

THE CAROLINA AUTISM AND NEURODEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTER

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

MEET THE RESEARCHERS!



NOVEMBER 13

10 AM - 12 PM

Enjoy coffee and donuts with three faculty researchers:



- Dr. Abigail Hogan
- Dr. Jessica Klusek
- Dr. Caitlin Hudac

Learn about their career paths, get advice, and more!

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RSVP!

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES



The CAN Research Center tabled at six events this month! See pg. 7 for highlights.

Interested in tabling at future events? Contact can@sc.edu!

DR. SUSAN WHITE SEMINAR: RECORDING

Dr. Susan White, Professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Alabama, gave a virtual seminar about treating emotion regulation in autism on 10/27.

Missed the seminar? [Watch it here!](#)

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CAN SCIENCE MEETINGS

VIRTUAL

- 11/8: Dr. Sarah Edmunds
- 11/29: Dr. Fiona Hollis



UPDATE

Beginning in January 2024, virtual CAN Science meetings will be:

Wednesdays, 8:30 - 9:15 AM

Happy November!



Caitlin Hudac
CAN Steering Director
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Cheers,

Caitlin

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STEERING DIRECTOR

A note of thanks: November is the beginning of the increasingly busy holiday season. This introduces more pressure and stress on each of us, as well as the families that benefit from our science. To each of you, we offer our gratitude for your role in CAN -- and our field, broadly. Your commitment and efforts have a lasting effect as we work to accelerate how our knowledge of autism and neurodevelopment can improve the lives of our communities.

On a personal note, I am incredibly thankful to hear about the progress everyone is making in their work via the CAN science meetings! Although the virtual format has its limits, I appreciate the information, questions, and fellowship. We are working to put together a holiday/new year party so we can meet again in person, so stay tuned.

Some reminders:

- **Working on a grant?** Don't forget that CAN *can* review your specific aims! Fill out the [CAN Grant Review form](#). We also have NIH templates that we can send to you.
- **Join a community event:** October was a busy and rewarding month (see Page 7)! Let Audrey know if you or your lab are interested in attending an event -- it's a great way to meet families! They appreciate connecting with scientists.
- **CAN Science is moving a little later next semester.** We've really been enjoying this virtual opportunity for science sharing. To accommodate more schedules, we will be meeting at a later time (Wednesdays 8:30 am) and keeping this meeting to 45 minutes. [Sign up for a slot today!](#)



TRUNK OR TREAT

My own lab did a fantastic job at the Trunk or Treat event. Look at this excited Maui! It was so much fun that we may make this a CAN event next year!

Paper Highlight!

Carly Halcomb, graduate student in the [Jasnow Lab](#), had a [paper accepted](#) in Psychoneuroendocrinology!



Sign up to present at a **virtual** CAN Science Meeting in Spring 2024! **Fill out the form or contact can@sc.edu**

FALL 2023

CAN EVENTS



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Nov
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Science Meeting: Dr. Sarah Edmunds

8 - 9 AM | Virtual

Join virtually to learn and chat about Dr. Sarah Edmunds' work. Check out her lab: **Community-Oriented Lab for Autism and Behavioral Interventions (COLAB)**



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10 AM - 12 PM | Institute for Mind & Brain, #125

Join the CAN Trainee Committee to enjoy coffee and donuts with researchers Dr. Jessica Klusek, Dr. Abigail Hogan, and Dr. Caitlin Hudac.



Nov
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Science Meeting: Dr. Fiona Hollis

8 - 9 AM | Virtual

Join virtually to learn and chat about Dr. Hollis' work. Check out her lab: **The Hollis Lab**



Dec
05

Heart Rate Series: Dr. Jessica Bradshaw

3 - 4 PM | Institute for Mind & Brain, #125

Learn about heart rate in **Dr. Jessica Bradshaw's** talk, "Heart Rate Measures of Infant Attention in Naturalistic Contexts: Methods and Implications for ASD Research."

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Learn

Ask



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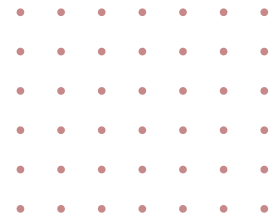
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HEART ACTIVITY SERIES



“—
| **Heart Rate Measures of Infant Attention
in Naturalistic Contexts: Methods and
Implications for ASD Research** |
—”

Learn from **Dr. Jessica Bradshaw** about infant heart rate measures and implications for ASD research.

 **Tuesday, December 5**

 **3 - 4 PM**


 **Institute for Mind & Brain
#125**

COFFEE & COOKIES!



Dr. Jessica Bradshaw

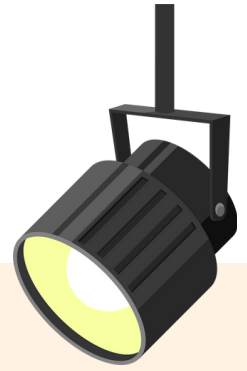
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POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER

SPOTLIGHT



DR. CAILEE NELSON

Dr. Cailee Nelson is a post-doctoral research in the Brain Research Across Development (B-RAD) Lab, led by Associate Professor of Psychology Dr. Caitlin Hudac.



RESEARCH INTERESTS

- How brain development contributes to people's abilities to understand and engage with others.
- How brain development varies among individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders (e.g., autism spectrum disorder)
- How differences in brain development contribute to different social and motivational outcomes.

RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENT

Dr. Nelson finished as a finalist in the University of Alabama's Three Minute Thesis Competition last year!



This is a way for graduate students to practice giving elevator pitches of their research to an audience with varying degrees of expertise. As Dr. Nelson started graduate school with a fear of public speaking, finishing as a finalist was so rewarding!

FAVORITE HOBBIES

Dr. Nelson loves doing anything sports related. Her favorite things to play are volleyball and pickleball and is always looking for new friends to play with!



FUN FACT



Dr. Nelson's dad's side of the family is from Iceland and distant relatives of Leif Erikson the viking.

CAN in the Community

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CAN participated in six community events this October!



Want to connect with the community, too?
Contact can@sc.edu!



SC State Fair Sensory Morning



B-RAD lab at Trunk or Treat



SCSM Accessibility Morning



Buddy Walk



Buddy Walk



Soda City



EdVenture Sensory Night