

Alejandro Garcia

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology (*Expected May 2027*)
University of Mississippi

Master of Arts in Psychological Sciences (*May 2023*)
California State University, San Bernardino

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (Honors), Minor in Sociology (*May 2018*)
California State University, Dominguez Hills

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Psychology Research Methods Lab Instructor
University of Mississippi (2024-2025)

Graduate Teaching Assistant for Psychopathology
University of Mississippi (2024-2025)

Graduate Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Psychology
University of Mississippi (2023-2024)

Psychology Research Methods Lab Instructor
California State University, San Bernardino (2020-2023)

Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leader for Psychological Statistics
California State University, San Bernardino (2021-2022)

Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leader for Cognitive Psychology
California State University, San Bernardino (2021-2022)

Graduate Teaching Assistant for Cognitive Psychology
California State University, San Bernardino (2019-2021)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Mississippi, Department of Psychology (*2023–Present*)

PI: Grace Rivera, Ph.D.

Graduate Research Assistant

California State University, San Bernardino (*2019-2023*)

PI: Brittany Bloodhart, Ph.D.

Graduate Research Assistant

California State University, San Bernardino (*2022-2023*)

PI: Jacob Jones, Ph.D.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

California State University, Dominguez Hills (*2016-2018*)

PI: Steven Frieze, M.A.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Founder & Organizer, *Rebels in Research; A Psychology Speaker Series* (*2024–Present*)

- Established a departmental speaker series to bridge the gap between graduate and undergraduate students, making research more accessible and engaging.
- Provided graduate students with opportunities to refine their public speaking and science communication skills.
- Organized guest speakers, coordinated event logistics, and facilitated discussions on research innovation.

SREB Doctoral Scholar (*2023–Present*)

- Selected for the Southern Regional Education Board's highly competitive fellowship supporting underrepresented scholars in academia.
- Engaged in mentorship, research funding opportunities, and professional development initiatives.

Provost's Elite Scholar, University of Mississippi (*2023–Present*)

- Awarded prestigious university-wide recognition for outstanding graduate student researchers.
- Received an annual \$10,000 stipend enhancement for excellence in research and potential for transformative contributions.

Editor, Application Statement Feedback Program (ASFP) (2024)

- Provided feedback and editorial support for graduate and fellowship application statements.
- Assisted applicants in refining research narratives and personal statements for competitive admissions.

Social and Behavioral Sciences Writing Lab Tutor

- California State University, San Bernardino (2021-2023)

Conference Reviewer

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Undergraduate Student Poster Reviewer (2022 & 2023)

Psi Chi Community and Engagement Liaison

California State University, San Bernardino (2020-2022)

Psychology Peer Counselor

California State University, Dominguez Hills, Academic year 2017-2018

HONORS & AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate Symposium Presentation – University of Mississippi (*March 2025*)

Outstanding Graduate Symposium Presentation – University of Mississippi (*March 2024*)

Outstanding Graduate Student Researcher Awardee – CSU San Bernardino (*April 2023*)

Best Oral Graduate Presentation – CSU San Bernardino (*April 2023*)

Exceptional Student Data Blitz Submission Award – SPSP Summer Psychology Forum (*July 2022*)

Best Outstanding Graduate Poster – CSU San Bernardino (*April 2022*)

Best Oral Graduate Presentation – CSU San Bernardino (*April 2022*)

Presidential Outstanding Student Award Recipient – CSU Dominguez Hills (*April 2018*)

Watts Rebellion Commemorative Award for Social Justice – CSU Dominguez Hills (*April 2018*)

Certificate of Appreciation for Community Service – Awarded by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti for involvement with the homeless community (*June 2017*)

Recognition for Humanitarian Efforts – Awarded by all 15 City of Los Angeles Council Members for contributions to social welfare initiatives (*December 2016*)

Federal Recognition for Humanitarian Aid – Awarded by FEMA for disaster relief and emergency assistance efforts (*September 2016*)

GRANTS & FUNDING

Psi Chi Travel Grant (2025, \$400)
SPSP Diversity Graduate Travel Award (2023)
Psi Chi Summer Unrestricted Travel Grant (2022, \$1500)
Graduate Student Professional Development Grant (2022, \$1000)
Psi Chi Travel Grant (2022, \$300)
Supplemental Graduate Research Grant (2022, \$1500)
Graduate Travel Award (2021, \$1000)
Student Professional Development Grant (2021, \$1000)

PUBLICATIONS

Perez, M., Rivera, G. N., Crist, J. D., & **Garcia, A.** (2024). *Considering Sociocultural Contexts of Racism in Psychological Research on Black Forgiveness*. Manuscript submitted for publication. Social and Personality Psychology Compass.

Under Review

Perez, M., **Garcia, A.**, & Rivera, G. N. (2025). *Race, Respectability Politics, and Perceptions of Non-Violent Protest*. Under Review *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations* (GPIR).

Garcia, A., Rivera, G. N., Bloodhart, B., & Perez, M., (2025). *Sustained Allyship: A Psychological Framework for Ally-Activist Engagement in Social Movements*. Under Review *Current Directions in Psychological Science CDPS*.

Rivera, G. N., & **Garcia, A.**, Church, M., Beam, A., Perez, M., Dickey, D. (2025) *Who feels SAFE in America? Threatened Fit and Authenticity predict Collective Action Intentions after 2024 US presidential election*. Under Review *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology: Interpersonal Relations and Group Processes* (IRGP).

Manuscripts in Preparation

Garcia, A., Bloodhart, B. (2025). *Beyond initial engagement: investigating factors that contribute to continued participation in social movements*. Manuscript to be submitted for publication.

Vail III, E., K, Galgali, S., Madhwa, Horner, Dylan, Lapish, Caroline, Rivera, G. N., & **Garcia, A.** (2025) *Death awareness, support for democracy, and the 2024 US Presidential Election*. Manuscript to be submitted for publication.

PRESENTATIONS

Garcia, A., Rivera, G., & Perez, M. (2025, May). *Further Examining the Role of Respectability Politics in Perceptions of Non-Violent Protest*. Symposium presented at the Western Psychological Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Garcia, A., Rivera, G., & Perez, M. (2025, March). *Further Examining the Role of Respectability Politics in Perceptions of Non-Violent Protest*. Symposium presented at the University of Mississippi Graduate Student Research Symposium, Oxford, MS.

Garcia, A., Rivera, G., & Perez, M. (2025, February). *Examining the Role of Respectability Politics in Perceptions of Non-Violent Protest*. Symposium presented at the 4th Annual Faculty and Graduate Student Forum on Race & Ethnicity, Oxford, MS.

Garcia, A., Rivera, G., & Perez, M. (2025, February). *Examining the Role of Respectability Politics in Perceptions of Non-Violent Protest*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2024, March). *Beyond Traditional Workspaces: Examining Sexual Harassment in STEM Field Research*. Symposium presented at the University of Mississippi Graduate Student Research Symposium, Oxford, MS.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2024, February). *Beyond initial engagement: Investigating factors that contribute to continued participation in social movements*. Research Spotlight Presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2023, April). *Sexual harassment in science: Increased experiences predict negative professional outcomes for women but not men*. Symposium presented at the 12th annual CSUSB Meeting of the Minds Student Research Symposium, San Bernardino, CA.

Garcia, A., Bloodhart, B., (2023, April). *Anticipation of being deprived predicts COVID-19 health behaviors and perceptions of deservingness for others*, Poster Presentation at the Western Psychological Association Annual Conference, Riverside, CA.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2023, February). *Sexual harassment in science: Increased experiences predict negative professional outcomes for women but not men*. Research Spotlight Presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2022, October). *The Sustainability of Social Movements: Evaluating Risk and Benefits*. Poster Presentation at the National Latinx Psychological Association (NLPA), Denver, CO.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2022, July). *Predictors of Continued Engagement in Social Movements: Scale Development for Evaluating Risk and Benefits*, Data Blitz Presentation at the SPSP Summer Psychology Forum on “Addressing U.S. Health Disparities with Social and Personality Psychology”, Minneapolis, MN.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2022, June). *Predictors of Continued Engagement in Social Movements: Evaluating Risk and Benefits*, Poster Presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Annual Conference, San Juan, PR.

Tabuena, N., **Garcia, A.**, & Bloodhart, B. (2022, April). *Addressing Sexual Harassment in Field Research and Its Influences on Job Satisfaction*, Poster presented at the 11th annual CSUSB Meeting of the Minds Student Research Symposium, San Bernardino, CA.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2022, April). *Predictors of Continued Engagement in Social Movements: Evaluating Risk and Benefits*, Symposium presented at the 11th annual CSUSB Meeting of the Minds Student Research Symposium, San Bernardino, CA.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2022, April). *Predictors of Continued Engagement in Social Movements: Evaluating Risk and Benefits*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2022, April). *Predictors of Continued Engagement in Social Movements: Evaluating Risk and Benefits*, Presented at CSUSB 3-Minute Thesis Competition, San Bernardino, CA

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2022, February). *Examining motivations for sustainability and continued engagement within social movements*, Poster Presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Garcia, A., & Bloodhart, B. (2022, February). *The Sustainability of Social Movements: Evaluating Risk and Benefits*, Presented at the 36th Annual CSUSB Student Research Competition, San Bernardino, CA.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
- The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
- National Latinx Psychological Association (NLPA)
- Western Psychological Association (WPA)
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology
- Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)
- Latino Education & Advocacy Days (LEAD)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Proficient:** SPSS, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office Suite, EndNote, Canvas
- **Intermediate:** R, AMOS

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in English and Spanish
