Graduate Mentors

Abby Boytos — REU Mentor

Title: Graduate Student Teaching

Bio: Abby is a graduate student in the Social Psychology program at ISU. Her research examines the social aspects of autobiographical memory across the lifespan of children, the experiences to which we rely, and ultimately, how we come to view ourselves.

Andrew Zander — REU Mentor

Title: Research Assistant Teaching

Bio: Andrew received BS in Psychology and the Bachelor of Utah, Can. Currently, Andrew is a PhD candidate in the Social Psychology and Neuropsychology program at ISU. Andrew conducted research examining the effects of stress on health and disease. Specifically, he studied the link between stress and cardiometabolic health outcomes. Lotte's background is in medical psychology, and her previous work focused on cardiometabolic health outcomes in relation to behavioral intentions and early adulthood.

Neil Barnett — Research Mentor

Title: Human Development and Family Studies

Bio: Neil is a PhD student in the Center for Integrative Developmental Science at ISU. Neil is interested in understanding how children develop resilience and physical and emotional health. Lotte has been trained in developmental psychology and epidemiology, and her previous work focused on understanding the health of children across the lifespan.

Lucia Chrapa — Research Mentor

Title: Cognitive Psychology

Bio: Lucia is a cognitive psychologist who studies the effects of stress on cognition, motor control, and brain activity in older adults. Lucia plans on staying in academia where she will continue to research the effects of stress on the brain.

Lotta Van-Doon — Research Mentor

Title: Human Development and Family Studies

Bio: Lotta is a graduate student in the Social Psychology and Neuropsychology program at ISU. Lotta received her BSc in Psychology and Social Policy from the University of Helsinki, Finland. Her research focuses on the effects of stress on health and disease.

Ganesh Krishnan — Research Mentor

Title: Statistics

Bio: Ganesh is a PhD student in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at ISU. Ganesh is interested in computer vision, machine learning and statistics. Ganesh has a background in scientific computing and has worked on developing computer vision algorithms for various applications.

Vignesh Suresh — Research Mentor

Title: Mechanical Engineering

Bio: Vignesh Suresh is a PhD student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at ISU. His research focuses on developing computer vision algorithms for various applications.

Xiao Zhang — Research Mentor

Title: Industrial & Manufacturing Systems Engineering

Bio: Xiao is a PhD student in the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering at ISU. His research focuses on developing computer vision algorithms for various applications.

Yi Zheng — Research Mentor

Title: Mechanical Engineering

Bio: Yi Zheng is a PhD student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. His research focuses on developing computer vision algorithms for various applications. Yi is interested in understanding how children develop resilience and physical and emotional health. Lotte has been trained in developmental psychology and epidemiology, and her previous work focused on understanding the health of children across the lifespan. Yi Zheng is a PhD student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at ISU. His research focuses on the effects of stress on the brain.

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