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## Education

University of Nevada, Reno	PhD-Cognitive and Brain Sciences Cumulative GPA: 4.0 Projected Graduation Date: May 2019
California State University, Fullerton	Major-Psychology Minor-Anthropology Cumulative GPA: 3.6 Graduation Date: May 2015
Miami Dade College	Major-Psychology Cumulative GPA: 3.45
University of Miami	Major-Communications/Psychology Cumulative GPA: 2.66

## Research Experience

Object Perception Laboratory. Mentor: Dr. Jacqueline C. Snow. University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). August 2015-present.

Research: Analysis of the valuation of consumer goods based on the presence of real exemplars versus images.

Visual Perception Research Laboratory. Mentor: Dr. Eriko Self. California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). June 2013-present.

Research: Examination of visual search performance in relation to competitiveness.

Cognition, Affect, and Psychopathology Laboratory. Mentor: Dr. Mariann R. Weierich. Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY). June 2014- July 2014.

Research: Investigation of hypervigilance by measuring the trajectory of the amygdala response in trauma-exposed women.

## **Awards and Honors**

- NIH-funded Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) Scholar. CSUF. Fullerton, CA. Awarded June 2013-May 2015.
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences, CSUF, Dean's Honor List. CSUF. Fullerton, CA. Awarded Spring 2012-Spring 2015.
- CSUF Department of Psychology Honors and Awards Committee travel grant. CSUF. Fullerton, CA. Awarded February 2014.
- College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Honor list. Miami Dade College. Miami, FL. Awarded Fall 2010 and Spring 2010.
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Grant. University of Miami. Miami, FL. Awarded February 2009.
- Florida Student Assistance Grant Program. University of Miami. Miami, FL. Awarded February 2009.
- William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program. University of Miami. Miami, FL. Awarded February 2009.
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Grant. Miami Dade College. Miami, FL. Awarded September 2008.

## **Presentations**

- Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society. St. Pete Beach, Florida.  
Poster Presentation: Increased willingness-to-pay for real foods versus image displays. May 2016.
- Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society. St. Pete Beach, Florida.  
Poster Presentation: Interpersonal competitiveness and improvement in reaction time in a visual search task. May 2015.
- Natural Sciences and Mathematics Interclub Council Symposium 2015. CSUF, Fullerton, CA.  
Oral Presentation: Interpersonal competitiveness and improvement in reaction time in a visual search task. March 2015.
- 2014 Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science National Conference. Los Angeles, California.  
Poster Presentation: The effects of competitiveness on visual search. October 2014.

- The Leadership Alliance National Symposium. Stamford, Connecticut.  
Oral Presentation: Neural hypervigilance in trauma-exposed women.  
July 2014.
- Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society. St. Pete Beach, Florida.  
Poster Presentation: The effects of competitiveness on visual search. May 2014.
- Twenty-fifth Annual Graduate Women in Science Conference. University of California, Irvine, CA.  
Oral Presentation: The effects of competitiveness on visual search. April 2014.
- Natural Sciences and Mathematics Interclub Council Symposium 2014. CSUF, Fullerton, CA.  
Oral Presentation: The effects of competitiveness on visual search. March 2014.
- Twenty-eighth Annual CSU Student Research Competition. CSUF, Fullerton, CA.  
Oral Presentation: The effects of competitiveness on visual search.  
February 2014.

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Society for Neuroscience. March 2016-Present.
- Vision Sciences Society. December 2013-Present.
- Golden Key International Honour Society. November 2013-Present
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science.  
September 2013-May 2015.
- Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program. June 2013-May 2015.  
Research conducted in the laboratory of Dr. Eriko Self at CSUF.

### **Special Skills**

- **Expert:** Computer skills that include, but are not limited to, SPSS, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.
- **Competent:** Micro pipetting, MATLAB, PCR, gel electrophoresis, cloning/transformations.

- **Novice:** Functional magnetic resource imaging.
- **Language:** Fluent English and Conversational Spanish.

### **Invited Lectures**

- Douglas County School District, Mindset Class. Minden, NV. March 2016.
- Douglas County School District, Teaching with Poverty and Student Stress in Mind. Minden, NV. February 2016.

### **Service and Volunteer Activities**

- UNR, Psi Chi Panel Speaker. Reno, NV. November 2015
- Ronald McDonald House, Food Preparation and Distribution. Orange County, CA. October 2014.
- City Reach Ministries, Food Bank Distribution. Miami, FL. January 2002- August 2006.
- Pureheart Christian Fellowship, Children's Ministries. Miami, FL. January 2000- December 2002.