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LOVELY RESEARCHER...
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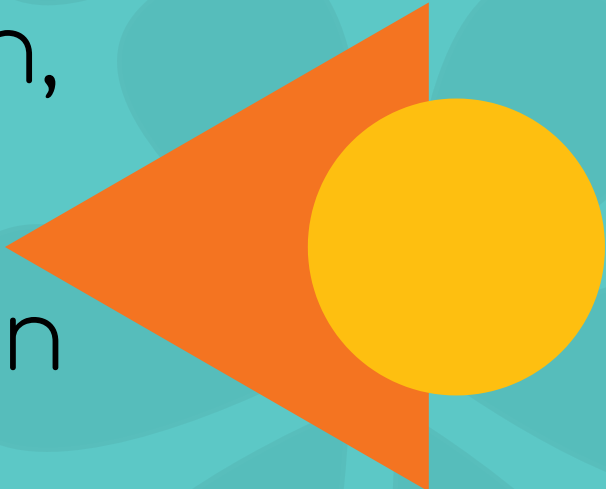
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Meet Marina, a 5th year doctoral student!



Her primary research interests involve the development of strategies and environments to promote peer-related social skills.

She was born in Long Beach, CA, and she loves camping with her family under the stars, next to a chilly creek in the mountains.



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What have you been researching in Barton Lab?

"I began the doctoral program four years ago on an IES grant to develop a mobile device designed to support families of children with challenging behavior. My first year was spent in content development for the app, called the Family Behavior Support App. The FBSApp is now available on iPads and iPhones and we have completed 3 pilot studies to help us make the app useable and feasible for families."

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What do you hope to do after you graduate from Vanderbilt?

I am hoping to find a position that allows me to continue to conduct research on peer-related social skills and to support and mentor future early childhood educators.

Fun fact: She took her 7-year-old paragliding off a mountain in Turkey while pregnant with her now 1-year-old!

