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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

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**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY** Miami, FL

**Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology** December 2005  
Dissertation: *Parental Involvement: Its relation to Academic Achievement in a Multiethnic Sample of Newly Immigrated Students*  
Advisor: Dr. Mary J. Levitt

**Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)** June 2005

**Graduate Teaching Certificate** January 2005

**Master of Science in Psychology** December 2003  
Thesis: *A Comparison of Infant Responding Under Conjugate and Continuous Reinforcement Schedules*  
Advisor: Dr. Jacob Gewirtz

**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology** April 1990  
Graduated cum laude

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- Association for Behavior Analysis (ABA) since 2003
- Behavioral Gerontology since 2011  
The mission of Behavioral Gerontology Special Interest Group is to provide intellectual, clinical, and organizational support to professionals interested in aging and to foster behavior analytic research in aging.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Visiting Professor and currently an Assistant Professor at Nova Southeastern University**

Nova Southeastern University (Division of Social and Behavior Sciences)

Courses taught: 2006 to present

- PSYC 1020 Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 2300 Behavior Modification

- PSYC 2330 Interpersonal Communication
- PSYC 2350 Life-Span Human Development
- PSYC 2360 Adolescent Development
- PSYC 2370 Early Child Growth and Development
- PSYC 2380 Child and Adolescent Development
- PSYC 2390 Adulthood and Aging
- PSYC 3330 Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis
- PSYC 3350 Assessment in Applied Behavior Analysis
- PSYC 3370 Interventions in Applied Behavior Analysis
- PSYC 3960 The Psychology of Parenting
- PSYC 4700 Practicum in ABA I
- PSYC 4901 APS Capstone Course in Psychology/Substance Abuse Studies
- PSYC 4990 Independent Study in Psychology
- PSYC 6000 Master's Thesis

### **Adjunct and Lecturer**

Florida International University – Miami, FL

2003 to 2006

Courses taught:

- SOP 3015 - Social and Personality Development
- DEP 4014 - Psychology of Parenting and Parenthood
- EAB 3002 - Introduction to the Experimental Analysis of Behavior
- EAB 3765 - The Application of Behavior Analysis to Child Behavior Problems

### **Behavior Analyst**

Board Certified Behavior Analyst Doctoral (BCBA-D)

2011

- Founded *Developmental Disabilities & Behavior Modification Services, Inc* 2008  
The primary objective of DD& BMI is to provide evidence-based behavioral interventions
- Service Provider for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in Miami-Dade County (Area 11) 2008
- Service Provider for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in Broward County (Area 10) 2011
- Behavior analyst consultant: 2005 - 2007  
Designed and implemented behavior analytic programs that target behavior acquisition and/or reduction for persons with developmental disabilities such as mental retardation, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and autism.

### **Undergraduate Academic Advisor**

Florida International University – Miami, FL

September 2004 to April 2005

- Advised undergraduate psychology students of the course sequence and requirements for graduation
- Advised undergraduate psychology students planning to attend graduate school at FIU of the requirements for admission

### **Translator and Interviewer for Project SOL (Students from Other Lands)**

Florida International University – Miami, FL

2004 - 2005

Project SOL was a study designed to assess how students from other countries adapt to school in the United States during their first three post migration years.

- Translated parent and student questionnaires from English to French and Creole
- Interviewed students from numerous schools in Dade County.

## RESEARCH AND GRANTS

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- Recipient of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Faculty mini-Grant 2011
- Study (completed): *Mind Training by Manipulating Motivating Variables in Persons Exhibiting Echolalia.* 2014
  - Study (ongoing collaboration with Dr. Shigeto): *The Effects of Grandmother Involvement on Teen Mothers' Adjustment and Parenting in Hispanic Families* 2011

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

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Journal Reviewer: *Behavior Analysis in Offender Treatment and Prevention.*

### University service (NSU):

- Faculty search for gender studies and Human sexuality 2007 – 2008
- Student retention committee 2008 - 2009
- Psychology Learning outcome committee/curriculum development 2008 – 2009
- Interdisciplinary council for the study of autism at Nova Southeastern University 2008 - present
- Faculty search for gender studies and Human sexuality 2008 – 2009
- Black history month 2009
- Faculty search for Developmental Psychology (Chairperson) 2010
- Internal Review Committee (IRC) for BS in Psychology 2010
- Faculty leader for first year student reading group 2010
- Faculty leader for first year student reading group 2011
- Applied Professional Studies (APS) 2010 - 2015
- Classroom Engagement Committee 2011 - 2012
- Faculty leader for first year student reading group 2012
- Interviewer for NSU's Dual Admission Program 2012
- Faculty classroom evaluator (Social and Behavioral Sciences) 2012
- Internal Review Committee (IRC) for Applied Professional Studies (APS) 2012
- Faculty leader for first year student reading group 2013
- Judge for the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Student Symposium 2015
- Interviewer for NSU's Dual Admission Program 2015
- Adjunct faculty collaboration and evaluation Fall -2015  
Adjunct: Barbara Hayes-Murray

## COURSE/MINOR DEVELOPMENT

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- PSYC 3960: The Psychology of Parenting 2009
- Applied Behavior Analysis Minor 2009
- Gerontology Minor 2010

### **Major Professor/Research Advisor**

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Onaida Sanchez (MS - Experimental Psychology) 2012-2014  
Thesis: *A comparison of trial and error learning versus errorless learning on a visual discrimination task*

Margaret Smith Lorenzetti (MS – Experimental Psychology) 2013-2015

Thesis: *Can Social Stories lead to an improved theory of mind amongst individuals diagnosed with autism?*

## PUBLICATION AND PRESENTATIONS

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- Voltaire, M. (2001, May). *Conjugate Reinforcement Today*. Presented at the convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Chicago.
- Voltaire, M., Gewirtz, J. L., & Pelaez, M. (2005). Infant Responding Under Conjugate vs. Continuous Reinforcement, *Behavior Development Bulletin*, 1, 71-79.
- Levitt, J., Levitt, M. J., Lane, J.D., Perez, E., Pierre, F., Voltaire, M., & Williams, D. (November, 2005). *Newly Immigrants Students: Predictors of Grades and Test Performance in the First Two Post Migration Years*. Presented at the meeting of The Florida Education Research Association
- Voltaire, M. (2008, October). *Human Nature: An Integrative Perspective*. Faculty Lecture Series, Nova Southeastern University
- Voltaire, M. (2009, May). Behavior Modification: Reinforcement and/or Punishment? Presented at the convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis, Phoenix, AZ
- Voltaire, M. (2010, May) *Human Nature: an Integrative Perspective*. Presented at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Nova Southeastern University
- Voltaire, M. (2010, December). *Applied Behavior Analysis: Its Preeminence in Autism Treatment*. Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences
- Voltaire, M. (2011, January) *Behavior Analysis and its Contemporary Relevance to Human Behavior Change*. Psychology Club, Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences
- Voltaire, M. (2011, February). *Human Attachment: Implications for Later Development*. Presented at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Nova Southeastern University
- Voltaire, M. (2011, March). *Identity Formation: Did Erikson get it right?* Presented at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Nova Southeastern University
- Voltaire, M. (2012, May). *Verbal Behavior: Implication for teaching functional communication to persons exhibiting immediate echolalia* . Presented at the Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) Seattle, Washington.
- Voltaire, M. (2013, March ) *From the Womb to the Tomb: Zygotic Development and the Dying Process*. Faculty Lecture Series, Nova Southeastern University
- Voltaire, M. (2013, March). *Behavior Modification Toward a Sustainable World*. TEDxNSU.
- Voltaire, M. (2013, March). *Operant and respondent conditioning: How and why people learn*. Presented at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Nova Southeastern University.

Voltaire, M. (2013, May). *An Analysis of Self-Injurious Behavior and Current Approaches to Its Treatment*. Presented at the Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Shigeto, A., & **Voltaire, M.** (2014). Problem child. In M. J. Coleman & L. H. Ganong (Eds.). *The social history of the American family: An encyclopedia* (pp. 1077-1078). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Voltaire, M. (2014). *The Discovery of Hispaniola: Colonization and Cultural Identity of Two Nations*. Faculty Lecture Series, Nova Southeastern University

Voltaire, M. (2015, January). *The Formation of Social Relationships and their Corollaries in Late Adulthood*. Presented at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Nova Southeastern University

Voltaire, M. (2015, May). *Haiti: A Fall from Prosperity to Poverty*. Presented at the Fischler School of Education (NMB) Scholar Round Table at Nova Southeastern University.

Voltaire, M. (2015, May). *The Effect of Words, Paired with Corresponding Visual Stimuli, on Tact Acquisition in Persons Exhibiting Echolalia*. Presented at the Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) San Antonio, Texas.

Voltaire, M. (2015, December). *The morality of individual principles of conscience, its transformative power, and its corollaries*. Faculty Lecture Series, Nova Southeastern University.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

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- Choir Director – Cathedral of Saint Mary – Miami , FL 1998 to 2006
- *The rudiments of music theory, singing, and choir directing*. A forty-hour seminar taught at St James Catholic Church during summer 2003. The seminar was designed to provide musical education to Haitian choir members and choir leaders of various parishes in Miami.
- Career day presentation to fifth graders at Morningside Elementary School Miami, FL (2006). The presentation highlighted the importance of assessing one’s personal characteristics and talents before pursuing a particular career.
- President of the Haitian Salesian Alumni Association of Florida, Inc (HaSAAF, 2004-2013) The organization’s main purpose was to raise funds through donation and events in order to support Salesian schools in Haiti.

### LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

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Spanish – Intermediate ♦ Creole – Fluent ♦ French – Fluent