

# Harriet Caplin

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Santa Barbara

August 2026 - Present

Psychological and Brain Sciences Department

Advisor: Dr. Laura Lewis

### Duke University

August 2019 - May 2024

B.S. with Distinction in Psychology

Minors in Evolutionary Anthropology, Environmental Science

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Comparative psychology, information-seeking and exploration, cognitive impacts of evolution and domestication, collaboration, social cognition

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Lab Manager

June 2024 – July 2026

Social Origins Lab | University of California, Berkeley

*PI: Dr. Jan Engelmann*

### Honors Thesis Student

August 2023 – May 2024

Canine Cognition Center | Duke University

*PI: Dr. Brian Hare*

### Research Assistant & Independent Project Student

October 2022 – May 2024

Canine Cognition Center | Duke University

*PI: Dr. Brian Hare*

*Mentor: Dr. Morgan Ferrans*

### Volunteer Research Assistant

June 2023 – May 2024

Duke Lemur Center | Duke University

### Summer Intern

April 2022 – October 2022

Posner Lab | Duke University

*PI: Dr. Jonathon Posner*

*Mentor: Dr. Yun Wang*

## FELLOWSHIPS

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**Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship** (\$102,500) 2026  
Five-year fellowship to support students who show potential to become excellent faculty or researchers in institutions of higher education as well as to foster multi-faceted diversity in graduate education at the University of California.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Schleihauf, H., **Caplin, H.**, Gopnik, A., Fischer, J., Herrmann, E., Engelmann, J. (In Prep)  
*Children, but not chimpanzees, seek information efficiently.*

## PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

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**Caplin, H.**, Gonzalez, S., Sanford, E., Engelmann, J., (2026) *Chimpanzees Search for Information to Disambiguate Inexplicable Events*. Poster presented at Bay Area Developmental Symposium, University of California, Santa Cruz.

Schleihauf, S., **Caplin, H.**, Walasek, N., Gopnik, A., Fischer, J., Frankenhuys, W., Hermann, E., Engelmann, J. (2026) *Children, but not chimpanzees, seek information efficiently*. Poster presented at Cognitive Development Society Conference. Montreal, Canada.

**Caplin, H.** (2024) *The Effect of Visual Disruption on the Working Memory of Dogs (Canis Familiaris)*. Poster presented at the Psychology Honors Poster Session, Duke University.

**Caplin, H.** (2024) *The Effect of Visual Disruption on the Working Memory of Dogs (Canis Familiaris)*. Open Thesis defense, Duke University.  
Defense Committee: Dr. Brian Hare, Dr. Hannah Salamons, Dr. Gregory Samanez-Larkin.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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**Cohort Coordinator** **January 2025 - Present**  
Academic Memories | Science Communication Program

**Volunteer** **January 2023 – May 2024**  
Duke Puppy Kindergarten

## MENTORSHIP

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**Undergraduate Thesis Mentorship** **2025 - Present**  
Hannah Corr

**Undergraduate & Post-Bac Research Assistant Mentorship** **2024 - Present**  
Nicole Galvao, Maria Isabel Francis, Rynn Wood, Susana Sotelo, Kirthana Nore, Swetha Srikari  
Maganti, Vanessa Castillo

**Undergraduate Internship Mentorship** **June 2025 – August 2025**  
Sabina Schrynemakers, Charlston Stovall, Priya Parikh

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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The Cognitive Science Society **2025 - Present**  
Psi Chi International Honors Society **2024 - Present**