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[Developmental Moral Psychology Lab](#)

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EDUCATION

- In Progress Ph.D., Human Development, Cornell University
 Advisor: Audun Dahl, Ph.D.
- 2019 B.A., Psychology, University of California, Santa Cruz
 Summa Cum Laude
 Senior Thesis: "When and why do students report peers for academic misconduct"
 Advisor: Audun Dahl, Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2019-2022 Lab Manager, Social and Moral Development Lab
 University of Maryland, College Park
 Advisor: Melanie Killen, Ph.D.

RESEARCH AREAS

Moral reasoning, judgment and decision making, social cognition, moral development.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 Esther Stocks, Ethel B. Waring, and Martha E. Foulk Fellowships, \$7,148
 Cornell University College of Human Ecology
- 2024 "Can reasonable people disagree about right and wrong? The sources, consequences, and development of perceived moral reasonableness",
 John Templeton Foundation, Virtue Development. Rejected
- 2023 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, \$138,000
 National Science Foundation
- 2018 Koret Scholarship Award, \$2,000
 University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2018 Porter Research Fellowship, \$1,400
 Porter College, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2017-19 Campus Merit Scholarship, \$2,000 per year
 University of California, Santa Cruz

HONORS

- 2019 Senior Award for Outstanding Researcher
 University of California, Santa Cruz, Psychology Department

- 2019 Outstanding Presentation in the Social Sciences Area
Stanford Undergraduate Research Conference
- 2017-19 Dean's Honors List
University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2015-17 President's Honor Roll
Sierra College

PUBLICATIONS

- Park, K., **Samuelson, A.** (2025). A study on perceptions of mental health in the elderly in Korea through big data analysis and its implications for health policy and medical education. *Asia-pacific Journal of Convergent Research Interchange*, 73-84.
- Dahl, A., **Samuelson, A.**, Santiago, E. R. (in press). Marching toward the cliff? The last 26 years of research on the first 25 years of moral development. In D. Lapsley & J. Gibbs (Eds.), *Research Handbook on Lifespan Moral Development*, Elgar.
- Waltzer, T., **Samuelson, A.**, & Dahl, A. (2024). The centrality of reasoning in moral judgments: First-and third-party evaluations of cheating. *Judgment and Decision Making*, 19, e23, <https://doi.org/10.1017/jdm.2024.7>.
- Dahl, A., Waltzer T., **Samuelson, A.**, (2024). Six and a half lessons from moral psychology for moral education. In L. Nucci, T. Krettenauer, & W. C. Thompson (Eds.), *Handbook of Moral and Character Education*, 3rd edition. Routledge.
- Killen, M., Burkholder, A. R., D'Esterre, A. P., Sims, R. N., Glidden, J., Yee, K. M., Luken Raz, K. V., Elenbaas, L., Rizzo, M. T., Woodward, B., **Samuelson, A.**, Sweet, T. M., & Stapleton, L. M. (2022). Testing the effectiveness of the Developing Inclusive Youth program: A multi-site randomized control trial. *Child Development*, 93(3), 732-750. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cdev.13785>
- D'Esterre, A., **Samuelson, A.**, & Killen, M. (2021). To punish or exclude? Children's responses to unfair and fair advantages created in competitive contexts. *Cognitive Development*, 62, 101168. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cogdev.2022.101168>
- Waltzer, T., **Samuelson, A.**, & Dahl, A. (2021). Students' reasoning about whether to report when others cheat: conflict, confusion, and consequences. *Journal of Academic Ethics*, 20, 265-287. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10805-021-09414-4>.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Samuelson A.**, Burkholder, A. R., Dahl, A., Sriram, A., Killen, M. (under review). Beliefs about wealth and mobility are related to evaluations of economic inequalities.
- Samuelson, A.**, Gupta, A., & Dahl, A. (under review). When adolescents and emerging adults think reasonable people can disagree about morality and politics. .

Yee, K., Luken Raz, K., Sims, R. N., **Samuelson, A.**, & Killen, M. (under review). Children's moral reasoning predicts positive intergroup expectations. University of Maryland.

Samuelson, A., & Dahl, A. (under review). Perceptions of moral reasonableness: Cognitive determinants and social consequences.

CHAIRED SYMPOSIA

How children and adults deal with disagreements about facts and morality. *Society for Research in Child Development*, 2025, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Complex moral reasoning about social issues across the lifespan. *Jean Piaget Society*, 2024, Toronto, Canada.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (* indicates presentations given)

*Dahl, A., & **Samuelson A.**, (2025). Reasons for moral reasons? Probing the normative architecture beneath initial justifications. Paper symposia presented at *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Cornell University.

***Samuelson, A.**, Molaie, B., Park, K., Schrynemakers, S., & Dahl, A. (2025). When others seem reasonable and why it matters. Poster presented at the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Cornell University.

***Samuelson, A.**, Molaie, B., Park, K., Schrynemakers, S., & Dahl, A. (2025). Perceptions of moral reasonableness among emerging adults. Poster presented at the "Towards a developmental science of intellectual humility" pre-conference at the *Society for Research in Child Development*, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

***Samuelson, A.**, Molaie, B., Park, K., Schrynemakers, S., & Dahl, A. (2025). (2025). Perceptions of moral reasonableness among emerging adults. Paper symposia presented at *Society for Research in Child Development*, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

***Samuelson, A.**, Tcherevatenko, M., Park, K., Molaie, B., Lebovitz, E., & Dahl, A. (2024). Can reasonable people disagree about right and wrong? Determinants and implications of moral reasonableness. Poster presented at the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Purdue University, Lafayette, IN.

***Samuelson, A.**, Tcherevatenko, M., Park, K., Molaie, B., Lebovitz, E., & Dahl, A. (2024). Can reasonable people disagree about right and wrong? Determinants and implications of moral reasonableness. Paper presented at the *Jean Piaget Society*, Toronto, Canada.

DeBernardi, F., **Samuelson, A.**, Verma, D., Waltzer, T., & Dahl, A. (2023). It's in the policy: A content analysis of approaches to academic integrity in undergraduate education. Poster presented at *Society for Study of Emerging Adulthood*, San Diego, CA.

Sims, R., **Samuelson, A.**, Glidden, J., & Killen, M. (2023). Moral Reasoning Mediates Children's Evaluations of Social Exclusion, Empathy, and Own Desires for Intergroup Friendships. Paper presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*, Salt Lake City, UT.

Kaufman, E., Glidden, J., **Samuelson, A.**, & Killen, M. (2023). Intergroup Contact and Teacher

- Support are Related to Reducing Bias and Promoting Inclusive Classrooms. Paper presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Dahl, A., Waltzer, T., **Samuelson, A.**, Gross, R., Siefert, C., & Corzine, A. (2023). Beyond One-Dimensional Evaluations: The Case for Complex Moral Judgments Across Development. Paper presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*, Salt Lake City, UT.
- ***Samuelson, A.**, Waltzer, T., & Dahl, A. (2021). First-and third-person moral evaluations about real cases of cheating. Poster presented at the *Association for Moral Education 47th Annual Conference*, Virtual Conference. (Awarded the Runner-Up Poster Prize).
- Killen, M., D’Esterre, A., Burkholder, A. R., Sims, R., Yee, K., Glidden, J., Luken Raz, K., **Samuelson, A.** (2021). Developing inclusive youth: promoting positive intergroup attitudes in childhood. Paper presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*, Virtual Conference.
- Killen, M., D’Esterre, A., Burkholder, A. R., Sims, R., Glidden, J., Yee, K., Luken Raz, K., & **Samuelson, A.** (2021). Reducing childhood prejudice by prompting classroom discussions aims at increasing social inclusion. Paper presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*, Virtual Conference.
- ***Samuelson, A.**, Burkholder, A.R., & Killen, M. (2021). Adolescents’ and young adults’ perceptions of wealth inequalities as related to subjective social status. Poster presented at the *Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting*, Virtual Conference.
- ***Samuelson, A.**, Waltzer, T., Wechsler-Azen, M., & Dahl, A. (2021). Beyond right and wrong: Exploring nuance in evaluative judgments. Poster presented at the *Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference*, Princeton, NJ.
- ***Samuelson, A.**, Wechsler-Azen, M., & Waltzer, T. (2020). Beyond good and evil: Exploring nuance in evaluative judgments. Poster presented at the *Western Psychological Association Conference*, San Francisco, CA.
- ***Samuelson, A.**, Chen, K., Waltzer, T., & Dahl, A. (2019). Students’ reasoning about real cases of cheating: How situational variables affect evaluations. Poster presented at the *Spartan Psychological Association Research Conference*, San Jose, CA.
- Dahl, A., Waltzer, T., **Samuelson, A.**, Chen, K., Baxley, C., & Bareket-Shavit, C. (2019). Narrowing the judgement-action gap: The case of student cheating. Poster presented at *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, San Diego, CA.
- Wechsler-Azen, M., Dolinh, M., Hsiao, K., **Samuelson, A.**, Bareket-Shavit, C., Waltzer, T., & Dahl, A. (2019). Why do so many students cheat in engineering courses? Structured interviews about recent acts of cheating. Poster presented at *Stanford Undergraduate Research Conference*, Palo Alto, CA.
- ***Samuelson, A.**, Waltzer, T., & Dahl, A. (2019). On snitching, loyalty, and honesty: Students’ reasoning about whether to report when others cheat. Poster presented at the *Koret Scholars Undergraduate Research Slam*, Santa Cruz, CA.
- Dahl, A., Chen, K., **Samuelson, A.**, Serrano, M., Constanza, L., Peña, A., Baxley, C., & Waltzer, T. (2018). Student reasoning about real cases of cheating: A comparison of first-person and third-person perspectives. Poster presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the *Association for Psychological Science*, San Francisco, CA.

SERVICE

MENTORING

2025-current	Delany Holland – Undergraduate, Cornell University
2024-current	Sabina Schrynemakers – Undergraduate, Cornell University
2024-current	Bitá Molaie – Undergraduate, Cornell University
2024-current	Kailey Park – Undergraduate, Cornell University
2023- 2024	Emily Lebovitz - Undergraduate, Cornell University
2023- 2024	Michelle Tcherevatenko - Undergraduate, Cornell University
2019-2022	Jacob Glassman – Undergraduate, University of Maryland, College Park <u>Currently: Ph.D. Student, Boston College</u>
2019-2022	Emily Berman – Undergraduate, University of Maryland, College Park <u>Currently: Ph.D. Student, University of Virginia</u>
2019-2022	Dylan Cooper – Undergraduate, University of Maryland, College Park <u>Currently: Private Sector</u>