

VICTORIA COONS

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Education, Specialization: Learning Sciences, University of Delaware, anticipated 2028, Advisor: Dr. Roberta Michnick Golinkoff

M.S.Ed., Interdisciplinary Studies in Human Development, University of Pennsylvania, 2024

B.A., Psychology, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 2021

A.A., Education, Delaware County Community College, 2011

SUMMARY

Victoria Coons is a first year doctoral candidate in the School of Education, Learning Sciences Program at the University of Delaware. She received her B.A. in Psychology from The University of North Carolina Wilmington, and her M.S.Ed. in Interdisciplinary Studies in Human Development from the University of Pennsylvania. She is particularly interested in investigating how early life experiences, especially those related to socioeconomic status, shape children's language development. Her research aims to explore the mechanisms by which environmental factors influence language acquisition and identify potential interventions to support language growth in underserved populations.

AWARDS & HONORS

Unidel Distinguished Graduate Scholar Award, University of Delaware, 2024-2028

Lydia C. Dunlap Scholar, University of Delaware, 2024-2028

FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Consultant, Contracted Employee at: C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Aptive Resources, 2024

- Coordinated/facilitated monthly RDC meetings and recorded meeting minutes
- Managed study packages and collected monthly reports
- Summarized study progress for presentation to the committee
- Processed incoming study requests, including new submissions, modifications, and annual reviews
- Reviewed submissions for compliance and approved or requested modifications
- Issued determination letters to study teams
- Managed Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) disclosures and tracked training requirements

Senior Research Coordinator, Institute of Education Sciences ([IES](#)) Predoctoral Training Program & Center for Benefit-Cost Studies of Education ([CBCSE](#)), GSE, University of Pennsylvania, 2023 - 2024.

- Composed Letters of Intent (LOIs) and grant summaries for grant applications, effectively communicating the program's research objectives and needs.
- Maintained budget tracking, ensuring compliance and fiscal responsibility in grant-funded projects.
- Led the grant application process, including submission, tracking, and management of awarded grants to support ongoing research initiatives.
- Organized research placements for 14 predoctoral fellows, coordinating placements and maintaining relationships at institutions such as AIR, MDRC, and Mathematica.
- Facilitated workshops in cost-effectiveness analysis and research methods training, equipping researchers and analysts from around the country with valuable skills for their work.

Senior Research Coordinator, Operations, Information and Decisions Department, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 2021-2023.

- Directed and executed the entire spectrum of behavioral science research initiatives for 27 PhD students and over 30 faculty members
- Played a pivotal role in study design and construction, proficiently utilizing tools such as Qualtrics and JavaScript, while also conducting rigorous data analysis.
- Designed and implemented an online platform, optimizing the process of research requests and enhancing operational efficiency.
- Maintained budgetary oversight on a daily and monthly basis, in conjunction with the launch of studies using platforms like MTurk and Prolific, and collaborated closely with the Wharton Behavioral Lab.
- Orchestrated the launch of over 1000 studies geared towards those aged 18-24.

PART-TIME ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Team Leader, Consortium For Mental Health & Optimal Development, Chester County, PA, 2022 – 2024.

- Led focus groups to gather insights on mental health issues among students aged 13-18.
- Provided research support to over 16 local school districts, assisting in data collection and analysis.
- Instructed and mentored research assistants in qualitative coding techniques, ensuring high-quality data analysis.
- Prepared and analyzed data, and wrote detailed reports for grant reporting, ensuring transparency and accountability in research funding allocation.
- Regularly presented research findings at the monthly consortium meetings, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing within the group.

VOLUNTEER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Learning Consultant, SEE Initiative (Social Equity & Education), Sarasota & Manatee, FL, 2022 - 2023.

- Conducted and coordinated research initiatives aimed at bolstering curriculum development for at-risk youth (age 13-18).
- Collaborated with neighboring youth centers in Sarasota and Manatee, Florida, to devise comprehensive strategies for adapting curriculum and programming into virtual formats, ensuring remote accessibility and effectiveness.
- Provided guidance and training to a team of dedicated staff, ensuring their professional development and the delivery of high-quality services.
- Demonstrated organizational skills by managing schedules and maintaining regular weekly office hours to optimize productivity and communication.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant: University of Pennsylvania EDUC 5560: Human Development, 2023

PUBLISHED NEWSLETTERS

“Investigating the Language Gap: Insights into Childhood Poverty and Brain Development.” *Consortium For Mental Health & Optimal Development*, 2023.

“Addressing Educator Burnout: A Multifaceted Approach.” *Consortium For Mental Health & Optimal Development*, 2023.

“Empowering Educators and Students: Alleviating Anxiety in Schools with Mindfulness.” *Consortium For Mental Health & Optimal Development*, 2023.

MEMBERSHIPS

National Head Start Association, 2023-Present

Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology, 2020 - Present

CERTIFICATES & TRAINING

Lean Six Sigma Green Belt. Course Number: EV-101-LSSGB. 2024

Professional Certificate in Data Science, HarvardX. Anticipated completion 2025

CITI Research, Ethics, & Compliance Training

- Social/Behavioral Research Course IRB (Record ID-40696525)
- Working with the IACUC (Record ID-40789171)
- IPS Researchers Record (ID-40789173)
- Essentials for IACUC Members (ID-60814438)
- RandD Committee Members (ID-60814440)

- VA Human Subjects Protection (ID-60814437)
- VA ORD Biosecurity Training (ID-60814439)