

And the winner is ...

IASA has awarded two DMM Fellowships!

In our quest to support the next generation of DMM- focused academic scholars, IASA has selected two outstanding early career scholars.



Prof. Simona de Falco and Michele Giannotti

Michele Giannotti, PhD, is a post-doctoral student at the University of Trento, Italy. He was awarded the DMM Fellowship based on his doctoral work on autism and his proposal for post-doctoral work. For his doctoral thesis, he found that school-aged children with autism (ASD) showed higher rates of at-risk self-protective strategies and psychological trauma on the SAA than their matched peers without ASD. For the DMM Fellowship research, he will perform a qualitative analysis of their SAA attachment narratives. This will shed light on the importance of considering the unique experiential differences among children with ASD and not merely their monolithic diagnostic category.

Guifeng Xu, MD, PhD, a post-doctoral student at the University of Iowa, will also carry out research on autism. Her proposed study will be a Chinese-American collaboration with Department of Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics in Zhuhai Women and Children's Hospital and Dongguan Women and Children's Hospital. Her focus is to use the TCI to examine early parent-toddler interaction, as well as differences in dyadic synchrony and parental sensitivity among children with ASD, children with non-ASD developmental delay (DD), and typically developing (TD) children in the United States and China. In addition, she will also examine differences in mothers' anxiety, depression ratings, PTSD symptoms and adverse childhood experience in the three groups in the United States and China.



Guifeng Xu and Dr. Lane Strathearn

Another Fellow will be selected for the 2022 scholarship. The recipient will either be a doctoral/post-doctoral student with a career goal of university teaching and research using the DMM or an employed manager/administrator with a desire to develop policy using DMM ideas.

The topic of the research or policy can be anything having to do with human adaptation, for example, *court proceedings, foster care or adoption, divorce and custody, parent or child psychological trauma, classroom management of troubled children,*

somatic disorders, etc. We encourage anyone with these and similar interests to contact IASA about the Fellowship. The strongest candidates will propose work that is both specific to their topic and universal in its application of basic principles of adaptation.

To receive more information, please contact:

Patricia M. Crittenden, PhD
Chair, IASA

pmcrittenden@gmail.com



The international association for the study of attachment

Please support this work and the achievement of IASA's goals by becoming a member or renewing your membership.

[Join the conversation with IASA on Facebook.](#)

More information on IASA website: www.iasa-dmm.org. The website has a section of videos that members can access.

For information on DMM News manuscript submission, contact: Clark Baim, Editor: cbaim@hotmail.com

For Spanish speakers and submissions of manuscripts written in Spanish, please email

Silvana Milozzi, Assistant Editor for Latin American and Spanish speaking countries, at: smilozzi@yahoo.com.

En español: *Para Hispanohablantes y envío de trabajos en Español, por favor contáctense con Silvana Milozzi, Asistente de Edición para países Latinoamericanos y de habla hispana al email: smilozzi@yahoo.com*

For submissions in languages other than English or Spanish – contact: Rebecca Darby, Co-editor in charge of international translated editions: Rebecca.darby@nspcc.org.uk.

Editorial Board: Clark Baim, Patricia M. Crittenden, Andrea Landini, Rebecca Darby.

Outreach Editors: Stephanie Wilson, Alex Jack.

Circulation Editor: Shiqin Shen. **Assistant Editor for Latin American and Spanish-speaking countries:** Silvana Milozzi. **Translators:** Natalia Pleshkova (Russian); Kenichi Mikami (Japanese); Katrin Braune-Krickau, Monika Schmid, and Svenja N'Guessan (German).