

Jared Vasil

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Ph.D. Student, Tomasello Lab, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Duke University

Education

Graduate

Fall 2018 – Spring 2023

- Duke University, Durham, NC
- Advisor: Michael Tomasello, Ph.D.
- Ph. D. Student, Studying Developmental Psychology

Undergraduate

Fall 2014 – Spring 2018

- University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- Advisor: M. J. Farrar, Ph.D.
- Bachelor of Science (Psychology, *summa cum laude*)
- Bachelor of Arts (Linguistics, *cum laude*)
- Minor (Philosophy)

Honors and Awards

- Charles LaFitte Foundation Travel Award (**2018**)
- Honors Thesis (Highest Honors, University of Florida, Department of Psychology, **2018**)
- University of Florida University Scholars Program (Department of Psychology, **2016-17**)
- University of Florida Dean's List (**Fall 2016, Summer 2017**)

Publications and Pre-prints

- **Vasil J.**, Badcock, P. B., Constant, A., Friston, K., & Ramstead, M. J. D. (2019). A World unto Itself: Human Communication as Active Inference. *arXiv*, 1906.10538 [q-bio.NC]
- Li, L., **Vasil, J.**, & Negoita, S. (in review). What you mean is more important than how you say it: Envisioning intention-oriented brain-to-speech decoding. Manuscript under review at *J. Conscious. Stud.*

Posters and Academic Works

- Negoita, S., **Vasil, J.**, & Li, L. (2019). Employing neuropragmatics and neurostimulation for decoding language from the brain. University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, *Carolina Neurostimulation Conference*, Chapel Hill, NC.
- **Vasil, J.** (2018). *Homo*: A Principled Approach. Undergraduate Senior Thesis, University of Florida. Retrieved from <http://ufdc.ufl.edu/AA00063285>
- **Vasil, J.** (2017). Minimal Group Effects on Preschool Children's Acceptance of Incorrect Testimony Under Stepwise Reduction of Perceptual Uncertainty. University of Florida, University Scholars Program Research Symposium. Gainesville, Florida.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- **Vasil, J.**, Ramstead, M. J. D., and Veissière, S. P. L. Delay of Gratification in Childhood Revisited: A Variational Approach. (A Commentary on Kidd et al., 2013).
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Research Experience

2015-2018

Language and Cognitive Development Laboratory
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- Individual Research
 - *Thesis*: Suggested an active inference approach to mental state alignment (**2017-18**).
 - *University Scholars Program*: Researched, designed, conducted, and analyzed a developmental psychological experiment (**2016-17**).
 - Research Assistant
 - Created research stimuli for an EEG experiment investigating sentential complement comprehension and false belief in children (**2015-2016**).
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Teaching Experience

Spring 2017

- TA, General Psychology (PSY2012, University of Florida)
 - Created and provided several content review sessions, proctored exams.
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Community Service

2019 – ongoing

- Free Store, Open Table Ministry, Durham, NC
 - Distributes clothing, food, and hygienic items to low income and homeless members of the community.
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Professional Affiliations

- Society for Research in Child Development
- Association for Psychological Science
- Cognitive Development Society