

2016 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on INFANT STUDIES, NEW ORLEANS
Pre-Conference *Baby FACS Workshop*
Facial Action Coding System for Infants and Young Children
Wednesday May 25, 2016, 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm

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Dear Colleagues:

We will be offering a pre-conference workshop on the *Baby FACS* coding system (*Facial Action Coding System for Infants and Young Children*) at the ICIS conference in New Orleans on Wednesday May 25th 2016 from 2:00 – 6:30. Baby FACS is a modification for infants and young children of Ekman, Friesen, & Hager's fine-grained, anatomically based adult FACS. It is ideally suited to research on changes and continuities in facial expressions of emotion, infants' responses to taste, odor, and other sensory stimuli, cognitive information processing, and expressive behavior occurring in naturalistic and experimental situations, and during parent-child interactions. Marco Dondi will discuss strategies for coding facial expressions in preterm infants and fetal facial expressions recorded from 3 and 4-D ultrasound.

The Baby FACS manual has recently been revised, with new photo and video illustrations of basic Baby FACS Action Units and distinctive infant facial expressions. The workshop will serve as an introduction to Baby FACS coding, with an overview of modifications of the adult FACS for infants and young children and strategies for coding varying intensities and configurations of positive and negative affect expressions. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss their own studies and to brainstorm about coding and data analysis strategies. Prior training in the adult FACS will not be required, although some familiarity with FACS or with other behavioral coding systems is recommended.

The ICIS conference website has general information about the conference, registration and hotel reservations: <http://www.infantstudies.org/> Information about the preconference can be found at: <http://www.infantstudies.org/facial-action-coding-system-for-infants-and-young-children-baby-facs/>

The fee for the Baby FACS workshop is \$100 (\$75 for undergraduates and pre-doctoral graduate students), which will cover the costs of the workshop and refreshments. Space is limited, so registration in advance is required. A registration form with information on payment can be found at <http://goo.gl/forms/DSP2F833fP>

For questions, RESPOND DIRECTLY TO harriet.oster@nyu.edu NOT TO THE LISTSERVE

Feel free to forward this announcement to colleagues, post-docs, or students who might be interested. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the workshop or about Baby FACS. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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