

Curriculum Vitae

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Education	Ph. D.	The University of Arizona _____ Tucson, AZ May 1998, Department of Psychology. Advisor Gary E. Schwartz. Dissertation titled <i>EEG Measures of Subjects with Idiopathic Chemical Sensitivity: A Test of the Sensitization Model</i> .
	M. A.	Florida Atlantic University _____ Boca Raton, FL April 1995, Department of Psychology. Advisor Allan J. Nash. Thesis titled <i>The Effects of Standard and Deviant Tones on Event-Related Brain Potentials and Reaction-Times to Visual Stimuli</i> .
	B. A.	Florida International University _____ Miami, FL April 1990, Department of Psychology. Advisor Lorraine E. Bahrick. Honors thesis titled <i>Arbitrary Pairings of Objects and Odors in Four-Month-Old Infants</i> .
	B. A.	Florida International University _____ Miami, FL April 1987, Major in English.
Postdoctoral Fellowship	1998–1999	Veterans Affairs Medical Center _____ Tucson, AZ Postdoctoral Fellow.
Professional License		Licensed Clinical Psychologist, State of Florida No. PY6180.
Languages		Fluent in English and Spanish.
Academic Positions	10/2017– present	Nova Southeastern University _____ Davie, FL Professor of Psychology.
	8/2013– 7/2016	Nova Southeastern University _____ Davie, FL Experimental Psychology Graduate Program Chair.
	8/2009– 10/2017	Nova Southeastern University _____ Davie, FL Associate Professor of Psychology.
	2/2009– 4/2009	Carlos Albizu University _____ Miami, FL Associate Professor of Psychology, Neuropsychology Program Coordinator.

	2003–2009	Carlos Albizu University _____ Miami, FL Assistant Professor of Psychology, Neuropsychology Program Coordinator.
	2000–2001	University of Miami, Touch Research Institute _____ Miami, FL Senior Research Associate.
Clinical Positions	2000–present	Self-Employed _____ Miami, FL Neuropsychologist.
	2003–2009	Carlos Albizu University _____ Miami, FL Clinical Supervisor.
	Apr.–Dec. 2001	Neurological Consultants, Sunrise Medical Group _ Hollywood, FL Neuropsychologist.
	2000–2001	Centers for Psychological Growth _____ Miami, FL Neuropsychologist.
Grants		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does Bilingualism Shape Inhibitory Control Processes and Executive Function? National Science Foundation (2416246) (\$699,977). (Awarded 7/2024, PI). • HSI Conference: Hispanic-focused STEM Ideas for Inspiration and Innovation. National Science Foundation (1748199) (\$98,792). (Awarded 8/2017, Co-PI). • Does Learning a Second Language Enhance Inhibitory Processes and Executive Function? National Science Foundation (1632377) (\$167,298). (Awarded 9/2016, PI). • Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program. Science Peer and Research Collaborative (SPARC). Department of Education (P120A1400120) (\$279,596). (Awarded 10/2014, Co-I). • Neurophysiological Changes during Narrative Therapy Conversation. President’s Faculty Research & Development Grant (\$10,000). (Awarded 5/2013, Co-I). • Auditory and Visual Inhibitory Control Differences in Bilinguals and Monolinguals. Dean’s Mini Grant (\$1,500) (Awarded 1/2013, PI). • Neural and Cognitive Inhibition in Bilinguals. Chancellor’s Faculty Research & Development Grant (\$9,991.32). (Awarded 5/2010, PI). • Bilingualism and Neural Inhibition. Dean’s Mini Grant (\$1,491.50) (Awarded 4/2010, PI). • Received grant of electrophysiology equipment from Lexicor Corp (2006). • The University of Arizona Minority Graduate Student Research Award (1996). • Graduate Fellowship from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (1995).
Service		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel & Ad-hoc reviewer, National Science Foundation (2018, 2019, 2022).
Honors		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty of the Year Award (2008).
Professional Memberships		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Academy of Neuropsychology • American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology

Publications

- Fernandez, M., Chavez, M. A., Cabrera Ranaldi, E. dIRM., Ayachit, S. & Friedman, M. (2024). Dual-language testing improves bilinguals' verbal scores. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13854046.2024.2353409>
- Bryniarska, A., Ramos, J. A. & Fernández, M. (2024). Machine learning classification of event-related brain potentials during a visual Go/NoGo task. *Entropy*, 26(3). <https://doi.org/10.3390/e26030220>
- Fernandez, M., Banks, J.B., Gestido, S. & Morales, M. (2023). Bilingualism and the executive function trade-off: A latent variable examination of behavioral and event-related brain potentials. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, & Cognition*, 49(7), 1119-1144. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xlm0001186>
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Invited Talks

“Bilingualism and the Brain.” Miami Dade College, Miami, FL, November 2013.

Invited Papers

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