Gracie Zeller

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Education

University of Massachusetts Amherst — Amherst, MA
PhD student, Psychology (Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience) — 09/2026–present
Advisor: Benjamin Pitt, PhD

University of Wisconsin–Madison — Madison, WI
BS, Anthropology and Psychology — 05/2025
Graduation with distinction

Publications

Zeller, G., & Ferrigno, S. (Under review). One-to-one numerical reasoning in children and monkeys.

Poster Presentations

Sutin, H., **Zeller, G.**, & Ferrigno, S. (2026, April 21). *Investigating the Link Between Groupitizing and Children's Early Numerical Ability*. Student Thesis and Research Showcase, Madison, Wisconsin.

Zeller, G., & Ferrigno, S. (2026, April 10). *One-to-one correspondence in children and monkeys*. Cognitive Development Society, Montreal, Québec.

Silva, A., **Zeller, G.**, Kadolph, E., Brungardt, S., Tramm, E., & Ferrigno, S. (2026, April 10). *Development of the approximate number system: Accounting for the early life environment in rhesus monkeys*. Cognitive Development Society, Montreal, Québec.

Serrano, M., **Zeller, G.**, & Ferrigno, S. (2025, August 8). *Perceptual fluency and confidence judgments in early childhood*. Letters and Science Summer of Excellence in Research Summer Colloquium, Madison, Wisconsin.

Zeller, G., & Ferrigno, S. (2025, April 25). *Rhesus monkeys can use the logic of one-to-one correspondence in a quantity discrimination task*. Undergraduate Research Symposium, Madison, Wisconsin.

Zeller, G., & Ferrigno, S. (2025, April 10). *One-to-one correspondence logic in rhesus macaques*. Midwest Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Research Experience

Graduate Researcher — 09/2026–Present
Cognitive Construction Lab
PI: Benjamin Pitt, PhD

Laboratory Manager — 05/2025–07/2026
Cognitive Origins Lab
PI: Stephen Ferrigno, PhD

Undergraduate Research Assistant — 06/2023–05/2025
Cognitive Origins Lab
PI: Stephen Ferrigno, PhD

Undergraduate Research Assistant — 09/2024–05/2025
DeLuca Biochemistry Lab
PIs: Hector DeLuca, PhD & Lori Plum, PhD

Teaching Experience

Teaching Associate 09/2026–Present
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Instructor of Record: Psych 337 (Writing in Psychological and Brain Sciences)

Undergraduate Mentoring

UW–Madison
Undergraduate Thesis Mentor Fall 2025–Spring 2026
Sophomore Research Fellow Mentor Fall 2025–Spring 2026
Letters and Science Summer of Excellence in Research Mentor Summer 2025

Awards, Fellowships, & Honors

Undergraduate Travel Award 2024
Hilldale Undergraduate/Faculty Research Fellowship 2024
Margarete E. Lubach Undergraduate Research Award 2024
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society 2024

Outreach

Panelist, UW–Madison Psychology Dept Graduate School Panel 04/22/2026
Guest Speaker, Winneconne High School AP Psychology 10/03/2025
Madison East High School Science Expo Presenter 10/22/2025
Wisconsin Science Festival Presenter 2023–2025