

# Alejandro Garcia

The University of Mississippi

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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

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## 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)

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## 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.

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## 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

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## **HONORS & AWARDS**

**CLI Community Award** – University of Mississippi Character of Leaders Initiative (November 2025) – One of three recipients selected campus-wide.

**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)

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## 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)

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## 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.

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

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.

### 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.

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## PRESENTATIONS

- Garcia, A., Nguyen, V., Rivera, G., & Wellman, J. (2026, February). *Zero-Sum Beliefs Undermine Cross-Racial Solidarity Between Marginalized Groups*. Symposium presented at the 5th Annual Faculty and Graduate Student Forum on Race & Ethnicity, Oxford, MS.
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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)
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### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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

- Fluent in English and Spanish
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