GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



TELL US ABOUT YOUR CURRENT RESEARCH

Moral decision-making is an important part of daily life and of interactions between people. Previous research suggests that both bilingualism, as well as the language in which moral dilemmas are presented, can affect people's choices. My current study examines the development of moral decision-making in young bilingual and monolingual children. More specifically, I am investigating utilitarian decisions using trolley-esque problems. Utilitarian decisions are those that save the most lives or maximize benefit for the greatest number of individuals. My interests in this topic began in my sophomore year when I was asked to work on an undergraduate thesis on the same topic. There has been limited research examining moral decision-making in early development, which makes this research that much more important.

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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

I am originally from the south of France. I graduated from Wesleyan with a double major in Psychology and Film Studies and a minor in Education Studies in May 2023. Currently, I am a Psychology BA/MA student working in the Cognitive Development Lab on campus. Outside of my lab work with children, I enjoy photography, cinematography, and watching movies.

WHAT SUPERPOWER WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE?

Flying, because I hate airplanes.

WHAT SONG HAS BEEN STUCK IN YOUR HEAD LATELY?

Get him back! by Olivia Rodrigo.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE WESLEYAN EXPERIENCE?

Watching the screening of my senior film thesis.