

**ISHAAN AMBRISH**  
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**EDUCATION**

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<b>University of Washington</b> , Seattle, WA Ph.D., Psychology (Developmental, with Data Science Option) Advisor: Dr. Ariel Starr	2022 – present
<b>University of California, Santa Barbara</b> , Santa Barbara, CA B.S., Psychological and Brain Sciences, honors B.A., Anthropology (Biological Emphasis), honors	2017 – 2021

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Developmental psychology; language development; language and communication; cognitive development; bilingualism; language mixing, spatial cognition

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Graduate and Professional Student Senate Travel Grant	May 2025
Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Graduate Student Travel Award	May 2025
Barbara Sarason Endowed Fellowship	April 2025
Middle Class Scholarship (University of California, Santa Barbara)	October 2020
UCSB Cares Emergency Grant	May 2020
Dean's Honors (University of California, Santa Barbara)	2017-2021 (various)

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Ambrish, I.**, Sodhi, S. & Liberman, Z. (2025). Does children's developing understanding of linguistic register impact their social preferences? *Social Development*, 34(2), e12797. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sode.12797>.

**POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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- Ambrish, I.** & Starr, A. (2025, May). Spatial Language Use in Naturalistic Dyadic Interactions. Poster presentation at the biennial Society for Research in Child Development conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Ambrish, I.** & Starr, A. (2025, May). Language Mixing Strategies for Verbs in Early Childhood. Poster presentation at the biennial Society for Research in Child Development conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Ambrish, I.** (2025, February). Spatial communication between parents and children. Oral presentation at the University of Washington Scholars' Studio, Seattle, WA.
- Ambrish, I.** & Starr, A. (2024, July). Spatial language in book reading and play. Poster presentation at the biennial International Congress of Infant Studies conference, Glasgow, Scotland, UK.
- Ambrish, I.** & Starr, A. (2024, March). Examining differences in parent-child spatial language use through book reading and play. Poster presentation at the biennial Cognitive Development Society conference, Pasadena, CA.
- Ambrish, I.** (2023, May). The Role of Parental Input in Spatial Cognition and Language. Oral presentation at the annual Psychology Department Research Festival, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
- Ambrish, I.,** Gelbart, B. & Conroy-Beam, D. (2021, June). What the Green-Eyed Monster Sees: Jealousy Tracks Predictions of Others' Trait Preferences. Poster presentation at the annual Human Behavioral and Evolution Society conference, virtual.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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| <p><b>Language, Cognition, and Development Lab</b><br/>         University of Washington<br/>         PhD Student/Candidate<br/>         PI: Dr. Ariel Starr</p>         | <p>September 2022 – present</p> |
| <p><b>Computational Mate Choice Lab</b><br/>         University of California, Santa Barbara<br/>         Research Assistant<br/>         PI: Dr. Daniel Conroy-Beam</p> | <p>January 2020 – June 2021</p> |
| <p><b>Social Cognitive Development Lab</b><br/>         University of California, Santa Barbara<br/>         Research Assistant<br/>         PI: Dr. Zoe Liberman</p>    | <p>January 2018 – June 2021</p> |

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Teaching Assistant*****University of Washington***

PSYCH 209: Fundamentals of Psychological Research

Fall 2023, Spring 2025

PSYCH 210: The Diversity of Human Sexuality

Fall 2022, Winter 2023

PSYCH 305: Psychological and Behavior Disorders

Fall 2024

PSYCH 333: Sensory and Perceptual Processes

Spring 2024

**MENTORSHIP AND SERVICE**

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**Diversity Steering Committee Climate Survey**

September 2024 – present

University of Washington, Psychology Department

Committee Member

**Psychology Undergraduate Mentoring Program**

October 2023 – present

University of Washington, Psychology Department

Mentor

**Psychology Graduate Mentorship Program**

September 2023 – June 2024

University of Washington, Psychology Department

Mentor

**Diversity Steering Committee Virtual Recruitment Event**

September 2023, October 2024

University of Washington, Psychology Department

Event Coordinator/Speaker

**Graduate Student Data Science Working Group**

May 2023 – current

University of Washington, Psychology Department

Founding Member

**R Workshop**

March, April, July 2023

Language, Cognition, and Development Lab

Workshop Host

**Queer Mentorship and Peer Program**

December 2022 – June 2023

University of Washington, Q Center

Mentor

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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International Congress for Infant Studies (ICIS)

December 2023 – present

Cognitive Development Society (CDS)

December 2023 – present

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

January 2023 – present

Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES)

June 2021 – May 2023

Psi Chi International Honor Society

October 2020 – present

## **SKILLS**

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**Tools:** Qualtrics, RedCap, Office Suite, Git

**Languages:** Hindi (proficient), Tamil (proficient), German (intermediate), Spanish (beginner)

**Programming:** R (proficient), Python (beginner)

**Interests and Hobbies:** Singing, Hindi movies, tabletop roleplaying games