



## Congratulations!

**Dr. Charles Geier**, our Associate Director at the Georgia Center for Developmental Science (GCDS), has been named the **William P. (Bill) Flatt Professor** in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at UGA! This well-deserved award celebrates his contributions to developmental science, his mentorship, and his leadership at GCDS.

### 3 grants submitted for competitive review:

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation    **\$500,000**
- Presidential Seed Programs
  - Seed Grand (PI -Assaf Oshri)    **\$100,000**
  - Seed Grand (PI-Steve Kogan)    **\$100,000**



**247** Family Visits Complete  
**244** BIRC Visits Complete  
**12** October Recruitments



**4** Papers under review  
**4** Papers in progress  
**6** Papers in development

**261** Participants Recruited

**14** Papers in the Pipeline



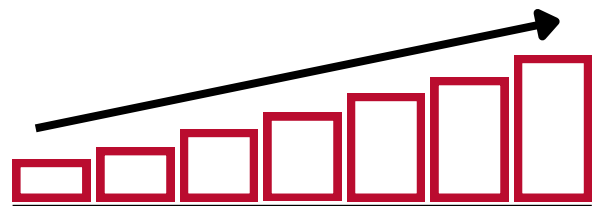
## Current Research at GCDS



**Dr. Assaf Oshri** and **Dr. Drew Abney** have been named two of the eleven **Aspire Fellows** for 2025-2026, a prestigious program that helps faculty advance high-impact leadership initiatives.

**Dr. Nitzan Scharf** and **Dr. Assaf Oshri** presented “Bridging Family and Brain: Neurobiological Sensitivity to Familism and Substance Use Expectancies in Latinx Youth,” at the **National Hispanic Science Network** 25th Annual International Conference.

**Ashlyn Kingsley**, a GCDS URA, published “The Modeling of Pubertal Timing on Perceived Parental Control and Internalizing Symptomology,” in the Fall 2025 edition of **UGA Journal for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (JURO)**.  
<http://curo.uga.edu/juro/>.



# URA Spotlight



It has been a busy month for the CURO URAs at the Center!

- worked in data collection and management
- recruited and attended community events
- trained on cleaning physiological data
- progressed in individual research projects



## Congratulations!

**Addison Wint** received the 2025-2026 FACS Undergraduate Student Research Award! Congratulations, Addison!

## Congrats to the URAs of the Month

These URAs have been exceptional in their assigned research work and in helping with participant visits!



**Amelia Rehman**  
Senior majoring in Psychology, Neuroscience & Spanish



**Logan Aimone**  
Senior majoring in Psychology



**Lilybet Jones**  
Senior majoring in Psychology and Communication Studies

## Science Spot



Graduate students and staff lead weekly meetings to discuss selected scientific articles. October discussions:

- **Cullin Howard**: Interaction effects may actually be nonlinear effects in disguise: A review of the problem and potential solutions
- **Shani Gilad**: The Divide Between “Evidenced-Based” Approaches and Practitioners of Traditional Theories of Family Therapy
- **Nitzan Scharf**: Familism, Substance Use Expectancies
- **Michelle Perez**: Navigating Academic Brokering: Enhancing Belongingness in Scientific Training Programs
- **Gwendolyn Douglas**: Preschool Social-Emotional Learning as a Pathway to Adolescent Resilience

## Scholar Spotlight



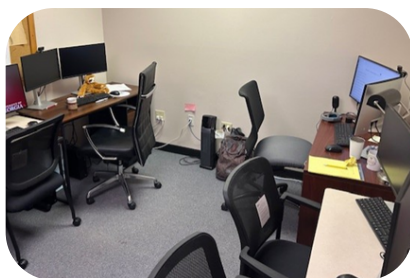
### Dr. Drew Abney

- Associate professor and associate department head of department of Psychology, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
- Faculty affiliate, UGA's Institute for Artificial Intelligence
- Lab director of the Developmental Dynamics Lab
- Appointed Associate Editor of the journal *Developmental Science and Child Development Methods*



## Center News

Our new Data Center is up and running! Newly set up computers for use by GCDS members and URAs for data management & analysis!



## Family and Community Engagement



### Welcome, Kimberly!

**Kimberly Bennett** joins GCDS as the new FACE Coordinator.

Ongoing recruitment efforts in the following locations:  
Walton, Barrow, Morgan, Oglethorpe, Madison County, Greene County

