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Education

University of Nevada, Reno	Doctor of Philosophy Program: Cognitive and Brain Sciences Projected Graduation Date: May 2020
University of Nevada, Reno	Master of Arts Program: Cognitive and Brain Sciences Graduation Date: December 2017
California State University, Fullerton	Bachelor of Arts Major: Psychology Graduation Date: May 2015 (Cum Lade)
Miami Dade College	Associate in Arts Major: Psychology Graduation Date: July 2011
University of Miami	Major: Communications/Psychology

Research Experience

Object Perception Laboratory. Advisor: 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 and/or virtual objects.

Visual Perception Research Laboratory. Advisor: Dr. Eriko Self. California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). June 2013- May 2015.

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

Cognition, Affect, and Psychopathology Laboratory. Advisor: 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

- Neuroscience Scholars Program Fellow (Professional Development Award and travel grant). UNR. Reno, NV. Awarded July 2017.
- Neuroscience Scholars Program Associate (Professional Development Award). UNR. Reno, NV. Awarded August 2016.
- 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.
- NIDA-funded Summer Program for Undergraduate Research Fellow. CUNY. New York, New York. Awarded June 2014-July 2014.
- 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.

Publications

- **Romero, C. A.**, Compton, M. T., Yang, Y., & Snow, J. C. (2017). The real deal: Willingness-to-pay and satiety expectations are greater for real foods versus their images. *Cortex*. doi:10.1016/j.cortex.2017.11.010

Presentations

- **Romero, C.A.**, Compton, M.T., Yang, Y., and Snow, J.C. (2017). Poster Presentation: The real deal: Willingness-to-pay and satiety expectations are greater for real foods versus their images. Neuroscience 2017, Washington, DC.
- **Romero, C.A.**, Gomez, M.A., Webster, M., Mcguire, J.T., and Snow, J.C. (2016). Poster Presentation: Motor affordance biases subjective value. Neuroscience 2016, San Diego, CA.
- **Romero, C.A.**, Haddad, N.R., and Snow, J.C. (2016). Poster Presentation: Increased willingness-to-pay for real foods versus image displays. Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society, St. Pete Beach, FL.
- **Romero, C.A.**, Markovich, K., Johnson, Y., and Self, E. (2015). Poster Presentation: Interpersonal competitiveness and improvement in reaction time in a visual search task. Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society. St. Pete Beach, FL.
- **Romero, C.A.**, Markovich, K., Johnson, Y., and Self, E. (2015). Oral Presentation: Interpersonal competitiveness and improvement in reaction time in a visual search task. Natural Sciences and Mathematics Interclub Council Symposium 2015, CSUF, Fullerton, CA.
- **Romero, C.A.**, Trevathan, A., and Self, E. (2014). Poster Presentation: The effects of competitiveness on visual search. 2014 Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science National Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- **Romero, C.A.**, Yoon, A. S., and Weierich, M.R. (2014). Oral Presentation: Neural hypervigilance in trauma-exposed women. The Leadership Alliance National Symposium, Stamford, CT.
- **Romero, C.A.**, Trevathan, A., and Self, E. (2014). Poster Presentation: The effects of competitiveness on visual search. Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society, St. Pete Beach, FL.
- **Romero, C.A.**, Trevathan, A., and Self, E. (2014). Oral Presentation: The effects of competitiveness on visual search. Twenty-fifth Annual Graduate Women in Science Conference, University of California, Irvine, CA.
- **Romero, C.A.**, Trevathan, A., and Self, E. (2014). Oral Presentation: The effects of competitiveness on visual search. Natural Sciences and Mathematics Interclub Council Symposium 2014, CSUF, Fullerton, CA.

- **Romero, C.A.**, Trevathan, A., and Self, E. (2014). Oral Presentation: The effects of competitiveness on visual search. Twenty-eighth Annual CSU Student Research Competition, CSUF, Fullerton, CA.

Professional Affiliations

- Neuroscience Scholars Program. August 2016-Present
- Society for Neuroscience. March 2016-Present.
- Vision Sciences Society. December 2013-Present.
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science. September 2013-May 2015.
- MARC Program. June 2013-May 2015. Research conducted in the laboratory of Dr. Eriko Self at CSUF.
- The Leadership Alliance. June 2014- July 2014.

Teaching Experience

- Introduction to Statistics, lecturer. UNR. Reno, NV. June 2016-July 2016.
- Experimental Psychology, graduate teaching assistant. UNR. Reno, NV. January 2016-May 2016.
- Introduction to Psychology, graduate teaching assistant. UNR. Reno, NV. August 2015-December 2015.
- Learning and Memory, undergraduate teaching assistant. CSUF. Fullerton, CA. January 2015-May 2015.

Invited Lectures

- CSUF, MARC Family Day. Fullerton, CA. January 2018.
- 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.

Training

- Digitize Designs, 3D Scanning Workshop. Conference Call. August 2018.

- University of Nebraska, NSF EPSCoR- Core Outreach Workshop. Lincoln, NE. July 2017.
- UNR, Brain Voyager Worksop. Reno, NV. February 2017.

Special Skills

- **Expert:** SPSS, 3D Scanning with ARTEC Spider Scanner, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.
- **Competent:** MATLAB, R, Adobe Photoshop, PCR, gel electrophoresis, Micro pipetting, and cloning/transformations.
- **Novice:** Functional magnetic resource imaging.
- **Language:** Fluent English and Conversational Spanish.

Service and Volunteer Activities

- UNR, Cognitive and Brain Sciences Club President. August 2015-Present.
- UNR, Brain Awareness Week Co-Coordinator. August 2015-Present.
- 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.

Mentoring

- NIH-funded CSUF MARC Alumni Mentor to Sara Garcia. June 2017-Present.
- GURA Scholarship Mentor to Nicole R. Haddad. August 2016-May 2017.