.
- Van Bavel, J.J., Cichocka, A., Capraro, V., Sjästad, H., Nezelek, J.B., Pavlović, T., Alfano, M., Gelfand, M.J., ... **Yucel, M.**... Zwaan, R. A. & Boggio, P.S. (in preparation). National identity and public health intentions during a pandemic.

PRESENTATIONS

Chaired Conference Symposia

1. **Yucel, M.**, & Hales, A. (Co-chairs). (under review). Spilling the tea: Social psychology of gossip. Paper symposium to be presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)* Annual Convention, Austin, TX.
2. **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.**, & Westgate, E. C. (under review). Gossip-as-entertainment: Bored people gossip more. Paper to be presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)* Annual Convention, Austin, TX.
2. Hales, A., **Yucel, M.**, & Rudert, S. (under review). The Oscar Wilde dilemma: Understanding when people want to be the topic of gossip. Paper to be presented at the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)* Annual Convention, Austin, TX.
3. **Yucel, M.**, Hepach, R., & Vaish, A. (2019, March). Norms with affect: Young children and adults show higher arousal to moral than conventional transgressions. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Baltimore, MD.
4. Vaish, A., & **Yucel, M.** (2019, March). Tattling as punishment: Young children tattle to enforce moral norms. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Baltimore, MA.
5. 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.**, Hepach, R., & Vaish, A. (2020, July). Norms with affect: Young children and adults show higher arousal to moral than conventional transgressions. Presented at the *Association for Psychological Science (APS)* Virtual Poster Showcase.
2. **Yucel, M.**, Sjobeck, G. R., Glass, R., & Rottman, J. (2020, February). Being in the know: Gossip and friendship on college campuses. Presented at the Evolutionary Psychology pre-conference for the *Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)* Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
3. **Yucel, M.**, Drell, M. B., Jaswal, V. K., & Vaish, A. (2019, October). Fairness reexamined. Presented at the *Cognitive Development Society (CDS)* conference, Louisville, KY.
4. **Yucel, M.**, & Vaish, A. (2019, October). Do 6- to 7-year-old children infer status and virtue from gossip? Presented at the *Cognitive Development Society (CDS)* conference, Louisville, KY.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **Yucel, M.**, & Vaish, A. (2017, April). Young children tattle to enforce cooperative norms. Presented at the biennial meeting of the *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)*, Austin, TX.
8. **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 (First Author Only)

1. Talk, Franklin & Marshall College, Scientific & Philosophical Studies of Mind Colloquium Series, Lancaster, PA [03/2021]
2. Talk, Brown University Developmental Psychology Brownbag, Providence, RI [02/2021]
3. Talk, George Mason University Cognitive and Behavioral Neuroscience Colloquia, Fairfax, VA [10/2020]
4. Talk, Cornell University Early Childhood Cognition Lab, Ithaca, NY 07/2020
5. DataBlitz, Toronto Early Cognition Lab and Cornell Early Childhood Cognition Lab 07/2020
6. Talk, Boston College Cooperation Lab, Boston, MA 07/2020
7. Talk, Koç University Child and Family Studies Lab, Istanbul, Turkey 12/2019
8. Talk, Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey 12/2019
9. Talk, International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course, Ann Harbor, MI 05/2019
10. Talk, UVA Psychology Dept. Colloquium Series, Charlottesville, VA **Selected Speaker* 01/2019
11. Poster, International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course, Charlottesville, VA 10/2018
12. Talk, International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course, Berlin, Germany 05/2018
13. Poster, International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course, Zurich, Switzerland 10/2017
14. Talk, Food for Thought Series at Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey 12/2016

Other Talks & Presentations (First Author Only)

1. Talk, Quantitative Lunch Series, UVA 04/2020
2. Poster, Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, UVA 03/2020
3. Talk, Diversifying Scholarship Conference, UVA 02/2020
4. Talk, Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, UVA **Selected Speaker Honorarium* 03/2019
5. Talk, The Raven Society Research Expo, UVA 02/2019
6. Talk, Developmental Lunch Series, UVA 04/2018
7. Talk, Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, UVA **2nd Place in Oral Competition* 03/2018
8. Poster, Diversifying Scholarship Conference, UVA 11/2017
9. Talk, Intra-departmental Symposium, UVA 09/2017
10. Talk, Developmental Lunch Series, UVA 02/2017
11. Poster, Huskey Graduate Research Exhibition, UVA 03/2017
12. Talk, Developmental Lunch Series, UVA 04/2016
13. Poster, Harvard University Laboratory for Developmental Studies, Boston, MA 08/2013
14. Talk, Harvard University Laboratory for Developmental Studies, Boston, MA 08/2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Researcher**, Virginia Museum of Science, Richmond, VA 2019 - Present
- Researcher**, Virginia Discovery Museum, Charlottesville, VA 2018 - Present
- Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Virginia, Emotion and Cognition Lab 2016 - Present
Department of Psychology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
PI: Dr. Gerald L. Clore
- Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Virginia, Early Social Development Lab 2015 - Present
Department of Psychology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
PI: Dr. Amrisha Vaish
- Intern**, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology 2014
Wolfgang Köhler Primate Research Center, Leipzig, Germany
PIs: Drs. Michael Tomasello & Josep Call
- Research Assistant**, Özyeğin University, Lab for Child Studies 2014 - 2015
Department of Psychology, Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey
PI: Dr. Deniz Tahiroğlu
- Intern**, Harvard University, Lab for Developmental Studies 2013
Department of Psychology, Harvard University, Boston, MA
PIs: Drs. Susan Carey & Jesse Snedeker

Research Assistant , Koç University, Language and Communicative Development Lab Department of Psychology, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey PI: Dr. Aylin Küntay	2012 - 2013
Research Assistant , Özyeğin University Department of Psychology, Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey PI: Dr. Justin Marcus	2012 - 2013
Research Assistant , Osnabrück University & Koç University PI: Dr. Heidi Keller	Spring 2013
Research Assistant , Koç University, Child and Family Studies Lab Department of Psychology, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey PI: Dr. Bilge Selcuk	2011 - 2013

STATISTICS AND OTHER TRAINING

Classes Taken

Longitudinal Data Analysis, Multivariate Data Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, General Linear Models, Quantitative Methods I, Quantitative Methods II, Contemporary Issues in Quantitative Psychology

Workshops Attended

Curran-Bauer Analytics, Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling (SEM)	05/2020
UVA PhD+, Data Literacy in R	03/2020 - 04/2020
SPSP Deep Dive Workshop, Practical Best Practices in Psychological Science	02/2020

Other Training

Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School, Behavioral Insights Group Doctoral Workshop, Selected Participant	[08/2020]
Tobii Pro eye tracking workshops at BCCCD, Eye-tracking in Developmental Studies Workshop	01/2017

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Teaching Awards

UVA Psychology Dept., Rebecca Boone Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching [\$750]	2020
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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: Infant Development (S20), Introduction to Child Psychology (F15), Research Methods and Data Analysis II (S16)

Guest Lectures:

- Moral Norm Enforcement, Moral Development class at St. Joseph's University [10/2020]
- Panel, Research in Developmental Psychology, Childhood & Adolescence class at Hanover College (S20)
- Article Discussion: Social and Emotional Development in Infancy, Infant Development at UVA (S20)
- Article Discussion: Perception and Cognition in Infancy, Infant Development at UVA (S20)
- Investigating Children's Moral Development, College Science Scholars at UVA (S20)
- Eye-tracking & Pupillometry Methods, Research Methods: Child Development at UVA (F19)
- Moral Development, Introduction to Child Psychology at UVA (S19, F18)
- Eye-tracking & Pupillometry Methods, Designing and Conducting Research with Children at UVA (F17)

Teacher Training

Graduate Instructor Seminar on the Teaching of Writing, UVA's Writing and Rhetoric Program	[08/2020]
Tomorrow's Professor Today, Center for Teaching Excellence	2018 - present
Graduate Teacher Training Program (Dr. Dan Willingham), UVA Psyc. Dept.	2015 - 2017

Students Advised

Madeline Brence	2020 - 2021 Harrison Undergraduate Research Grant Recipient [\$4,000] 2020 Semester Scholars Award Recipient [\$995]
Jenna B. Marzougui	Current position: Master's Student at the College of William and Mary 2020 Psychological Society Award 2020 Research Excellence in Psychology Laboratory 2020 Elected Member of the Raven Society 2019 - 2020 Distinguished Majors Thesis Student 2019 Minerva Award Recipient [\$3,000]
Madeleine F. Mitchell	Current position: Medical Assistant at Virginia Women's Center 2017-2019 Double Hoo Student [\$10,000]
Angelica Bosko	2019 Summer Intern; Current position: Master's Student at the University of Chicago
Nancy Hernandez	2019 Leadership Alliance Program Summer Intern McNair Scholar
Kimberly Cancel-Vargas	2019 Leadership Alliance Program Summer Intern
Daniela Alvarez-Vargas	2018 Summer Intern; Current position: Graduate Student at UC Irvine
Marie Grace Martinez	Current position: Ph.D. Student at UC Santa Cruz 2016 Research Excellence in Psychology Laboratory
Maura Austin	Current position: Ph.D. Student at University of Virginia

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

Graduate Student Representative and Board Member 2017 - 2019

International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course

LIFE Program Fellow Speaker 2018 - 2019

Reviewing

Reviewer: *Social Psychological and Personality Science (SPPS)*

Student Mentee Reviewer: *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology (JPSP)*, *Social Development*

Award Reviewer:

- Student Research Award, Association for Psychological Science (APS) 2020
- Outstanding Research Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) 2017

University of Virginia, Psychology Department

Cohort Representative	2015 - present
Organizer & Speaker, Info Session for International Grad Students	2020
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 - 2020

Volunteering & Science Education

Speaker at PsiClub, Psikoterapi Türkiye (Psychotherapy Turkey)	[12/15/2020]
Science Museum of Virginia: Educate visitors and families about developmental psych. research	2019 - present
Virginia Discovery Museum: Educate visitors and families about developmental psych. research	2018 - present
Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV): Activity Volunteer	2011 - 2015

SKILLS**Graphics:** Gimp**Statistics:** SPSS, R**Eye-tracking:** Tobii Studio**Other:** L^AT_EX, 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 Research in Child Development (SRCD)	2015 - present
Cognitive Development Society (CDS)	2015 - present
International Congress on Infant Studies (ICIS)	2016 - present
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)	2017 - present
International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE Academy)	2016 - present
Cognitive Science Society (CSS)	2020 - present

REFERENCES

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