

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2020 - 2025	Ph.D. in Applied Developmental Psychology	George Mason University Fairfax, VA, USA
	Areas of Interest and Specialization:	Applied developmental psychology Research methods and statistics Pretend play and imagination Video games Creativity and the arts Machine learning
2016 - 2020	B.A., Summa Cum Laude	Washington & Jefferson College Washington, PA, USA
	Majors/Minors:	Psychology, Studio Art, Art History

Employment

2022 - present	Lecturer	George Mason University	Dr. Michael Hurley
	<i>Principles of Learning, Lifespan Development, Psychology of Creativity</i>		
2021 - present	Teaching Assistant	George Mason University	Dr. Alison Melley
	<i>Basic Concepts in Psychology</i>		
2020 – present	Research Assistant	George Mason University	Dr. Thalia Goldstein
	<i>Mason Arts Research Center</i>		
2020 - 2021	Teaching Assistant	George Mason University	Dr. Linda Chrosniak
	<i>Research Methods in Psychology</i>		
2019	Research Intern	Pennsylvania State University	Dr. Koraly Perez-Edgar
	<i>Cognition, Affect, and Temperament Lab</i>		

Talks and Lectures

Stapleton, D. (2021, October). *Motivations for Video Game Play*. Guest lecture presented for GAME 600 and GAME 399 courses at George Mason University.

Stapleton, D. (2022, April). *Video Games in Psychology Research*. Guest lecture presented for GAME 399 course at George Mason University.

Conference Presentations

Stapleton, D., Goldstein, T.R. (2023, August). *Children's Understanding of Creativity: How Children Rate Creativity in Video Games*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association 2023 annual conference, Washington D.C.

Stapleton, D., Goldstein, T.R. (2023, March). *The effects of game structure on video game and cognitive creativity in children*. Presented as part of the symposium *Building on divergent thinking: Expanding approaches to measuring children's creativity*, at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.

Stapleton, D. (2022, August). *Video Game Creativity in Sandbox and Narrative Games*. Talk presented for the Division 10 Student Showcase at the American Psychological Association 2022 annual conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Stapleton, D., Cruz, K., Kanumuru, P., Thompson, B., Goldstein, T.R. (2021, April). *The Role of Embodiment and Fantasy Judgments in Learning from Pretend Play*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development.

Science Communication

Stapleton, D. (2021, October). An Interview with Tiffany McGettigan. Mason ARC.
<https://masonarc.gmu.edu/?p=515>

Professional Memberships

2020- Present	APA Division 10: Society for Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts
2020- Present	Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

Professional Activities and Service

2022 - 2023	Policy Chair	Applied Developmental Psychology Student Group George Mason University
2021 - 2022	Social Chair	Applied Developmental Psychology Student Group George Mason University
2020	Coordinator	Applied Developmental Psychology Colloquium Series George Mason University

2020	Member	Psi Chi: The International Honors Society in Psychology Washington & Jefferson College
2020	Member	The Phi Beta Kappa Society Kappa of Pennsylvania Washington & Jefferson College
2019 – 2020	Student Supervisor	Olin Fine Arts Gallery Washington & Jefferson College
2018 – 2020	Member/Treasurer	Kappa Delta Epsilon: Honorary Education Fraternity Washington & Jefferson College
2017 – 2020	Member	Alpha Lambda Delta: Honors Society for First-Year Success Washington & Jefferson College
2017 – 2020	Member/Treasurer	Student Activities Board Washington & Jefferson College
2016 – 2018	Student Teacher	Washington County School Districts Grades 8-12 Washington & Jefferson College

Awards/Honors/Grants

2022 - 2023	George Mason University Psychology Graduate Student Grant <i>To Support Thesis Project, PI.</i>	\$250
2020	Washington & Jefferson College Scholar of Art Award	\$100
2019	Washington & Jefferson College Maxwell Student Internship Award	\$1000

Teaching Interests

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| • Human Development | • General Psychology |
| • Cognitive Development | • Psychology of Creativity |
| • Research Methods in Psychology | • Video Game Psychology |

References

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