The Social Skills, Imagination and Theatre Lab at George Mason University, under the direction of Dr. Thalia Goldstein, is accepting applications for our annual Summer Internship Program. Our research explores how children and adults engage with the arts, fiction, and imagination, and how such engagement intersects with their social skills. We use methods such as qualitative coding, in lab experiments, and field based research in science centers, schools, and theaters. For information about the lab, please visit the lab's homepage at ssit.gmu.edu

This internship will provide interns with the opportunity to work with graduate students on both ongoing and new studies. Current lab projects are at various stages of development including in design phase, current data collection, data preparation and coding, and in analyses and write up phase. Interns will be able to be involved with a wide range of activities over the course of the internship, including new project preparation and ideas, participant recruitment, data collection, analyzing data, and preparing presentation of results. The internship will also involve weekly lab meetings and weekly professional seminars.

The internship takes place in person at our lab in Fairfax, Virginia. Interns have the option of working full time (40 hours per week) or half time (20 hours per week). Some evening and/or weekend work may be required for data collection given the availability of participants. Start and end dates are flexible, although a 10-week commitment is required.

A stipend will be given to all interns, however, applicants are highly encouraged to also apply for support from their own universities.

The internship is open to all undergraduate students, those graduating in 2020, and recent college graduates. It is particularly well suited for students considering graduate school in developmental or experimental psychology or cognitive science.

Applications, including CV and the contact information for one reference, can be submitted via this
link https://forms.gle/VBFrcp3v3196A7rx6. Please pass this information along to any interested students!

Application review will begin March 1, 2020.