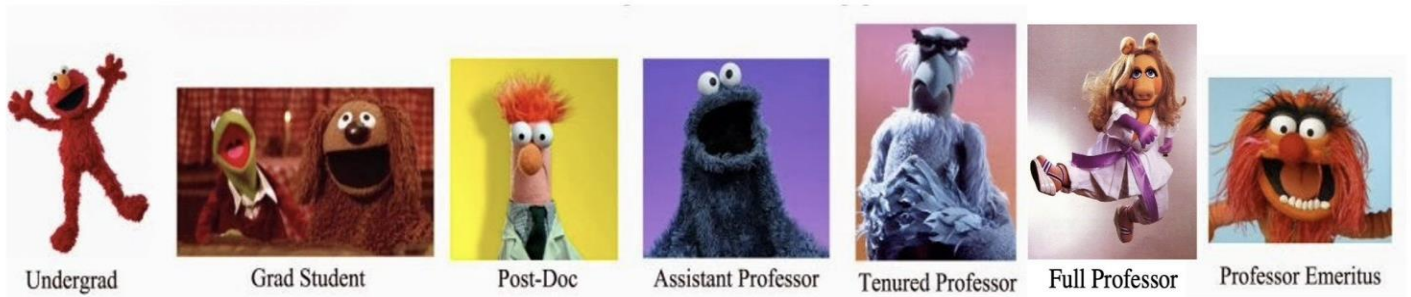


## Hello dear Grey House team members and quaranteammates!

We are now 445 days into our team-building exercise, and it's still underway, but maybe, maybe, just maybe, it's really nearing the end. I don't want to be overconfident here, but there might not be many more of these silly newsletters.

### *Academia Explained: Muppets*



Thanks to Jasmin for these puppets.

### ***News this week, Temi and Av still trying to get to Israel.***

Gaza is on the left, where you see the hundreds of Hamas missiles flying upward pointed toward Tel Aviv, and the iron dome interceptors are lit up on the right, over the city.



## ***Calendar of upcoming Grey House events:***

### **May**

17: Avshalom's K07 training grant submitted to NIA, yay!

### **18-19 Temi and Av in the office**

21: Avshalom, and maybe Temi, fly to Israel (if United Airlines flies this week)

29: Susan Harward's birthday

31: Line and Jens move to Copenhagen

### **June:**

4: Honalee's birthday

14: Jasmin's birthday, Susan goes on 2 week's vacation

25: Aaron's birthday

28: Temi and Avshalom back at work in North Carolina

30: Neuroimaging renewal and DunedinPoAm4x applications both due at NIA

Max and Emily move to Massachusetts.

### **July:**

Aaron and Jessalee move to South Carolina

**If you have events coming up, and would like to share them, do let me know. Temi**

## **TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE, SUMMER 2021**

Tuesdays 9am-6pm, Farm Meetings with those who want to zoom

9:00-10:00

10:30-11:30 Renate zoom

12:00-1:00 Genomics group with David and Av zoom

1:00-2:00 Ben and Karen zoom

2:00-3:00 Maria and Ahmad zoom

3:00-4:00 Susan zoom

4:00-5:00 Leah, Barry, Steph D'S. zoom

Wednesdays 9am-6pm Meetings with those who want face-to-face

8:00-10:00 drive to Durham

10:00-11:00 Ahmad and co

11:00-12:00 Max thru June

12:00-1:00 Line, thru May

1:30-2:30 HonaLee and Av

3:00-4:00

4:00-5:00

5:00-6:00

Thursdays 9-5 Meetings with those who want face-to-face

9:30-10:30 Kyle

11:00-12:00 Aaron thru June

12:30-1:30 Jasmin

2:00-3:00 Stephanie L.

3:00-4:00

4:00-6:00 drive from Durham back to farm

After Line, Max, and Aaron depart (sad, sad, sad), times will open up for Tuesday zoomers to come into the office for meetings, moving gradually back toward some days in the office, per Duke's back-to-work plan for July. WHICH, the provost assures me, will be announced soon-ish.

## **FIRST THE HAPPY NEWS:**

**Max and Emily thought they had blown their chances for the Christmas 2020 Amaryllis race, but check this out!**





## New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern receives kind and supportive visit from our Richie.



She said the position of the book was not staged for the photo. It's always there in her boardroom in the parliament. Thank you Sandhya!

**We heard from Jadzia, Phase 12 researcher on the E-Risk study, now a clinical psychologist in Glasgow, and her lovely daughter Mila.**



## **NEXT, THE UN-HAPPY NEWS:**

**The UK ESRC declined to fund our proposal, lead by Helen Fisher, for an E-risk followup.** Mental health, aspirations and life chances of young adults in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Boooooooooo! We still have an application in at NICHD. And a second round of cohort review at MRC. Don't exhale yet!

NASA/JPL, Science News.

### **Promising sign of life on Venus might not exist after all**

The detection of phosphine gas in the clouds of Venus—a possible sign of life—might be due to a **fluke in data processing**, new analyses suggest.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/venus-might-not-have-much-phosphine-dampening-hopes-for-life>

**Oh dear. Betcha this team studying Venus wishes they had Renate's reproducibility check system in place.**

**When our flight to Israel was cancelled this week due to bombing, we learned of a cool website:**  
<https://flightaware.com/>



## This week's science visualisations:

An interesting new p-factor essay was published by Aeon mag this week:

<https://aeon.co/essays/what-the-p-factor-says-about-the-root-of-all-mental-illness>

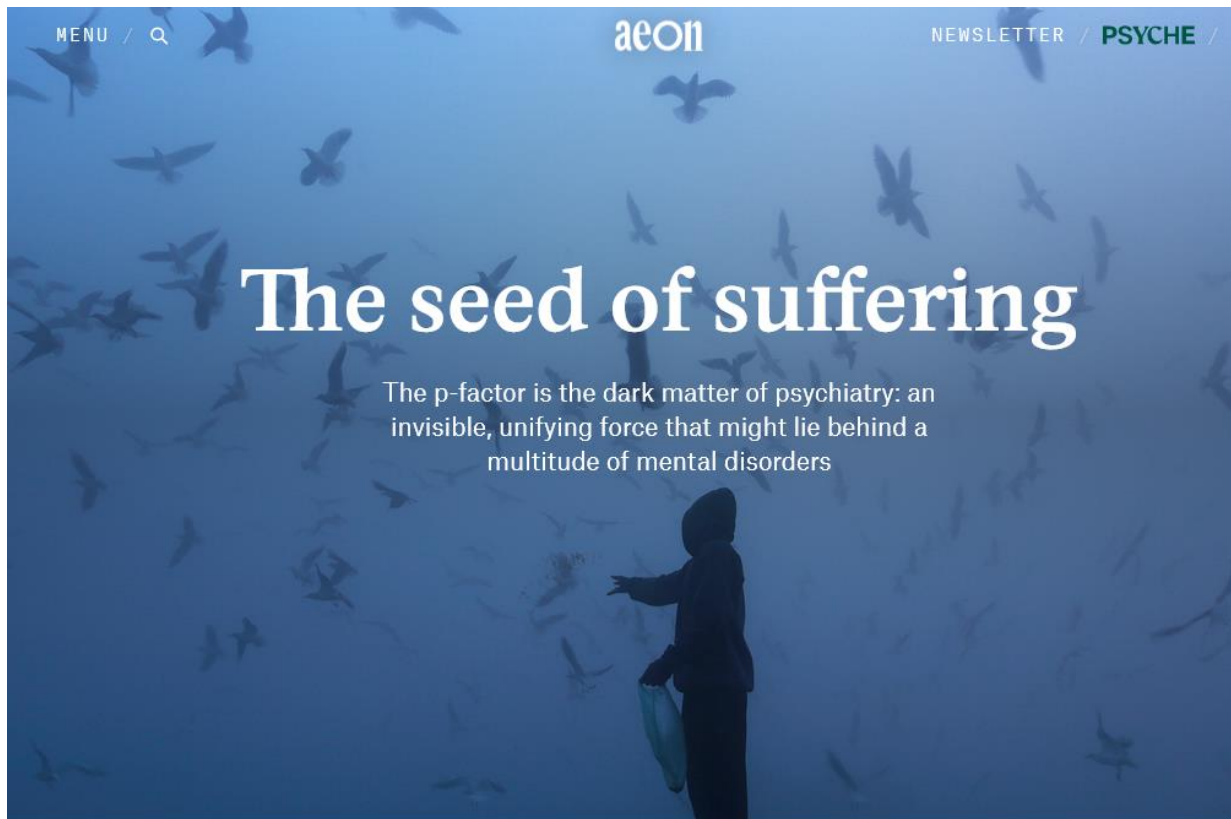


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The voices told him that he was God, and Oliver believed them. Only 17 years old, he was special, chosen, a higher being whose wisdom and intelligence were beyond compare. Psychiatrists, however, labelled these voices as auditory hallucinations, his first psychotic episode. A diagnosis of schizophrenia soon followed. For the next five years, Oliver would spend weeks in mental institutions and hospitals in northern England where he lived. When he was deemed too aggressive for one facility, he was injected with sedatives, bundled into the back of a van and driven to a higher-security institution. The drugs made the voices distant. Oliver felt subdued and heavy as he fell back to Earth.

## **RESEARCH-PROJECT PROGRESS SINCE 10 May:**

**OK, I will brag on myself. My H-index hit 200. Wow!** Thank you to all who worked on those citeable papers!

**Dina Qiryaqoz and Jasmin Wertz start the Duke VIP program this week!** Dina will be learning R, and starting to analyse data for her senior thesis project, with supervision from Jasmin and input Temi (when they ask me for it!).

**Barry Milne's paper has been accepted! Hurrah!** Lay-Yee R, Matthews T, Moffitt TE, Poulton R, Caspi A, Milne B. Do socially isolated children become socially isolated adults? *Advances in Life Course Research*. In Press.

**Kyle Bourassa submitted a manuscript today for mock review, due June 8:** "Childhood Adversity and Midlife Health: Shining a Light on the Black Box of Potential Psychosocial Mechanisms"

**Collaborator Jorim Tielbeek from the Netherlands has his manuscript out for mock review. Due June 1.** "Genetic Architecture of Broad Antisocial Behavior: a Genome-Wide Association Study Meta-analysis." Ben and JC have helped Jorim.

**Collaborator Geli Ronald's paper is out for mock review too! Due 26 May.** "The association between adult autistic traits and the p-factor: Implications for neurodevelopment and mental health."

**Avshalom and Susan submitted the K07 training application to NIA this week.**

**Ahmad is making great progress on the renewal application for Phase 52 brain imaging in Dunedin.** Ben Williams and Renate Houts have been helping, with info on blood ADRD biomarkers and statistical power analysis.

**Avshalom, Temi, and Susan have nearly finished the revision of the 19-cohort proposal to NIA this week.** Waiting for feedback from co-investigators Belsky, Sugden, and Hariri. We aim to get it in before Susan goes on 2 weeks of vacation June 14.



**Here's an amazing story I love, the story of fish sticks.**

**Fish fingers to you Brits.**

The most peculiar thing about fish sticks may be their mere existence. They debuted on October 2, 1953, when General Foods released them under the Birds Eye label. The breaded curiosities were part of a lineup of newly introduced rectangular frozen foods, which included chicken sticks, ham sticks, veal sticks, eggplant sticks, and dried lima bean sticks. Only the fish stick has survived.

<https://www.hakaimagazine.com/article-short/the-unlikely-prevailing-success-of-fish-sticks/>



**Have a serene week everyone, if poss.**

