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EDUCATION

AUGUST 2022 – CURRENT

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

Advisor: Dr. Eric Walle

SEPTEMBER 2018 – AUGUST 2022

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, HONORS, UNIVERSITY OF BATH

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Nathalia Gjersoe

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Emotion Understanding, Social Referencing, Social Learning, Social Cognition

PUBLICATIONS

- Liu, S., Pepe, B., **Ganesh Kumar, M.**, Ullman, T. D., Tenenbaum, J. B., & Spelke, E. S. (2022). Dangerous Ground: One-Year-Old Infants are Sensitive to Peril in Other Agents' Action Plans. *Open Mind*, 1-21. https://doi.org/10.1162/opmi_a_00063
- **Ganesh M.**, Kumar K & Ramadass S R (2020). Self-efficacy and achievement motivation of employed and unemployed mothers. *International Journal of Indian Psychology*, 8(3), 480-493.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 2022 – CURRENT

GRADUATE STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

Laboratory: Interpersonal Development Laboratory

Principal Investigator: Dr. Eric Walle

AUGUST 2020 – AUGUST 2021

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Laboratory: Harvard Laboratory for Developmental Studies

Principal Investigator: Dr. Elizabeth Spelke

JUNE 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2019

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT, ELEMENT H CHENNAI

Principal Investigator: Dr. Sandhya Rani Ramadass

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 2022 – CURRENT

TEACHING ASSISTANT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

Course: Evolutionary Psychology

Instructor of Record: Dr. Meaghan Altman