



Newsletter, June 2019

Save the Date for the 10th Annual Forum: November 1st, 2019

Save the Date for the 2019 Forum on **Friday, November 1st** with keynote speaker [Dr. Kathy Hirsh-Pasek](#) from Temple University and the Brookings Institution.

Dr. Hirsh-Pasek is the Stanley and Debra Lefkowitz Faculty Fellow in the Department of Psychology at Temple University and a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. Her research examines the development of early language and literacy as well as the role of play in learning.

This year's forum, titled "**A Communication Foundation: Building Blocks for Lifelong Literacy**," will be held at the University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, in the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center. Stay tuned for more information and registration details.



Dr. Kathy Hirsh-Pasek

Developmental Neurolinguistics Lab Seeks Participants for Paid Study

The [Developmental Neurolinguistics Lab](#) at UT Dallas is conducting a paid research study to explore how children learn and process language. The study will take approximately 3 hours, during which researchers will perform an electroencephalograph (EEG) and several reading, vocabulary, and memory assessments on each participant. A t-shirt and \$50 compensation will be provided for participating.



Participation requirements:

- Participants must be between 8-15 years old

- Participants must be proficient in English
- Participants must have typical hearing
- Participants must not be taking any medication

If your child qualifies and you are interested, please email the lab (utd.dev.neuro.lab@gmail.com) to schedule a time to participate. Appointments are available Monday - Thursday between 9:30am - 4:30pm at the Callier Center for Communication Disorders, 1966 Inwood Road, Dallas TX 75235.

Blackberry Project Seeks Participants for a Paid Study



[The Blackberry Project](#) research lab at UT Dallas is conducting a study on how teenagers use Instagram. They are currently recruiting teenagers from the community who are between 13

and 15 years old, and who have an active Instagram account. The Blackberry Project is providing \$50 compensation per family for participating.

Participation requirements:

- Teens and a parent must attend a 75 minute session at UT Dallas
- Teens must be between 13-15 years old and speak English
- Teens will complete surveys on their social media use, personality, body image, and well-being
- Teens will browse a few posts from their Instagram account using an eye-tracker
- Teens must have an active Instagram account, have no history of epilepsy or proneness to seizures, have no medical device susceptible to infrared light, not wear heavy glasses or contact lenses, or be diagnosed with any of the following conditions: cataracts, amblyopia, strabismus, mydriasis, or nystagmus

If you are interested, please email Kaitlyn Burnell at kpb160330@utdallas.edu, or fill out [this form](#) to be contacted by the lab.

CCF Donor Wall Unveiling and Garden Party

On May 23rd, we celebrated the unveiling of our CCF Donor Wall, which recognizes CCF 10th Anniversary Donors, [Founders Society](#) members, and [Sustainers Society](#) members. To learn more about giving opportunities to CCF, please contact Erin Dougherty at 972-883-3938 or erin.dougherty@utdallas.edu.



Play With Me Family Celebration

Thank you to the over 220 children and families who attended our Play with Me Family Celebration on June 1st! We had so much fun celebrating with play, music, and movement activities. Thank you to all of the sponsors, Advisory Council members, volunteers, agencies, and organizations who supported us and joined us in this celebratory day!





From the Director

The past month has been a time of celebration and of sadness. We celebrated our donors and friends with the unveiling of our donor wall and we celebrated with the families we serve in our outreach programs at our annual celebration. Shortly thereafter, we learned of the passing of our colleague and friend, Dr. Jim Bartlett, who [passed away on June 1st](#) at the age of 70. Dr. Bartlett's contributions to the University for 44 years made an indelible impact and his legacy will live on in our School and University for decades to come. In honor of Bartlett's life and service to the University, UT Dallas will establish a professorship in his name. Memorial gifts can be made to the professorship, School, or fellowship created in his honor, [here](#).

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