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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY Miami, FL

2005

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Dissertation: *Parental Involvement: Its relation to Academic Achievement in a Multiethnic Sample of Newly Immigrated Students*

Advisor: Dr. Mary J. Levitt

2005

Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)

2005

Graduate Teaching Certificate

2003

Master of Science in Psychology

Thesis: *A Comparison of Infant Responding Under Conjugate and Continuous Reinforcement Schedules*

Advisor: Dr. Jacob Gewirtz

1990

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Graduated cum laude

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

2003 – Present

Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI)

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

2006-2008 **Visiting Professor**
2008-2017 **Assistant Professor**
2017-Present **Associate Professor**

Nova Southeastern University

College of Psychology - Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Courses taught since 2006

PSYC 1020 Introduction to Psychology
HONR 1510E - Honors Reading Seminar
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 3390 Single-Case Research Designs & Application
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 Faculty

2003-2006 **Florida International University – Miami, FL**

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

2011

Board Certified Behavior Analyst Doctoral (BCBA-D)

2008-2015

Founded *Developmental Disabilities & Behavior Modification Services, Inc.*

2008

Service Provider for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in Miami-Dade County (Area 11)

2011

Service Provider for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in Broward County (Area 10)

2005-2007

Behavior analyst consultant: 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.

2004-2005

Undergraduate Academic Advisor

Florida International University – Miami, FL

- 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

2004-2005

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

Florida International University – Miami, FL

Project SOL was a study designed to assess how students from other countries (i.e., South America and the West Indies) 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

2011

Recipient of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Faculty mini-Grant

2014

Mand Training by Manipulating Motivating Variables in Persons Exhibiting Echolalia (study completed)

2018

Enhancing Wellbeing in Older Adults (Research collaboration with another colleague – ongoing)

2021 (Fall Semester)

Sabbatical leave

2021-2022

Professional Development Award for Teaching and Supervision

2022

Book proposal (*Autism, Developmental course, Diagnosis & Treatment*) submitted to Routledge: Taylor & Francis Group

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

University Service (NSU):

2007-2008: Faculty search for gender studies and Human sexuality

2008-2009: Student retention committee

2008-2009: Psychology learning outcome committee/curriculum development

2008-2014: Interdisciplinary council for the study of autism at Nova Southeastern University

2008-2009: Faculty search for gender studies and Human sexuality

2009: Black history month committee

2010: Faculty search for Developmental Psychology (Chairperson)

- 2010:** Internal Review Committee (IRC) for BS in Psychology
- 2011:** Faculty leader for first-year student reading group
- 2011:** Faculty Marshal
- 2011:** Faculty mentor for newly hired faculty
- 2010-2015:** Applied Professional Studies (APS)
- 2011-2012:** Classroom Engagement Committee
- 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)
- 2013:** Faculty leader for first-year student reading group
- 2015:** Judge for the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Student Symposium
- 2015:** Interviewer for NSU's Dual Admission Program
- Adjunct faculty collaboration and evaluation**
- 2015:** Adjunct: Barbara Hayes-Murray
- 2016:** Adjuncts: Barbara Hayes-Murray and David Yudel
- 2016:** Adjuncts: Manny-Gonzalez-Abreu and Chris Vila
- 2015-Present:** Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- 2016:** Judge for the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Student Symposium
- 2016:** Graduate teaching assistant trainer
Trainees: Emmanuela Elie and Jenni Sujka
- 2016:** NSU's Grievance Committee – Panelist
- 2016:** Faculty classroom evaluator (Department of Conflict Resolution Studies)
- 2017:** Faculty Marshal
- 2017-Present:** Graduate Curriculum Committee
- 2018:** Program Administrator Search Committee for ABA Graduate Course Sequence
- 2017-2019:** Member of Stephanie Nguyen's Thesis Committee
- 2017-Present:** Graduate Curriculum Committee for ABA Verified Course Sequence
- 2018:** Laboratory Space Utilization Committee
- 2019:** Participant in NSU Smart Course of the Future: A Strategic Approach to Online Course Quality
- 2019:** Serving as dissertation chair and/or member for NSU ABA EdD students
- 2020:** Presidential Scholars Interviewer
Interviewed and submitted recommendations for fifteen (15) students
- 2020:** Continuing Contract Committee Member
Reviewed and submitted ten (10) recommendations
- 2021:** Presidential Scholars Interviewer
Interviewed and submitted recommendations for fifteen (15) students
- 2012-Present:** Verified Course Sequence (VCS #4025) coordinator for the Applied Behavior Analysis Minor
- 2012- Present:** Yearly updating and submitting reviews of the following courses to the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI):
PSYC 2300: Behavior Modification
PSYC 3330: Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis
PSYC 3350: Assessment in Applied Behavior Analysis
PSYC 3370: Interventions in Applied Behavior Analysis
PSYC 3390: Single-Case Research Designs & Application

- 2020:** Faculty mentor for a newly hired adjunct instructor
2020: Classroom observations and evaluations of two (2) colleagues' contract renewals
2021: Faculty mentor and evaluator for three (3) newly hired adjunct instructors
2021: Learning and Education Center (LEC) committee member
2021: Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) approval of the verified course sequence as meeting the 5th edition, 225-hour coursework requirement for students taking the BCaBA examination
2022: Presidential Scholars Interviewer
 Interviewed and submitted recommendations for twelve (12) students
2022: Committee member for hiring an ABA & CLS Program Administrator/Assistant Professor
2024: Committee member to address AI-related concerns with grading student papers

COURSE & MINOR DEVELOPMENT

- 2009** PSYC 3960: The Psychology of Parenting
2009 Applied Behavior Analysis Minor
2010 Gerontology Minor
2021 PSYC 3390: Single-Case Research Designs & Application

MAJOR PROFESSOR/RESEARCH ADVISOR

2012-2014

Onaida Sanchez (MS - Experimental Psychology)

Thesis: *A comparison of trial-and-error learning versus errorless learning on a visual discrimination task*

2013-2015

Margaret Smith Lorenzetti (MS – Experimental Psychology)

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

2020

Danielle Doherty (Dissertation – Focus on Applied Behavior Analysis)

PUBLICATION AND PRESENTATIONS

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
- Voltaire, M. (2019). Autism Spectrum Disorder. In J. Ponzetti (Ed.), *Macmillan encyclopedia of families, marriages, and intimate relationships* (pp. 72–75). New York, NY: Macmillan.
- Voltaire, M. (2024). *Applied Behavior Analysis: Separating the Wheat from the Chaff*. Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

2018-Present

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

2022: Book proposal (*Autism, Developmental course, Diagnosis & Treatment*) submitted to Routledge: Taylor & Francis Group

2024 (summer): Submission of an 80,000-word manuscript to Routledge: Taylor & Francis Group
Expected publication: **Summer 2025**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

1998-2006

Director – Cathedral of Saint Mary – Miami, FL

2003

The rudiments of music theory, singing, and choir directing.

I taught a forty-hour seminar at St James Catholic Church. The seminar was designed to provide musical education to choir members and choir leaders of various parishes in Miami.

2006

Career day presentation to fifth graders at Morningside Elementary School Miami, FL. The presentation highlighted the importance of assessing one's characteristics and talents before pursuing a particular career.

2004-2013

President of the Haitian Salesian Alumni Association of Florida, Inc. The organization raises funds through donation and events to support Salesian Schools in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

English ♦ French ♦ Creole ♦ Spanish (advanced)