



Psychology Department Directory

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Advising

Do I accept and train new psychology graduate students in general?

Yes

Am I accepting new graduate students in the upcoming year?

Yes 2014-2015

[Developmental](#)

Research

I explore the development of infants' understanding of other people, that is, precursors to "theory of mind." Emphasis is on the development of intention and self-other correspondences. Specific research includes imitation, memory, and social-cognitive development.

Research Publications

- 2012 Meltzoff, A.N., Waismeyer, A., & Gopnik, A. (2012). Learning about causes from people: Observational causal learning in 24-month-old infants. *Developmental Psychology*, 48, 1215-1228.
- 2007 Meltzoff, A. N. (2007). “Like me”: a foundation for social cognition. *Developmental Science*, 10, 126-134
- 1999 Gopnik, A., Meltzoff, A. N., & Kuhl, P. K. (1999). *The scientist in the crib: Minds, brains, and how children learn*. New York: William Morrow.
- 1995 Meltzoff, A. N. (1995). Understanding the intentions of others: Re-enactment of intended acts by 18-month-old children. *Developmental Psychology*, 31, 838-850.

In the News

- 08/05/2015 UW Today posted an article on new findings by researchers at the Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences (I-LABS) about babies learning language by gaze shifting.
- 04/20/2015 The more kids act in sync, the more they think they are in sync – at least that is what Andy Meltzoff and the team at I-LABS have found.
- 04/06/2015 Are stereotypes of who goes into computer science and engineering keeping women out of the field?
- 04/06/2015 Andy Meltzoff and the I-Labs team find that bath time is more than just bubble fun and sweet baby smells.
- 04/02/2015 Think you know what an engineer or computer scientist look like? Our stereotypes are limiting the field.
- 11/05/2014 Sapna Cheryan and Andy Meltzoff make the news about classroom design – turns out where you are can impact how you learn -
- 11/05/2014 Andy Meltzoff is in the news with his work on how toddlers adjust to adult anger -
- 10/22/2014 Andy Meltzoff and Betty Repacholi continue to make the news -
- 10/22/2014 Andy Meltzoff is in the news as a panelist for “The Case for Early Learning”. Check it out -
- 10/15/2014 Great work by I-Labs, Andy Meltzoff & Betty Repacholi is highlighted here:

- 11/06/2013 Andy Meltzoff (Professor) explains how brain maps change when babies learn through imitation.
- 06/28/2011 Dario Cvencek, Psychology post-doc, Andrew Meltzoff, and Anthony Greenwald's study on culturally communicated messages about math was featured in the June 2011 issue of Columns, the UW Alumni Association's magazine.
- 03/28/2011 Dario Cvencek, lead author and a postdoc at the Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences, and co-authors Anthony Greenwald and Andrew Meltzoff's...
- 03/28/2011 Andrew Meltzoff and Peter Kahn presented at the Osaka-UW Workshop on campus in March.
- 09/27/2010 King TV's "Learning for Life" special opened with interviews with Patricia Kuhl and Andrew Meltzoff along with a visit to I-LABS.
- 06/08/2010 I-LABS' multi-year, multimillion-dollar initiative that will develop insights into how children learn was featured in University Week.
- 01/05/2010 Andrew Meltzoff was featured in the first episode of the PBS series "This Emotional Life." "Paul Allen-conceived PBS series looks at human emotions,"
- 11/03/2009 Remember in August 2007 when a study co-authored by Andy Metzloff made headlines?
- 09/26/2009 From baby scientists to a science of social learning
- 09/22/2009 A report led by Andrew Meltzoff was featured in USA Today "New 'science of learning' could reinvent teaching techniques"
- 07/28/2009 Andrew Meltzoff and co-author Patricia Kuhl: "Learning is social, computational, supported by neural systems linking people,"
- 07/22/2009 New 'science of learning' could reinvent teaching techniques
- 04/27/2009 Andy Meltzoff was recently elected as a Fellow in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- 04/23/2009 Andrew Meltzoff named Fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences
- 09/30/2008 The Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences was featured in the recent University Week with Andrew Meltzoff and Rechele Brooks quoted in the article.
- 09/25/2008 Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences was featured in the recent University Week with Andrew Meltzoff and Rechele Brooks quoted in the article.

- 07/21/2008 I-LABS, was also featured in A&S Perspectives for its research involving non-invasive technology for examining brain activity.
- 04/21/2008 Pat Kuhl, Andy Meltzoff, I-LABS, and their collaborators, obtained funding to bring MEG (magneto-encephalography) to Psychology and UW.
- 04/07/2008 Andrew Meltzoff, Rebecca Williamson, and John Gottman, were interviewed for an article on a visit by the Dalai Lama.
- 01/17/2008 Andrew Meltzoff and John Gottman participated in panel discussions with the Dalai Lama during his visit to Seattle in April.
- 08/20/2007 Andrew Meltzoff and Drs. Frederick Zimmerman and Dimitri Christakis, both with Health Sciences Child Health Institute, for their "Baby DVDs, videos may hinder, not help, infants' language development" research.
- 04/02/2007 Betty Repacholi and Andrew Meltzoff, work made the front page of the UW web site last week.
- 04/01/2007 Toddlers engage in 'emotional eavesdropping' to guide their behavior
- 01/22/2007 Congratulations to faculty who are included in the UW Alumni Association's Columns magazine's listing of the "100 top books by 100 UW authors." David Barash, John Gottman, Patricia Kuhl
- 10/02/2006 Belated congrats to Andrew Meltzoff for two awards in 2005: The Kenneth Craik Award in Psychology, Cambridge University and the Outstanding research award from Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics.
- 08/21/2006 Andrew Meltzoff, co-author of findings was featured in the August 17th University Week.
- 11/14/2005 Rechele Brooks and Andrew Meltzoff work on babies understanding language was featured in University Week.
- 11/10/2005 If babies follow gaze early, language learning improved
- 03/07/2005 Patricia Kuhl, Andrew Meltzoff, Daniel Bernstein, Maritza Rivera-Gaxiola, and Lindsay Klarman's work at the Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences was the cover story of the Seattle Times' Pacific Northwest magazine.
- 03/06/2005 A UW couple leads our new thinking about babies' amazing minds (219KB .pdf)
- 03/06/2005 HOW DO BABIES learn to talk? (.pdf 304KB)

- 11/04/2002 Infants more likely to view an object when another person looks with open, not closed, eyes
- 10/01/1999 Peering into the amazing mind behind those baby blue eyes

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