

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

08/12 - 08/18: Psy.D., Clinical Psychology

Nova Southeastern University, College of Psychology, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
American Psychological Association accredited clinical psychology program.

Concentration: Neuropsychology

Doctoral Project: The Relationship of SPECT Scans to Attention and Memory
Difficulties in a General Psychiatric Population

Supervisor: Charles Golden, Ph.D., ABPP, ABCN

08/12 - 08/14: M.S., Clinical Psychology (en Route)

Nova Southeastern University, College of Psychology, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

08/07 - 05/10: B.S., Psychology (Cum Laude)

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

RELEVANT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

10/18-09/20: Clinical Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellow

Thomson Memory and Attention, Chicago, IL

Supervisor: Holly Hagen, Psy.D.

Conducted outpatient neuropsychological assessment in English and Spanish of children/adolescents, adults, and older adults with neurodevelopmental, neurological, neuropsychiatric, and complex medical disorders. Referrals came from varying disciplines, including neurologists, primary care physicians, therapists, and schools. Presenting concerns included: neurodevelopmental disorders (e.g., ID, ADHD, learning disabilities, autism), concussion/TBI (including sport concussion), neurologic disorders, dementias, medication- or substance-induced cognitive impairment, brain injury, cerebrovascular disease, and psychiatric comorbidity. Completed capacity evaluations and diagnostic interviews. Attended monthly didactic trainings. Received weekly supervision.

09/17-08/18: Pre-doctoral Intern

South Florida Consortium Internship Program: Memorial Regional Hospital, Hollywood, FL
American Psychological Association accredited internship program

Supervisors: Marcelle Girolamini-Smith, Psy.D. & Maria Fimiani, Psy.D.

Provided treatment for patients in acute crisis and have psychiatric, substance abuse, and/or co-

occurring disorders. Inpatient units included two 20-bed adult units, a 12-bed adult unit for co-occurring disorders, and a 12-bed child/adolescent psychiatric treatment unit. Conducted psychosocial evaluations, crisis and risk assessments, as well as individual, family, and group therapy. Provided weekly supervision to practicum students. Attended and presented at weekly multidisciplinary team meetings.

05/15 - 05/16: Neuropsychology Extern

University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Miami, Florida

Supervisors: David Loewenstein, Ph.D., ABPP, ABCN & Rosie Curiel, Psy.D.

Administered, scored, and interpreted comprehensive neuropsychological test batteries, in English and Spanish, for adult and older adult patients referred for neuropsychological complaints and memory difficulties. Conducted assessments that included standardized testing, clinical interview, case conceptualization, report writing, and provision of feedback. Supervised and trained practicum students on the administration, scoring, and interpretation of the testing battery. Attended monthly case conferences and didactic neuroanatomy trainings.

05/14 - 12/15: Psychology Trainee

Neuropsychology Assessment Center, Psychology Services Center, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Supervisors: Charles Golden, Ph.D., ABPP, ABCN & Lisa Lashley, Psy.D.

Administered, scored, and interpreted a comprehensive battery for the evaluation of cognitive, emotional, personality, and neurological dysfunction. Conducted extensive clinical intake interviews, and reviewed academic, medical and other records. Prepared comprehensive neuropsychological reports and conducted feedback sessions to ensure that test scores and interpretation, diagnoses, and recommendations were fully understood. Supervised and trained practicum students on the administration, scoring, and interpretation of the testing battery. Types of patients included those seeking academic accommodations, individuals with neurological disorders, and individuals mandated to receive neuropsychological testing by the court.

02/15 - 03/15: Psychology Trainee

Sports Medicine Clinic, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Supervisor: Stephen Russo, Ph.D.

Evaluated high school athletes following suspected concussion. Conducted diagnostic interviews, baseline and post-injury ImPACT testing, and balance testing. Provided recommendations regarding return-to-play (RTP) guidelines under Florida law. Prepared diagnostic reports including academic and exertion recommendations. Provided feedback to athletes and parents regarding recommendations.

OTHER CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

05/16 – 08/17: Psychology Assistant

Positive Solutions Psychological Services, Plantation, Florida

Supervisors: Edwina Hamilton Bell, Psy.D. & LaToya Shakes Malone, Ph.D.

Conduct intake interviews with patient and family to gather relevant medical and social history. Administer, score, and interpret the findings. Collaborate on diagnosis using the DSM 5. Prepare comprehensive reports for claimants referred for possible Florida State Disability and Social Security benefits. Tests administered include the WAIS-IV, WMS-IV, WISC-V, WPPSI-IV, and WJ-IV Tests of Achievement.

05/16 – 02/17: Neuropsychology Contractor

Neuropsychological Testing, Memory & Therapy Centers of South Florida, Stuart, FL

Supervisor: Deirdre Knapp, Psy.D.

Prepare comprehensive reports for adults and older adults based on results from a neuropsychological evaluation. Integrate background information, medical history, and raw testing data to determine if there have been cognitive declines. Analyze the findings and diagnose the patients using the DSM-5. Provide appropriate recommendations.

06/05/15: Psychometrician

International Assessment Systems, Inc., Miami, FL

Supervisor: Alan Raphael, Ph.D. & Charles Golden, Ph.D.

Administered and scored neuropsychological test battery for forensic/legal purposes. Test battery consisted of measures used to assess intelligence, learning and memory, executive functioning, and attention and concentration. Measures and clinical interview conducted in Spanish.

05/13 - 05/14: Psychology Trainee

House of Hope & Stepping Stones, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Supervisor: Stephen Campbell, Ph.D., ABPP

Provided weekly individual cognitive-behavioral interventions for an adult female population with substance dependence, including alcohol and illicit substance use, in an inpatient, court-ordered, rehabilitation facility. Utilized cognitive behavioral techniques, including schema activation, thought recording, cognitive restructuring, and others. Conducted one-hour structured intakes, where presenting problem and historical information is gathered. Conducted one-hour weekly group psychotherapy regarding motivation enhancement and relapse prevention.

11/10 - 08/12: Psychometrician

Cognitive Health Network, Hialeah, FL

Supervisor: Omar Lorenzo, Psy.D.

Administered and scored neuropsychological test battery for evaluation of intelligence, personality assessment, and memory complaints for Hispanic adults and older adults. Measures and clinical interview conducted in Spanish.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

04/14 - 02/16: Graduate Research Assistant

Nova Southeastern University President's Faculty Research and Development Grant. Grant Title: Neurocognitive Sequelae of HIV Infection in the Older Hispanic Adult. Nova Southeastern University, Center for Psychological Studies, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Principal Investigators: Amarilis Acevedo, Ph.D., ABPP, ABCN & Raymond Ownby, MD, Ph.D., MBA

Completed telephone screenings for participant recruitment. Administered, scored, and interpreted a Spanish-language neuropsychological battery for HIV+ and HIV- older adults. Entered and analyzed data for poster sessions and publications.

01/15 - 05/16: Graduate Research Assistant

Novel Detection of Early Cognitive and Functional Impairment in the Elderly. NIH: R01 AG047649-01A1. University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Miami, FL.

Principle Investigators: David Loewenstein, Ph.D., ABPP, ABCN & Rosie Curiel, Psy.D.

Administered neuropsychological assessments, functional tasks, and clinical rating scales to elderly participants aged 65 and older. Prepared literature reviews and presentations. Participated in test-retest reliability and concurrent validity studies. Long-term goals of the study are to find sensitive measures to determine early prediction of cognitive impairment. Entered and analyzed data for poster sessions and publications.

09/12 - 05/15: Graduate Research Assistant

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Supervisor: Charles Golden, Ph.D., ABPP, ABCN

Assisted with data entry into SPSS for the Driving Study, Child Clinical, Adult Clinical, and Multilingual databases in the Neuropsychology Assessment Center.

01/11 – 08/12: Clinical Research Rater

Galiz Research, Miami Springs, FL

Principal Investigator: Shlomo Pascal, M.D.

Conduct psychometric scales and assessments as required by sponsored Phase I through Phase IV clinical trials for pharmaceutical medications in development.

01/10 - 07/10: Undergraduate Research Assistant

Cogle Lab, Florida State University, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL

Supervisor: Jesse Cogle, Ph.D.

Conducted experimental trials exploring underlying factors in obsessions, compulsive checking, contamination fear, and hoarding. Assisted with data entry. Trained incoming undergraduate research assistants.

01/09 - 04/09: Undergraduate Research Assistant

Kaschak Lab, Florida State University, Department of Psychology, Tallahassee, FL
Supervisor: Michael P. Kaschak, Ph.D.

Conducted experimental trials exploring perception, action, and cognition, as well as learning and adaptation in language processing. Assisted with data entry.

PUBLICATIONS

Loewenstein, D. A., Curiel, R. E., Wright, C., Sun, X., Alperin, N., Crocco, E., ... & **Gamez, M.** (2017). Recovery from Proactive Semantic Interference in Mild Cognitive Impairment and Normal Aging: Relationship to Atrophy in Brain Regions Vulnerable to Alzheimer's Disease. *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, 56 (3), 1119-1126, <http://dx.doi.org/10.3233/JAD-160881>

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Gamez, M., Pinjala, M., Melo, J.G, Peñate, A., Raffo, A., Curiel, R., Wright, C., Crocco, E., Duara, R., & Loewenstein, D. (2016, October). *Deficits and failure to recover from proactive semantic interference on the Loewenstein-Acevedo Scales of Semantic Interference and Learning may identify elderly persons at risk for early Alzheimer's disease*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Seattle, Washington.

Díaz-Santos, A.L., **Gamez, M.**, Peñate, A., Raffo, A., Loewenstein, D., Curiel, R., Melo, J.G., & Crocco, E. (2016, October). *Cued recall performance on the LASSI-L, a novel list-learning test, is a better predictor of early Alzheimer's disease (AD) than performance on free recall trials*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Seattle, Washington.

Gamez, M., Sarno, M., Acevedo, A., & Ownby, R. (2016, February). *Composite Scores Increase Detection of Neurocognitive Impairment in the HIV-Positive Native Spanish-Speaking Older Adult: A Pilot Study*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the International Neuropsychology Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

Sarno, M., **Gamez, M.**, Acevedo, A., & Ownby, R. (2016, February). *Neuropsychological Profile of HIV-positive Spanish-speaking Hispanic Older Adults*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the International Neuropsychology Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

Sterk, V., Pinjala, M., Messerly, J., **Gamez, M.**, & Golden, C. (2015, November). *The Relationship Between CPT-II and WMS-IV Scores*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Austin, Texas.

Gamez, M., Zachar, R., Grego, A., & Golden, C. (2015, August). *Examining SPECT Scans of Individuals with Varying Levels of Memory Difficulties in a General Psychiatric Population*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Babika, C., Spengler, K., **Gamez, M.**, Hayhurst, H., Braga, M., & Golden, C. (2015, August). *Examining SPECT Scans of Individuals with Different Levels of Attentional Difficulties in a General Psychiatric Population*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

INVITED LECTURES

Sarno, M., **Gamez, M.**, & Acevedo, A. (2014, September). *Aging with HIV: Neuropsychological Impact in the Older Latino(a)*. Graduate Talk Series, Nova Southeastern University, Center for Psychological Studies, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.