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## EDUCATION

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**B. S., Child Learning and Development** **Spring 2012**

**B. A., Psychology** (Anticipated)

*The University of Texas at Dallas*

Senior Thesis: What if the nice guy is clueless? Children adjust their trust based on evidence regarding reliability

Advisor: Candice M. Mills, Ph.D.

Overall GPA: 4.0

**High School** **Spring 2008**

*R.L. Paschal High School*

Valedictorian

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society **2011–Present**

*The University of Texas at Dallas*

Academic Excellence Scholarship for National Merit Scholars **2008–2012**

*The University of Texas at Dallas*

Collegium V Honors Program **2008–2012**

*The University of Texas at Dallas*

The State of Texas Valedictorian Scholarship **2008**

*The University of Texas at Dallas*

Eugene McDermott Scholarship Program (alternate) **2008**

*The University of Texas at Dallas*

## RESEARCH FUNDING

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Undergraduate Research Award: \$800 funding for research **Fall 2011–Spring 2012**

*The University of Texas at Dallas*

Santrock Undergraduate Travel Award: \$1000 funding for CDS **Fall 2011**

*John Santrock, Ph.D., The University of Texas at Dallas*

Santrock Undergraduate Travel Award: \$1000 funding for SRCD **Spring 2011**

*John Santrock, Ph.D., The University of Texas at Dallas*

## RESEARCH LABS AND POSITIONS HELD

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Candice Mills' <a href="#">Think Lab</a> at The University of Texas at Dallas Research Assistant	Spring 2010–Present
Frank Keil's <a href="#">Cognition and Development Lab</a> at Yale University Lab Affiliate	Fall 2010–Present
	Summer 2010
Paul Bloom's <a href="#">Mind and Development Lab</a> at Yale University Summer Intern	Summer 2011
Laurie Santos' <a href="#">Comparative Cognition Lab</a> at Yale University Volunteer Researcher	Summer 2011

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Designing and developing studies
- Writing proposals for IRB
- Developing stimuli, protocols, and data spreadsheets
- Organizing recruitment activities for both schools and families
- Testing over 500 children for 8 different projects
- Conducting research with non-human primates
- Creating online surveys on Qualtrics for Amazon Mechanical Turk
- Analyzing results in R and in SPSS
- Preparing manuscripts for publication
- Leading discussions in lab meetings

## PUBLICATIONS

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Landrum, A. R., Mills, C. M., & **Johnston, A. M.** (under revised review). When nice guys finish first: Informant benevolence influences children's trust decisions more than expertise.

**Johnston, A. M.**, Mills, C. M., & Landrum A. R. (in prep). What if the nice guy is clueless? Children adjust their trust based on evidence regarding reliability.

Sheskin, M., **Johnston, A. M.**, & Keil, F. C. (in prep). Naive preferences for explanation generality in physics and biology.

Landrum, A. R., **Johnston, A. M.**, Beaton, D., Pflaum, A. D., Abdi, H., & Mills, C. M. (in prep). The need for cognition versus the cognitive reflection task: Which best reflects the extent to which people enjoy and engage in effortful thinking?

Grant, M. G., Mills, C. M., & **Johnston, A. M.** (in prep). Children's recognition of persuasion: Detecting exaggerated claims.

## POSTERS

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**Johnston, A. M.**, Mills, C. M., & Landrum, A. R. (2011, October). What if the nice guy is clueless? Children adjust their trust based on evidence regarding reliability. Poster presented at the 2011 Cognitive Development Society's Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sheskin, M., **Johnston, A. M.**, & Keil, F. C. (2011, April). The development of generality preference for explanations. Poster presented at the 2011 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Quebec.

Landrum, A. R., Mills, C. M., & **Johnston, A. M.** (2011, April). Naughty or nice: Does meanness or niceness distract from expertise in children's trust decisions? Poster presented at the 2011 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Quebec.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant for Statistics for Psychology <i>The University of Texas at Dallas</i>	<b>Fall 2009, Spring 2010</b>
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## MENTORING AND TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN

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Big Brothers Big Sisters <i>Awarded Tarrant County Big Sister of the Year for 2010</i>	<b>2007–Present</b>
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UTeach Teaching Program <i>Taught several lessons on magnetism in a 5<sup>th</sup> grade science class</i>	<b>Spring 2010</b>
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## EXTRACURRICULAR LEADERSHIP

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Founding Vice President of Onomatopoeia Improv Society <i>Nominated for Student Leader of the Year Fall 2010–Spring 2011</i>	<b>Spring 2009–Spring 2010</b>
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