



2026 Bill and June Flatt Outstanding Faculty Research Award



A FACS Awards Luncheon was held on April 13th to recognize several faculty and staff for their outstanding achievements. Congratulations to **Dr. Assaf Oshri** for being selected for the 2026 Bill and June Flatt Outstanding Faculty Research Award!

Top 100 Student Employees of the Year 2026



An awards luncheon was held on April 8th for the Top 100 Student Employees of the Year. **Morrighan Wingate** received an individual award while **Katie Harmeyer** and **Feiyu Wang** received a team award for 2026!



Total Participants
Family Visits Complete
BIRC Visits Complete
April Participants

	Wave 1	Wave 2
Total Participants	recruited 283	scheduled 92
Family Visits Complete	272	77
BIRC Visits Complete	270	57
April Participants	recruited 2	scheduled 8



Current Research at GCDS



Congratulations to **Avary Evans** on her published article in the journal *Psychoneuroendocrinology*. Her paper, "Links Between Hormonal and Pubertal Development, and Adolescent Females' Risk for Affective Symptoms" can be found at:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0306453026001095>

Dr. Assaf Oshri was an author in the publication "Trajectories of Change Following Relationship Education for Couples Raising Children With Disabilities in Child & Family Social Work," in the *Child & Family Social Work* journal.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cfs.70150>



Pathways of Risk and Resilience

Inaugural Conference



The Georgia Center for Developmental Science (GCDS) hosted its inaugural conference, **“Pathways of Risk and Resilience: From Neuron to Neighborhood,”** on April 22-23 at the University of Georgia Special Collections Libraries. Opening remarks were delivered by Dr. Assaf Oshri, Dean Anisa Zvonkovic and Vice President for Research Dr. Christopher King.



There was an impressive line of speakers who presented their talks to an audience of students, faculty, alumni, community partners and special invitees. The distinguished speakers were:

- Ran Barzilay, M.D., Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Luke Hyde, Ph.D., University of Michigan
- Koraly Pérez-Edgar, Ph.D., Penn State University
- Dylan Gee, Ph.D., Yale University
- Martin Teicher, M.D./Ph.D., Harvard University and McLean Hospital
- Lucina Uddin, Ph.D., University of California-Los Angeles
- Mark Cummings, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame
- Amanda Morris, Ph.D., Oklahoma State University
- Kristin Valentino, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame



Day 1 consisted of two speaker panels and discussions, a Student Poster session where 21 students from UGA, University of Notre Dame, Yale University, Vanderbilt and Oklahoma State University shared their current research. The day ended with 8 Flash Talks on research presented from graduate students and post-doctoral scholars of UGA, University of Notre Dame, Yale University, Oklahoma State University, and University of Minnesota.



Day 2 consisted of another panel of distinguished speakers who presented their research, a Cross Panel Integration discussion and GCDS collaborator Project Summary and Mixer.



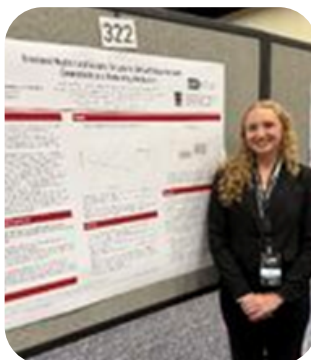
The two-day conference offered valuable opportunities for discussion and networking with leading scholars, open to all interested participants.

Undergraduate Research Assistant (URA) Spotlight



22 URAs from GCDS presented their research posters at the UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) Symposium on April 20th, at the Classic Center.

12 URAs, 2 interns and 2 Medical Students will be joining GCDS for summer research. An orientation for them will be held 2nd week of May.



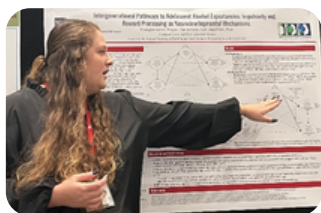
Congratulations, Addison! **Addison Wint** received the FACS Undergraduate Student Research Award and the CURO Research Award.



Cecilia Moore, High School intern from the Yong Dawgs program, finished her semester at GCDS with a final presentation.

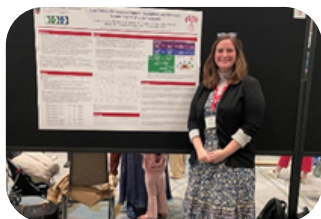
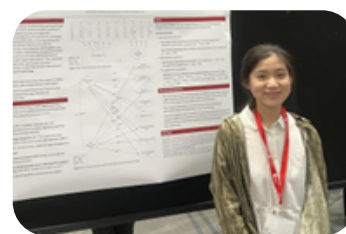
Dr. Oshri, Dr. Scharf and graduate students from GCDS attended the SRA 2026 Biennial Meeting in Toronto, April 15-18

Dr. Nitzan Scharf presented a poster titled, "When Familism Values Diverge: Parent-Adolescent Discrepancies in Familism and Substance Use Expectancies in Latinx Youth."



Morrighan Wingate presented a poster titled, "Intergenerational Pathways to Adolescent Alcohol Expectancies: The Role of Impulsivity and Reward Processing as Neural Mechanisms"

Feiyu Wang presented a poster on, "A Dimensional Model of Peer Adversity and the Development of Adolescent Psychopathology"



Avary Evans presented a poster titled, "Links between hormonal and pubertal development, and adolescent females' risk for affective symptoms."

Family and Community Engagement



BRANCH study still recruiting to enroll possible new participants

Retention efforts: Letters and cards mailed to participants

Keeping engaged with community:

FACE team attended reading sessions at Destiny Inc Tutoring program of the Athens Clarke Library and presented at Boys and Girls Club

