

# KELLSIE PRATHER

## THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

EMAIL: [KLP76402@UGA.EDU](mailto:KLP76402@UGA.EDU) ♦ [KELLSIEPRATHER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KELLSIEPRATHER@GMAIL.COM)

### EDUCATION

---

- PhD** The University of Georgia, Human Development and Family Sciences In Progress  
**MEd** Ohio University, Reading Education Aug 2020  
*Thesis: Supporting Elementary Student's Literacy Development through Multisensory Phonics Instruction*  
**BSEd** Ohio University, Early Childhood Education Aug 2019

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

---

- ❖ Early childhood academic achievement
- ❖ Risk and protective factors of living in poverty
- ❖ Early prevention measures
- ❖ Executive function in children
- ❖ Rural, Appalachian populations
- ❖ Parent-child interactions

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

---

**Research Assistant** Aug 2021 to present  
*Conduct research under Dr. Niyantri Ravindran in the Parent-Child Affect, Interaction, and Regulation (PAIR) Lab*

**UGA FACS Extension Block Party** Jan 2023 to present  
*Under the direction of Dr. Diane Bales plan and implement one-hour community events across Georgia for families and their children to learn about the importance of block as well as collect data for program evaluation*

### PRESENTATIONS

---

- ❖ **Prather, K. & Ravindran, N.** *Within-Family Associations Between Familial Risk and Children's Home Environments Across Infancy and Toddlerhood.*  
Poster Presentation for the International Congress of Infant Studies Conference, July 2022
- ❖ **Prather, K. & Ravindran, N.** *Parental Emotional Functioning as a Predictor of Parental Responsiveness to Child Cries in Naturalistic Settings.*  
Poster Presentation for the Society for Research on Child Development Conference, March 2023
- ❖ **Ravindran, R. & Prather, K.** *Maternal and Paternal Responses to Children's Negative Emotions Elicited by Parent-Child and Sibling Conflict in Naturalistic Settings* (in progress).  
Poster Presentation for the National Council on Family Relations conference, November 2024

### INVITED LECTURES

---

- ❖ *Social Development Across Childhood and Adolescence*
  - Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Georgia

- ❖ *Health, Well-being and Resilience Across Childhood and Adolescence*
  - Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Georgia

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

---

- ❖ Distinguished Graduate Student Assistantship 2021-25  
*Awarded at Texas Tech University, but declined with transfer to UGA*
- ❖ Mary Staudt Goodyear Scholarship Endowment 2022-23  
*Awarded at Texas Tech University, but declined with transfer to UGA*
- ❖ Mary T. Young Scholarship Endowment 2022-23  
*Awarded at Texas Tech University, but declined with transfer to UGA*
- ❖ International Congress on Infant Studies' Graduate Travel Award Jul 2022
- ❖ Society for Research on Child Development Graduate Travel Award Mar 2023
- ❖ Don Bower Student Extension Experience Award Apr 2023
- ❖ Virginia Wilbanks Kilgore Scholarship Apr 2023

#### **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATES**

---

- ❖ CITI Program RCR for Social and Behavioral Training 2021-present
- ❖ CITI Program Conflict of Interest Training 2021-present
- ❖ CITI Human Subject Protection Training 2021-present
- ❖ Quantitative Methodology Certificate 2023

#### **PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW**

---

- ❖ Kramer, L., Ravindran, N. & **Prather, K.** *Raising Siblings is Stressful: Measuring Parental Emotional Regulation in the Sibling Context.*

#### **PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION**

---

- ❖ **Prather, K.** & Ravindran, N. *Maternal and Paternal Responses to Children's Negative Emotions Elicited by Parent-Child and Sibling Conflict in Naturalistic Settings.* (In preparation).

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS- STUDENT AFFILIATE**

---

- ❖ National Association for the Education of Young Children 2021-present
- ❖ Society for Research in Child Development 2021-present
- ❖ International Congress of Infant Studies 2021-present
- ❖ National Council on Family Relations 2023-present

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE, OUTREACH, AND ENGAGEMENT**

---

- ❖ Parent-Child Interaction Project Community Recruitment Jan 2021  
*Contacted community libraries, preschools, dance studios, and churches to distribute recruitment flyers for project recruitment and tabled local events.*
- ❖ 4-H District Project Achievement Judging Mar 2023  
*Review and rate DPA projects in Health and Human Development for middle- and high-school 4-H participants*

- ❖ UGA Office of Global Engagement Study-Away Scholarship Committee 2023-24  
*Review and rate undergraduate essays for the OGE Study-Away opportunities*
- ❖ Childcare Volunteer 2023-present  
*Provide childcare one evening a week for two hours at Project SAFE, a local shelter for domestic abuse survivors and their families.*