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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

ABAI is a nonprofit membership organization with the mission to contribute to the well-being of society by developing, enhancing, and supporting the growth and vitality of the science of behavior analysis through research, education, and practice.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Visiting Professor</b>	2006 – 2008
<b>Assistant Professor</b>	Since 2008
<b>Associate Professor</b>	Since 2017

### **Nova Southeastern University**

College of Psychology - Department of Psychology and Neuroscience

**Courses Taught:** Since 2006

- 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 – 2015
- 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 intellectual disability, 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): <i>Mand Training by Manipulating Motivating Variables in Persons Exhibiting Echolalia.</i> | 2014 |
| • Enhancing Wellbeing in Older Adults (Research collaboration with Dr. Ma – ongoing)                            |      |

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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Journal Reviewer: *Behavior Analysis in Offender Treatment and Prevention.* Since 2008

**University service (NSU):**

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| • 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 – 2014 |
| • 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        |
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| • Faculty Marshal   | 2011        |
| • Faculty mentor for newly hired faculty  | 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
  - Adjunct: Barbara Hayes-Murray Fall 2015
  - Adjuncts: Barbara Hayes-Murray and David Yudel Winter 2016
  - Adjuncts: Manny-Gonzalez-Abreu and Chris Vila Fall 2016
- **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Since 2015**
- Judge for the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Student Symposium 2016
- Graduate teaching assistant trainer Winter 2016
  - Trainees: Emmanuela Elie and Jenni Sujka
- NSU’s Grievance Committee – Panelist 2016
- Faculty classroom evaluator (Department of Conflict Resolution Studies) Fall 2016
- Faculty Marshal 2017
- **Graduate Curriculum Committee Since 2017**
- **Program Administrator Search Committee for ABA Graduate Course Sequence 2018**
- **Graduate Curriculum Committee for ABA Verified Course Sequence Since 2017**
- **Laboratory Space Utilization Committee 2018**

### 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.
- Voltaire, M. (July, 15, 2016). *Memory formation, consolidation, and transformation throughout the life span*. Health and wellness lecture presented at the Five Star Premier Residences of Plantation, FL.
- Voltaire, M. (February, 23, 2017). *Memory formation, consolidation, and transformation throughout the life span*. Presented at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Nova Southeastern University (East Campus).
- Voltaire, M. (August, 2017). *Successful aging: Myth or Reality?* Presented at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Nova Southeastern University (East Campus)
- Voltaire, M. (2018). *Evaluating word acquisition of an echolalic person diagnosed with autism using a single-case research design*. SAGE Research Methods Cases – Psychology. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781526445773>
- Voltaire, M (2018, May). *Early interventions and implications for independent functioning of emerging adults diagnosed with autism*. Presented at the Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) San Diego, California.
- Voltaire, M. (June, 2018). *Autism Spectrum Disorder: Developmental Outcomes and Treatment* Presented at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Nova Southeastern University (East Campus).
- Shigeto, A., Knowles, M., & **Voltaire, M.** (2018). Prenatal stress and infant temperament. In V. Zeigler-Hill & T. K. Shackelford (Eds.), *The encyclopedia of personality and individual differences*. New York City, NY: Springer. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-28099-8\_447-1

Shigeto, A., & **Voltaire, M.** (2018). The role of the family in personality development. In V. Zeigler-Hill & T. K. Shackelford (Eds.), *The encyclopedia of personality and individual differences*. New York City, NY: Springer. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-28099-8\\_1932-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-28099-8_1932-1)

### **MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS**

Voltaire, M., & Shigeto A. *Autism, Developmental course, Diagnosis & Treatment*.  
Book manuscript in progress.

### **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.* 2003  
I taught a forty-hour seminar taught at St James Catholic Church during. 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. The presentation highlighted the importance of assessing one’s personal characteristics and talents before pursuing a particular career. 2006
  - President of the Haitian Salesian Alumni Association of Florida, Inc. 2004-2013  
The organization raises funds through donation and events to support Salesian Schools in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

### **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES**

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Spanish – Advanced   ♦   Creole – Fluent   ♦   French – Fluent