

DoSC Lab Newsletter

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WOW! We have grown to 34 Lab Members

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

The Development of Social Cognition Lab at UC-Irvine investigates how children learn to think and reason about their social world and the cognitive capabilities underlying these skills.

We look at how children learn about fairness and equality, choice, thinking about the future, and prosocial behaviors such as sharing and helping.

WHAT WE DO?

Our studies take the form of short games: puzzle games, number games, interactive computer games, storytelling games, etc. We look at children's responses on these games to study how they think and behave at different stages of their lives.

Lab Updates: What we've been up to!

Welcome to everyone that is getting our newsletter for the first time! We are very excited to inform that we have been noticing new parents interested in our research! We offer online and in-person studies at our laboratory at UC-Irvine. We also go to Pretend City and Discovery Cube (see page 3 for more details).

We finished collecting data for **2 studies!** We have more up and running and ready for piloting! We are very grateful for all the families supporting our research, we couldn't have done this without you all!

-New year means new graduate students! The DoSC Lab is very excited to have **Isabel Herrera** and **Yufei Zong**. We are excited to see their growth in the lab!

-Congratulations to **Divya Modgil**, **Lana Abad**, and **Lezly Caballero** for their admission into the honors program in which they will be writing a thesis.

-Congratulations to **Madison Leingang** for placing 3rd in UCI's UROP pitch competition for her SURP project.

-Congratulations to all the lab members who had talks/posters accepted into SRCD (More info on page 2)

Research Updates

Our Projects on Household Inequality (Kiana):

LIPS has collected 217 participants & HI-C has collected 128 participants! We are recruiting for these studies (please see pg. 2)!

Our Projects on Wealth and Morality (Cassidy):

PTW is finished with data collection! Thank you to all those who participated.

Our Projects on Social Mobility (Jacky):

MSM data collection is finished. SMG talk was accepted at SRCD! A new project is launching soon (more information to come).

Our studies on Bilingualism (Sharanya, Divya, & Lezly):

These projects are almost done with data collection but are looking for more bilinguals (more info on pg. 2)!

NEW! Our Projects on Leadership (Isabel & Lana):

Preliminary analyses for this set of projects suggest that children prefer democratically chosen candidates (candidates chosen by the majority), but only when they possess prosocial qualities (being fair to others).

NEW Pilot! Our Projects on Household Inequality (Yufei):

There is a new study in the works and the lab is super excited to have new studies for individuals to participate in soon!

WHAT IS SRCD?

The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) is one of the biggest organizations that works to advance the development studies of children across a multitude of fields. The research that is presented is across many fields including Psychology, Anthropology, Education, Human Development, Neuroscience, Sociology, Economics, Linguistics, Social Work, Communications, and more. Every other year they host a meeting in which there are panelists talks and poster presentations.

Lab Members Presenting Talks at SRCD



Jacqueline Beck

About SMG: This study explores children’s social mobility beliefs, specifically whether children think people can change their social groups and classes.



Kiana Gee

About LIPS: This study looks at how exposure to household labor division influences their own perpetuations of labor division.

Lab Members Presenting Posters at SRCD



Isabel Herrera

Isabel will be presenting on her two studies PoMM and PoL. They both look at how children’s leader preferences across factors of authority, majority, and sharing (PoMM).



Yufei Zong

Yufei will present a project about how children and adults trade off in resource distribution situations when faced with the conflict of recipients’ need (how much they need the resources) and offer (how much they offer to get the resources)

Active Recruitments

Some of our studies are currently looking for children from particular households/language backgrounds.

Please spread the word!

Labor Inequality within Parental Structures | Household Inequality and Careers:

LIPS & HI-C are particularly looking for children 4-8 from same-sex and single-parent households.

Does this represent your child and you are ready to book? Please put LIPS and HI-C as your preferred studies on the booking information (sign-up info on page 3).

If it represents someone you know let them know to book an appointment and let us know their preference for LIPS & HI-C

Multilingual, Exposure, and Social Groups | Chai pe Charcha [Conversations Over Tea] :

These projects are particularly looking for bilingual children (Children who speak two or more languages) between the ages of 5 to 7.

Does this represent your child and you are ready to book? Please put MESHG and CPC as your preferred studies on the booking information (sign-up info on page 3).

If it represents someone you know let them know to book an appointment and let us know their preference for MESHG & CPC.

Regardless if your child meets the above criteria we have many studies currently seeking out participants!

The lab would love to have them participate! (sign-up info on page 3)

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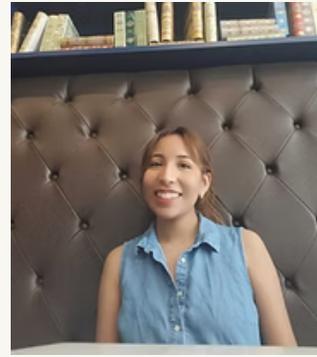
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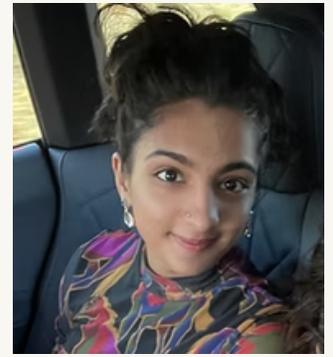
Lana Abed

Lana is working on PoMM. Which examines children's leadership preferences across multiple factors including sharing.



Lezly Caballero

Lezly is working on CPC. Which examines if children feel there is exclusion when an unfamiliar language is spoken.



Divya Modgil

Divya is working on MESG. Which examines (mono and bilingual) children's tolerance for simultaneous linguistic identities.

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Scan the QR code above to learn about all of the lab's studies!

Where to find us:



Online:

We are currently running studies with children ages 4-10 online via zoom! To book an appointment, visit our lab's website (www.dosclab.com) and click "Book Online" under the "Participate!" tab.

In-Person:

In-Lab: Studies done online can also be done in-person in our lab! To book an appointment, visit our lab's website (www.dosclab.com) and click "In-Person Appointments" under the "Participate!" tab.

Pretend City: The DoSC Lab will be at Pretend City this quarter on Wednesdays from 10am-12pm, and Fridays from 2pm-4pm!

Discovery Cube: The DoSC Lab will be at Discovery Cube this year on Saturday from 10am to 2pm!