

# ELIZABETH M CLERKIN

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## Education

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- Current Ph.D. Psychology; Area of Focus: Developmental Psychology  
Indiana University, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences  
Advisor: Linda B. Smith
- 2015 B.A. Psychology; Minor: Contemporary Dance; GPA: 3.924/4.0  
Indiana University, College of Arts and Sciences  
Hutton Honors College

## Honors and Scholarships

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- 2016 Joint IEEE International Conference for Developmental Learning and  
Epigenetic Robotics Student Travel Grant
- 2016 Provost's Travel Award for Women in Science
- 2015-present Indiana University Training Program in Integrative Developmental  
Process – Fellow
- 2015 Phi Beta Kappa
- 2015 Graduation with Highest Distinction
- 2015 Graduation with Departmental Honors in Psychology
- 2011-2015 Cox Research Scholar, Indiana University's premier research based  
scholarship for undergraduates
- 2011-2015 Indiana University National Merit Scholar
- 2011-2015 Indiana University Executive Dean's List
- 2012 Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta National Honors Societies

## Publications

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**Clerkin, E.M.**, Hart, E., Rehg, J., Yu, C., & Smith, L.B. (in press). Real-world visual statistics and infants' first-learned object names. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*.

## Conference Presentations

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**Clerkin, E.M.**, Hart, E., Rehg, J.M., Yu, C., & Smith, L.B. (2016). How everyday visual experience prepares the way for learning object names. Paper to be presented at the 6th Joint IEEE International Conference for Developmental Learning and Epigenetic Robotics, Paris, France.

**Clerkin, E.M.,** Smith, L.B., & Yu, C. (2016). The natural visual statistics of objects matter in statistical word-referent learning. Paper to be presented at the 41st Boston University Conference on Language Development, Boston, MA.

**Clerkin, E.M.,** Vales, C., & Smith, L.B. (2015). Category effects on visual perception in 3-year-old children. Poster presented at the 9th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Columbus, OH.

## **Professional Development**

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2016            Workshop – *HomeBank* – New Orleans, LA  
2015            Workshop – *Databrary* – Columbus, OH

## **Undergraduate Research Experience**

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2014-2015    *Honors Student*  
Dr. Linda Smith's Cognitive Development Lab  
Indiana University  
Thesis: *Category Effects on Visual Perception in 3-Year-Old Children*

2013-2014    *Research Assistant to Catarina Vales*  
Dr. Linda Smith's Cognitive Development Lab  
Indiana University

## **Teaching and Mentorship Experience**

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2015-present *Supervisor to Undergraduate Research Assistants*  
Cognitive Development Lab, Indiana University

Spring 2015 *Undergraduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Robert Nosofsky*  
Introduction to Psychology for Majors (P155), Indiana University

## **Leadership Activities**

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Aug 2016    **Boys and Girls Club**  
*Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences Tour Leader*  
Indiana University

Feb 2016    **Wonderlab Museum of Science, Health, and Technology**  
*"Your Amazing Brain" Program Volunteer*  
Bloomington, IN

2015-present **Center of Excellence for Women in Technology**  
*Member*  
Indiana University

## **Special Skills**

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Computer programming (MATLAB and R languages)