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### Employment

2017-present                      Postdoctoral Fellow  
Stanford University  
Advisor: Carol Dweck

### Education

2017                                  Ph.D., Psychology  
Yale University  
Advisors: Marcia Johnson and Karen Wynn

2012                                  Visiting Graduate Student  
University of Michigan  
Advisor: Susan Gelman

2011                                  B.A., Psychology with Distinction (summa cum laude)  
University of Pennsylvania  
Advisor: Sharon Thompson-Schill

### Selected Honors and Awards

2017                                  William Kessen Teaching Award, presented annually to one graduate student in psychology for “spirit, vitality, and commitment to teaching”

2015                                  Prize Teaching Fellowship, awarded jointly by the Deans of the Graduate School and of Yale College for “outstanding performance and promise as a teacher”

2011                                  Phi Beta Kappa

2010                                  Dean’s Scholar, awarded annually to nine students in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania who “exhibit exceptional academic performance and intellectual promise”

## Grants

2018-2020                      John Templeton Foundation  
*Born to be kind or born to become kinder?*  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Amount awarded: \$201,221

## Publications

Tasimi, A., & Johnson, M. K. (in press). Children's initial responses and beyond: Effects of niceness and similarity on preference, giving, and memory. *Child Development*.

Tasimi, A., & Gelman, S. A. (2017). Dirty money: The role of moral history in economic judgments. *Cognitive Science*, *41*, 523-544.

Tasimi, A., Gelman, S. A., Cimpian, A., & Knobe, J. (2017). Differences in the evaluation of generic statements about human and non-human categories. *Cognitive Science*, *41*, 1934-1957.

Tasimi, A., Johnson, M. K., & Wynn, K. (2017). Children's decision-making: When self-interest and moral considerations conflict. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, *161*, 195-201.

Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K. (2016). Costly rejection of wrongdoers by infants and children. *Cognition*, *151*, 76-79.

Tasimi, A., & Young, L. (2016). Memories of good deeds past: The reinforcing power of prosocial behavior in children. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, *147*, 159-166.

Tasimi, A., Dominguez, A., & Wynn, K. (2015). Do-gooder derogation in children: The social costs of generosity. *Frontiers in Psychology*, *6*, 1036.

Tasimi, A., & Johnson, M. K. (2015). A self-serving bias in children's memories? *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, *144*, 528-533.

## Book Chapters

Parks, A. C., Schueller, S. M., & Tasimi, A. (2013). Increasing happiness in the general population: empirically supported self-help? In S. A. Boniwell & A. Conley-Ayers (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Happiness* (pp. 962-977). Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

**Manuscripts under review**

Tasimi, A., & Dweck, C. S. (under review). Reconsidering representational nativism: A perspective on the origins of social knowledge.

Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K. (under review). The significance of social judgments: Infants prefer helpers to hinderers after long delays.

**Manuscripts in preparation**

Tasimi, A. (in prep). The perils of generosity.

Tasimi, A., & Gelman, S. A. (in prep). A dollar is a dollar, or is it? Developing attitudes toward dirty money in childhood.

Tasimi, A., Gelman, S. A., & Wellman, H. M. (in prep). The extraordinariness of extraordinary giving.

Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K. (in prep). The power of first impressions in infancy.

**Conference Presentations**

Tasimi, A., & Johnson, M. K. (2017, October). The rise and fall of children's social evaluations over time. Poster presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Portland, OR.

Tasimi, A., Dominguez, A., & Wynn, K. (2017, April). Do-gooder derogation in children: The social costs of generosity. Paper presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

Tasimi, A., & Young L. (2017, April). Memories of good deeds past: The reinforcing power of prosocial behavior in children. Paper presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

Tasimi, A., & Gelman, S. A. (2016, June). Dirty money: The role of moral history in children's and adults' economic judgments. Paper presented at 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Austin, TX.

Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K. (2016, May). Infants have enduring memory of who's nice and who's mean. Paper presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Congress of Infant Studies, New Orleans, LA.

- Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K. (2016, May). Costly rejection of wrongdoers by infants and children. Paper presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Congress of Infant Studies, New Orleans, LA.
- Tasimi, A., & Young, L. (2016, January). Memories of good deeds past: The reinforcing power of prosocial behavior in children. Poster presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Dominguez, A., Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K. (2016, January). Do-gooder derogation in children: The social costs of generosity. Poster presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Tasimi, A., & Gelman, S. A. (2015, October). Money has moral history: Children's and adults' attention to the moral source of physical currency. Poster presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Columbus, OH.
- Tasimi, A., Gelman, S. A., & Wellman, H. M. (2015, October). The extraordinariness of extraordinary giving. Poster presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Columbus, OH.
- Tasimi, A., & Johnson, M. K. (2015, March). A self-serving bias in children's memories? Poster presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.
- Tasimi, A., Wynn, K. (2015, March). The power of first impressions in infancy. Poster presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.
- Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K. (2015, February). Costly rejection of wrongdoers by infants and children. Paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K. (2014, January). Infants avoid the bad guy at a cost. Poster presented at the Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary.
- Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K. (2013, April). Evaluating the strength of early social preferences: Do infants avoid the bad guy at a cost, and over time? Poster presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.
- Tasimi, A., Gelman, S. A., Knobe, J., & Cimpian, A. (2013, June). Of merts and men: The role of domain and valence in generalizations. Paper presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Providence, RI.

### Invited Presentations

2019	Developmental Brownbag, University of California, San Diego
2018	International Network of Analytical Sociology Conference
2018	SBSC Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz
2018	Department of Psychology, San Francisco State University
2018	Developmental Brownbag, University of California, Riverside
2018	Wharton-San Francisco
2017	Department of Psychology, University of California, Berkeley
2017	Department of Psychology, Stanford University
2016	Boston Area Moral Psychology Group
2016	Morality Lab, Boston College
2016	Gopnik Lab, University of California, Berkeley
2016	Current Work in Developmental Psychology, Yale University
2015	School of Management, Yale University
2015	Social Cognitive Neuroscience Lab, Columbia University
2015	Four College Conference, Columbia University
2015	Current Work in Cognitive Psychology, Yale University
2014	Duckworth Lab, University of Pennsylvania
2014	Boston Area Moral Psychology Group
2014	Current Work in Developmental Psychology, Yale University
2014	Morality Lab, Boston College
2013	Conceptual Development Lab, University of Michigan
2013	Moral Psychology Group Workshop, Brown University
2013	Harvard-Yale Social Cognitive Development Workshop
2013	Current Work in Social Psychology, Yale University
2012	Current Work in Developmental Psychology, Yale University

### Selected Media Coverage

2016	Washington Post
2016	New York Magazine
2014	Anderson Cooper 360 (Special series, <i>Baby Brains</i> )
2013	Smithsonian Magazine (Cover story, <i>Are Babies Born Good?</i> )

### Teaching Interests

introductory psychology; developmental psychology; moral psychology; research methods; special topic seminars (e.g., social cognitive development; the origins and development of morality)

## Professional Service

Ad-hoc reviewer for: *Child Development*, *Cognition*, *Cognitive Psychology*, *Cognitive Science*, *Developmental Psychology*, *Developmental Science*, *Frontiers in Developmental Psychology*, *Infant and Child Development*, *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, *Psychological Science*, Society for Philosophy and Psychology

## References

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