



# Students in Pediatric Neuropsychology

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## What is SIPN?

Students in Pediatric Neuropsychology (SIPN) is the student organization of the American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology. Being a member of SIPN provides opportunities to be involved in the academic community, work collaboratively with fellow faculty, practitioners, and graduate students in pediatric neuropsychology across the nation, and promote progress in the field.

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SIPN participated in yet another successful online event for the AAPdN 7th Annual Conference. This year's focus was "Advancing Pediatric Neuropsychological Practice Now and For the Future." Our student presentations were robust, and many presented exciting and innovative research posters (see poster winners on page 3). Students also had the opportunity to view exceptional presentations by established neuropsychologists in the field of pediatric neuropsychology. As a student run and operated board, we are committed to supporting students in accessing and disseminating the most cutting-edge research. A call for papers and posters will be announced in the fall-keep a lookout for an email announcement from us!

Further, an incredible benefit to SIPN membership is access to the AAPdN journal, the Journal of Pediatric Neuropsychology. With membership, you are granted free access to everything offered in the journal-an excellent resource to utilize to stay current!



## Meet our new SIPN board!



Ashley Nguyen  
President Elect



Timea Tozser  
Advocacy Coordinator



Brandt Ling  
President



Erin McLean  
Vice President



Caitlyn Cap  
Digital Media Coordinator

**Brandt Ling** is a fourth-year clinical psychology student at Wright State University's School of Professional Psychology. His clinical and research interests are in lifespan neuropsychology with a specific focus on traumatic brain injury and other neurological conditions. With a strong dedication to the field of neuropsychology, he enjoys working to broaden the scope and audience of SIPN.

**Ashley Nguyen** is an incoming 4th year at Pepperdine University, in Southern California. She will begin her pediatric neuropsychology internship at the University of Minnesota Medical School this summer. Ashley is dedicated to medical pediatric populations and has special interests in epilepsy, stroke, and traumatic brain injury. She looks forward to advocating for students interested in pediatric neuropsychology and hopes to use her platform to bring awareness to cultural disparities within the field. Ashley is also a devoted dog mom, runner, and weightlifter.

**Erin McLean** is a rising fifth-year clinical psychology Ph.D. student at Hofstra University. Her external practicum placements include the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center and Weill Cornell's Neurosurgery Department. Through these placements, she has administered neuropsychological testing to a variety of medically complex patients across the lifespan. Her research interests include tailoring psychological treatment for and social function in children and adolescents with various neuropsychological/neurological needs.

**Timea Tozser** is a second-year Clinical Psychology Psy.D. student at the School of Professional Psychology at Wright State University. Her interests include neuropsychological assessment, focusing on acquired neurological injuries such as Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). She is also interested in the role of neuropsychology in multidisciplinary cognitive rehabilitation programs. Timea looks forward to contributing to AAPdN and serving as the Advocacy Coordinator.

**Caitlyn Cap** is a fifth-year doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at La Salle University. She has completed two practicums in pediatric neuropsychology at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and is an incoming predoctoral neuropsychology intern at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Her clinical interests in pediatric neuropsychology include working with neuro-oncology, epilepsy, and stroke populations. Her dissertation research investigates mind-wandering as an aspect of executive function and attentional control in teens and young adults on the autism spectrum.



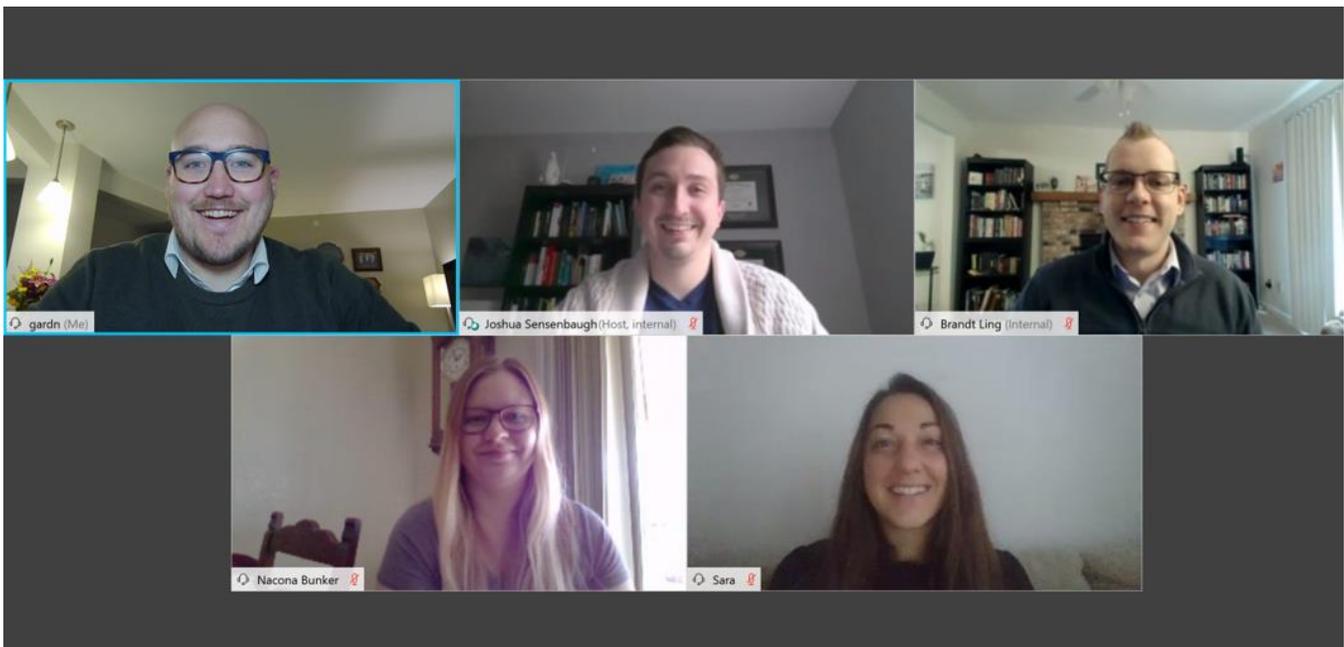


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We would like to express our thanks to the SIPN board members for the 2020-2021 academic year. We are sure that you can agree, this past year has been like no other; with the pandemic and racial reckoning, this graduate training year has been exceptionally unique. During this unique experience, we examined our role in racial injustice and reconfigured a board member position to further align with our mission to diversify our board and to support anti-racism. In our previous newsletter, we also created a helpful tip-guide to support students through the uncharted territory of applying and interviewing for internships entirely online.

We are eager to continue to evolve and would love to hear from you about ways that we can improve in our methods and ability to serve you! Please reach out with ideas! And again, we sincerely appreciate all that our past board members have done throughout this past year!



Click below to check out social media pages for AAPdN and SIPN!  
<https://linktr.ee/SIPN>

To join SIPN and be a member of the AAPdN community ([Sign Up Here](#) ). If you have questions or ideas to share, please feel free to email [SIPN@gmail.com](mailto:SIPN@gmail.com). Network with current professionals and students while staying up-to-date on cutting-edge research in the field.





# STUDENTS IN PEDIATRIC NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

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## Presidential Address

I am immensely grateful to be writing this year's presidential address. What a year it has been! From renewed attention towards the numerous social injustices around us, to adapting to the challenges that COVID-19 has brought, this past year has tested our collective resolve, compassion, ingenuity, and flexibility. Navigating the notoriously difficult path of graduate school during this past year also brought obstacles beyond what any of us could have anticipated. Yet, as we emerge from this difficult year, I am confident that we are emerging stronger, wiser, and more effective at delivering scientifically grounded, compassionate care to those we serve. Likewise, we at SIPN have a renewed commitment to serving as a resource and aid to students who are pursuing studies in pediatric neuropsychology.

My primary goals during this upcoming year are twofold. First, I plan to build on the past success of previous student presidents to recruit more SIPN student members. Towards that end, my goal is to create a broad and diverse network of students to support and uplift one another in our graduate and postgraduate school journeys. Second, my hope is for SIPN to continue working closely with our parent board, AAPdN, to make pediatric neuropsychology more inclusive and equitable through reducing barriers to entry into the field of pediatric neuropsychology. I am confident that our brilliant and passionate group of 2021-2022 student executive board members will allow us to accomplish both tasks. I am incredibly hopeful for what the future holds for SIPN and the field of pediatric neuropsychology!

All the best,

Brandt Ling, Psy.M.  
2021-2022 SIPN President

## 2021 AAPdN Conference Len Koziol Student Poster Awards

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Credible vs. non-credible PVT on T.O.V.A. in ADHD youth: replication

Hardian Thamrin, M.A., Maraen B. Foley, B.S., Sarah J. Shipley, & Christopher J. Nicholls, Ph.D.  
The Nicholls Group; Arizona State University

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** A Review of the Validity of the Computer Assisted WISC-V

Courtney Larsen, B.S. Andrew S. Davis Ph.D.  
Ball State University, Indiana

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Preliminary Assessment of the Impact of COVID-19 on Cognitive and Emotional Functioning in a 19-year-old: Case Study

Charles Cruise, Ph.D.<sup>1,3</sup>, Karina Puent, B.S.<sup>2,3</sup>, Lauren Stone, B.S.<sup>1,3</sup>, Meghan Cahill, Psy.D.<sup>3</sup>, Peter Dodzik, Psy.D., ABN, ABPdN<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Wheaton College, <sup>2</sup>Midwestern University, <sup>3</sup>Northwest Behavioral Health Services

**Congratulations to this year's winners for student poster awards at the 2021 AAPdN conference!**

