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Academic Research Positions

2020 – 2022 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Boston University, *Boston, MA*
 Main Project: *Developing Belief Network (DBN): The Development and Diversity of Religious Cognition and Behavior*

Education

Ph.D., 2020 **Developmental Psychology**, University of California, Riverside, *Riverside, CA*
 Dissertation: “*How the Cultural Context Shapes Children’s Causal Reasoning about Biological Illnesses.*”

M.A., 2016 **Psychology**, University of California, Riverside, *Riverside, CA*
 MA Thesis: “*Can God make the impossible, possible? Children’s developing understanding of possibility and causal mechanisms.*”

B.A., 2013 **Psychology and Spanish**, Northwestern College, *Orange City, IA*
 Honor Thesis: “*The intrusion of intuitive concepts in an online processing task: The theological correctness effect.*”

Academic Research Interests

- How do children and adults explain the causes and treatments of illnesses?
- What are parents' views on who children should learn about illness from (e.g., siblings, peers, educational community, medical community, religious community) – and how does this change or remain stable as children get older?
- How do children and adults view science and religion as working together or separate to explain the same events?
- What do children and adults think is and is not possible, and do they judge different types of causes (natural and supernatural) as able to make impossible events possible?
- How do parents transmit religious beliefs and behaviors to their children?

Research Grants

2018 – 2020 **Patrice L. Engle Dissertation Grant for Global Early Child Development**
 Role: PI; Awarded \$5,000 by the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
 Project Title: *How the Cultural Context Shapes Colombian Children’s Causal Reasoning about Biological Illness*

2018 – 2020 **Student Research Grant**
 Role: PI; Awarded \$3,000 by the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)
 Project Title: *How the Religious and Cultural Contexts Shape Causal Reasoning for Illnesses in Mexican American, Bilingual Children and Parents*

2017 – 2019 **Psychology of Religion Early-Career Seed Grant**
 Role: Co-PI with Dr. Dimitris Xygalatas (PI) and Dr. Aiyana Willard (PI); Awarded \$11,250

Curriculum Vitae
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by Adam B. Cohen, Kevin Ladd, and Azim Shariff; funded by the John Templeton Foundation

Project Title: *Magic, Religion, and Trust Across Cultures.*

Awards, Honors, & Fellowships

- 2019 – 2020 Dissertation Year Fellowship, *University of California, Riverside* (\$7,200)
2017 Travel Grant, *International Association for the Psychology of Religion* (\$800)
2016 Travel Grant, *Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development* (\$115)
2014 – 2015 Dean’s Distinguished Fellowship, *University of California, Riverside* (\$31,299)
2013 Travel Grant, *Northwestern College* (\$600)
2013 Travel Grant, *Association for Psychological Science* (\$200)
2013 Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in Psychology, *Northwestern College*
2009 – 2013 Honor Society, *Northwestern College*

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 4) **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2021). Can God do the impossible? Anthropomorphism and children's certainty that God can make impossible things possible. *Cognitive Development*, 58, 101034. doi: 10.1016/j.cogdev.2021.101034
- 3) Richert, R.A., Saide, A.R., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Shaman, N.J. (2017). The role of religious context in children’s differentiating between God’s mind and human minds. *British Journal of Developmental Psychology*, 35, 37-59. doi: 10.1111/bjdp.12160
- 2) Richert, R.A., Shaman, N.J., Saide, A.R., & **Lesage, K.A.** (2016). Folding your hands helps God hear you: Prayer and anthropomorphism in parents and children. *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion*, 27, 140-157. doi: 10.1163/9789004322035_010
- 1) Shaman, N.J., Saide, A.R., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2016). Who cares if I stand on my head when I pray? Social cognition and ritual inflexibility in preschoolers. *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion*, 27, 122-139. doi: 10.1163/9789004322035_009

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 4) **Lesage, K.A.**, Ghossainy, M.E., Richert, R.A. & Corriveau, K.H. (in press). Social learning and religion. In J. Tehrani, J. Kendal & R. Kendal (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Cultural Evolution*. Oxford University Press: Oxford, UK.
- 3) Richert, R.A., Weisman, K., **Lesage, K.A.**, Ghossainy, M.E., Reyes-Jaquez, B., & Corriveau, K. H. (2022, In-Press). Belief, culture, & development: Insights from studying the development of religious beliefs and behaviors. *Advances in child development and behavior*, 62, 127–158. doi: 10.1016/bs.acdb.2021.11.002.
- 2) Richert, R.A., & **Lesage, K.A.** (2022, In-Press). The nature of humans. Invited chapter to appear in J. Barrett (Ed.), *The Oxford handbook of cognitive science of religion*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- 1) Richert, R.A., & **Lesage, K.A.** (2019). Dualism revisited: Body vs. mind vs. soul. Invited chapter in D. J. Slone & W. W. McCorkle Jr (Eds.), *The Cognitive Science of Religion: A methodological introduction to key empirical studies*. New York, NY: Bloomsbury Academic.

Organizer of Pre-Conference Workshops

- 1) Weisman, K., **Lesage, K.A.**, Richert, R.A., & Corriveau, K.H. (Co-Organizers). (2022, April). “Theory-Theory

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Turns Thirty-Something: Reflections and New Directions.” Pre-Conference Workshop held at biennial Cognitive Development Society Conference (CDS), *Madison, WI*.

Chaired Conference Symposia

- 2) McLoughlin, N. & **Lesage, K.A.** (Co-Chairs). (2021, March). “The Power of Testimony and Culture in Children’s Developing Beliefs about the Invisible and Impossible.” Paper symposium presented at biennial Society for Research in Child Development Conference (SRCD), *Virtual*.
- 1) **Lesage, K.A.** (2019, March). “The Emergence of Causal Reasoning and Causal Explanations in Childhood: Diverse Definitions and Methodologies.” Paper symposium presented at biennial Society for Research in Child Development Conference (SRCD), *Baltimore, MD*.

Peer-Reviewed Oral Presentations

Note: underlining denotes undergraduate student trainee

- 16) **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2019, March). *Children’s Causal Reasoning and Explanations for Why Improbable and Impossible Events Can/Cannot Occur Across Domains*. Paper presented at biennial Society for Research in Child Development Conference (SRCD), *Baltimore, MD*.
- 15) **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2018, October). *Can God make the impossible improbable? Anthropomorphism and children’s belief that God can do the impossible*. Paper presented at annual Cultural Evolution Society (CES) Conference, *Tempe, AZ*.
- 14) Villanueva, R.A.M., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2018, May). *Religious and non-religious dating: Who’s more satisfied?* Paper presented at UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium, *Riverside, CA*.
- 13) **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2018, March). *Can God make an apple taste like pizza? Adults’ reasoning about supernatural causality*. Paper presented at annual Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality (SPRS) – APA Division 36 (Psychology of Religion and Spirituality) Conference, *Riverside, CA*.
- 12) **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2017, August). *The “naturalness” of supernatural and scientific causal reasoning: A theoretical perspective*. Paper presented at biennial International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) Conference, *Hamar, Norway*.
- 11) Edman, L.R.O., Townsend, M., Kundert, C., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Vermeer, J. (2017, August). *Mentalizing, prayer experience, and agentic evil: Cross-cultural evidence*. Paper presented at biennial International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) Conference, *Hamar, Norway*.
- 10) **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2017, May). *Developmental differences in the efficacy of supernatural causality: What can God make possible?* Paper presented at annual Association for Psychological Science (APS) Conference, *Boston, MA*.
- 9) Edman, L.R.O., Sietstra, C., & **Lesage, K.A.** (2016, October). *Theory of mind, divine intimacy, and the experience of agentic evil*. Paper presented at annual Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Conference, *Atlanta, GA*.
- 8) Shaman, N.J., Saide, A.R., **Lesage, K.A.** & Richert, R.A. (2016, March). *Parental influences on children’s concepts of God*. Paper presented at American Psychological Association (APA) – Division 36 (Psychology of Religion and Spirituality) Mid-Year Conference, *Brooklyn, NY*.
- 7) Richert, R.A., Shaman, N.J., Saide, A.R., & **Lesage, K.A.** (2015, October). *Prayer structures God concepts in Christian, Muslim, and Religiously Non-Affiliated children*. Paper presented at biennial Cognitive Development Society (CDS) Conference, *Columbus, OH*.
- 6) Richert, R.A., Shaman, N.J., Saide, A.R., & **Lesage, K.A.** (2014, November). *Concepts of God and prayer in Christian and Muslim children*. Paper presented an annual American Academy of Religion (AAR) Conference, *San Diego, CA*.

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- 5) **McConnel (Lesage), K.A.**, & Edman, L.R.O. (2013, November). *The relationship between practiced naturalness and theological correctness*. Paper presented at annual Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Conference, Boston, MA.
 - 4) Edman, L.R.O., & **McConnel (Lesage), K.A.** (2013, November). *The counterintuitiveness of theological concepts: The purpose of atonement, God's power and providence, and God's knowledge*. Paper presented at annual Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Conference, Boston, MA.
 - 3) Edman, L.R.O., & **McConnel (Lesage), K.A.** (2013, September). *The counterintuitiveness of theological concepts: Current directions*. Paper presented at Cognitive Science of Religion Conference, Seattle, WA.
 - 2) Edman, L.R.O., Bohr, C., **McConnel (Lesage), K.A.**, Maurer, D., Culver, T., Ott, M., Reno, C., Rubel, B., & Thompson, E. (2011, April). *Will power, persistence, and the discrepancy between what one values and how one behaves*. Paper presented at annual Siouland Social Science Conference, Yankton, SD.
 - 1) **McConnel (Lesage), K.A.** (2013, April). *The intrusion of intuitive concepts on an online processing task: The theological correctness effect (study one)*. Paper presented at annual Siouland Social Science Conference, Orange City, IA.

Peer-Reviewed Poster Presentations

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- 28) **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2019, October). *Mexican American children's explanations for how and why people get sick*. Poster presented at biennial Cognitive Development Society Conference (CDS), Louisville, KY.
- 27) Posada, L.M., **Lesage, K.A.**, Young, A.G., Shtulman, A., & Richert, R.A. (2019, October). *Examining cognitive reflection and executive function in Colombian preschool-aged children and their parents*. Poster presented at biennial Cognitive Development Society Conference (CDS), Louisville, KY.
- 26) Peña, M.C., Trujillo-Hernandez, G., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2019, May). *Cancer vs. cold: Am I old enough to know?* Poster presented at UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium and R'PSYCH.
- 25) Rodela, S. L., Desantiago, E.C., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2019, May). *¿Cómo se enferman las personas? Mexican American children's reasoning about the causes of illness?* Poster presented at UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium and R'PSYCH.
- 24) Faridi, S., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2019, May). *Does religion help you walk a mile in someone else's shoes?* Poster presented at UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium and R'PSYCH.
- 23) Posada, L.M., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2019, April). *How positive and negative emotional views of God relate children's conceptions of supernatural causality*. Poster presented at Western Psychological Association (WPA), Pasadena, CA.
- 22) Nelson, E.A., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2019, April). *Theory of Mind and religiosity in adults*. Poster presented at Western Psychological Association (WPA), Pasadena, CA.
- 21) Conover, A., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2019, March). *Positive & negative emotional responses to God by age, gender, and religious affiliation*. Poster presented at biennial Society for Research in Child Development Conference (SRCD), Baltimore, MD.
- 20) **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2018, May). *Does MCI theory fit in within the broader scope of cultural transmission?* Poster presented at Future Directions on the Evolution of Rituals, Beliefs, and Religious Minds Conference and Workshop, Erice, Sicily, Italy.
- 19) Avila, K., Ahmad, K.S., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2018, May). *Do kids really know what it means to be heartless?* Poster presented at UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium, Riverside, CA.
- 18) Ghabour, L.T., Patel, S.D., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2018, May). *Would you rather go to the library or a party? Differences between bicultural and monocultural individuals in empathy, communication skills,*

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- and socio skills.* Poster presented at UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium, *Riverside, CA.*
- 17) Nelson, E.A., Weimer, M.M., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2018, May). *The Relationship Between Adult Theory of Mind, Religiosity, and Belief in God.* Poster presented at UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium, *Riverside, CA.*
 - 16) **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2017, October). *The effects of Theory of Mind on children's source monitoring of testimony.* Poster presented at biennial Cognitive Development Society Conference (CDS), *Portland, OR.*
 - 15) **Lesage, K.A.**, Richert, R.A., & Edman, L.R.O. (2017, June). *The relationship between prayer, internal locus of control, and views of God control in Protestants, Catholics, and Muslims.* Poster presented at The Cognition of Belief Conference, *Georgetown University, Washington, DC.*
 - 14) Claudio Torres, A.B., Beshay, Y.M., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2017, May). *Children don't cite their sources: Source monitoring in concepts of God.* Poster presented at UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium.
 - 13) Posada, L.M., Lopez, J., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2017, May). *A comforting God is almighty: How positive and negative God concepts relate to God making the impossible, possible.* Poster presented at UCR Undergraduate Research Symposium.
 - 12) **Lesage, K.A.**, Stream, C.L., Saide, A.R., Shaman, N.J., & Richert, R.A. (2017, March). *The relationship between counterfactual reasoning, religious supernatural causality, and religious exposure.* Poster presented at biennial Society for Research in Child Development Conference (SRCD), *Austin, TX.*
 - 11) Shaman, N.J., Saide, A.R., **Lesage, K.A.**, Stream, C.L., & Richert, R.A. (2017, March). *Who Can Pray and To Whom Can I Pray? Children's Concept of Prayer and Mental-State Reasoning.* Poster presented at biennial Society for Research in Child Development Conference (SRCD), *Austin, TX.*
 - 10) Saide, A.R., Shaman, N.J., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2017, March). *Children's developing conception of God's reality status: age and religious context factors.* Poster presented at biennial Society for Research in Child Development Conference (SRCD), *Austin, TX.*
 - 9) **Lesage, K.A.**, Richert, R.A., & Edman, L.R.O. (2017, January). *Do you let Jesus take the wheel? Locus of control and religiosity.* Poster presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Pre-Conference of Religion, *San Antonio, TX.*
 - 8) Edman, L.R.O., **Lesage, K.A.**, Chambers, H., Kundert, C., Sietstra, C., Townsend, M., Vermeer, J., & Wiggers, T. (2016, May). *Theory of Mind and religiosity: The experience and types of personal prayer.* Poster presented at annual Association for Psychological Science (APS) Conference, *Chicago, IL.*
 - 7) Stream, C. L., **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2016, April). *The relationship between pretense and children's understanding of possibility.* Poster presented at annual Western Psychological Association (WPA) Conference, *Long Beach, CA.*
 - 6) **Lesage, K.A.**, & Richert, R.A. (2016, January). *Mission improbable: Children's possibility judgments of improbable and impossible events across domains.* Poster presented at annual Budapest Central European University Conference on Cognitive Development (BCCCD), *Budapest, Hungary.*
 - 5) **Lesage, K.A.**, Shaman, N.J., Saide, A.R., & Richert, R.A. (2015, October). *Developmental differences in children's views of God and the effects of prayer.* Poster presented at biennial Cognitive Development Society Conference (CDS), *Columbus, OH.*
 - 4) **Lesage, K.A.**, Saide, A.R., Shaman, N.J., Hirawala, L., & Richert, R.A. (2015, March). *With God, all things are more possible: Differences in possibility judgments of children.* Poster presented at biennial Society for Research in Child Development Conference (SRCD), *Philadelphia, PA.*
 - 3) **McConnel (Lesage), K.A.**, & Edman, L.R.O. (2013, May). *The theological correctness effect and afterlife beliefs.* Poster presented at annual Association for Psychological Science (APS) Conference, *Washington D.C.*

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- 2) Edman, L.R.O., Maurer, D., **McConnel (Lesage), K.A.**, & Rubel, B. (2013, May). *Too weird or just weird enough? The counterintuitiveness of theological concepts*. Poster presented at annual Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA) Conference, *Chicago, IL*.
 - 1) **McConnel (Lesage), K.A.**, & Edman, L.R.O. (2013, May). *The theological correctness effect in online and offline processing tasks*. Poster presented at annual Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA) Conference, *Chicago, IL*.

Invited Academic Talks and Workshops

2022, February	Virtual Talk, Religion and Spirituality Pre-Conference at Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP).
2021, October	Virtual Workshop, <i>John Templeton Foundation</i> , Scientific Study of Religion Grantee Summit.
2021, March	Virtual Talk, <i>University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign</i> , Cognitive Psychology Brown Bag.
2020, November	Virtual Talk, <i>Boston University</i> , Deb Kelemen's Child Cognition Lab.
2020, October	Virtual Talk, <i>Boston College</i> , Katie McAuliffe's Cooperation Lab.
2020, September	Guest Lecture, <i>Boston University</i> , Kathleen Corriveau's grad seminar on Culture, Ethnicity and Race: A Developmental Approach.
2019, March	Flash Talk, 9th Preconference on Religious and Spiritual Development at SRCD.
2017, March	Flash Talk, 8th Preconference on Religious and Spiritual Development at SRCD.
2016, November	Guest Lecture, <i>University of California Riverside</i> , Cecelia Cheung's undergrad course on Lifespan Development.
2016, October	Early Career Workshop in the Psychology of Religion hosted by the <i>University of California, Irvine</i> . Application accepted by Adam B. Cohen, Kevin Ladd, & Azim Shariff.
2016, January	Talk, <i>Birkbeck (BBK), University of London</i> , Centre for Brain and Cognitive Development.

Student Advising & Mentorship

AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

POSTDOCTORAL SUPERVISOR IN THE SOCIAL LEARNING LAB

2020 – 2022 Primary Supervisor of 12 Undergraduate Research Assistants
1 RA Awarded \$5,400 for BU Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) for Summer 2021; *Project*: "Parental Autonomy Supportive Behavior and Child Engagement"

AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

GRADUATE SUPERVISOR IN THE CHILDHOOD COGNITION LAB

2014 – 2021 Primary Supervisor of 70 Undergraduate Research Assistants & 7 Paid Research Assistants; *Co-Advised an additional 14 Undergraduate Research Assistants 1+ quarters*
Average length of time working in the lab was 1.2-years (*Range: 0.3 to 2.6-years*)
65% of RAs worked between 1.0- and 2.6-years in the lab
32% of RAs worked between 0.5 and 0.9-years in the lab
1 RA completed an honor thesis
2 RAs completed a senior thesis
17 RAs completed a year-long research project resulting in a conference presentation

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Graduate Supervisor of Undergraduate Thesis Projects

- 2019 – 2021 **Hispanic Parents' Views on Vaccines**
Sarah Panameño, *Honor's Thesis, Class of 2021*
- 2018 – 2020 **Cognitive Functions Associated with the Temporal Parietal Junction: Theory of Mind, Empathy, Loneliness, and Attention**
Emily Nelson, *Bachelor's Senior Thesis, Class of 2019*
- 2017 – 2018 **Religiosity and Satisfaction of Individuals in Romantic Relationships**
Randle Villanueva, *Bachelor's Senior Thesis, Class of 2018*

Graduate Supervisor of Undergraduate Research Projects

*Note: * denotes shared first author on project and each author contributed equally*

- 2019 – 2020 **Hispanic Children's Understanding of Biological Phenomena**
Ashley Marin * & Sarah Panameño *
- 2018 – 2019 **Hispanic Children's Explanations for Illness**
Sipriana Rodela * & Elizabeth Desantiago*
- Parents' Approaches to Explaining Illness to Children**
Maria Peña * & Graciela Trujillo Hernandez *
- Empathy and Religiosity in Young Adults**
Saba Faridi
- 2017 – 2018 **Mentalizing and Religiosity in Young Adults**
Emily Nelson * & Megan Weimer *
- Children's Reasoning about Illness: How Mom Can Get Sick**
Kassandra Avila * & (Khawaja) Sohaib Ahmad *
- Bi-Cultural Identity as a Predictor of Empathic Reasoning in Young Adults**
Lydia Ghabour * & Shabri Patel *
- 2016 – 2017 **Children's Source Monitoring in Concepts of God**
Ashley Claudio Torres * & Youstina Beshay *
- How Emotional Views of God Relate to Supernatural Causal Reasoning**
Laura Posada * & Jack Lopez *

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

Graduate Supervisor for Collaborative Projects

- 2018 – 2020 4 Field Research Assistants in Medellín, Colombia co-supervised with Laura Posada
Project Title: How the Cultural Context Shapes Catholic Children's Causal Reasoning about Biological Illness in Colombia
- 2018 6 Field Research Assistants in Mauritius, co-supervised with Dr. Aiyana Willard
Project Title 1: Magic, Religion, and Trust Across Cultures.
Project Title 2: How the Cultural Context Shapes Hindu Children's Causal Reasoning about Biological Illness in Mauritius

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Teaching Experience at University of California, Riverside

Student Evaluations available upon request. All classes were at the undergrad level and on the quarter system.

Introductory Psychology

2015, Summer **Teaching Assistant** with Dr. Kelly Huffman-Neal
2016, Winter **Teaching Assistant** with Dr. Rachel Wu
2018, Fall **Teaching Assistant** with Dr. Thomas Sy

Statistics

2016, Summer **Teaching Assistant and Lab Instructor** with Fanita Tyrell

Research Methods

2017, Summer **Teaching Assistant and Lab Instructor** with Erica Baranski

Technology and Human Development

2017, Fall **Teaching Assistant** for First Year Seminar with Dr. Rebekah Richert

Lifespan Development

2016, Fall **Teaching Assistant** * with Dr. Cecilia Cheung
 * *Guest Lecture: Parenting styles and the effects of parenting on child development.*
2017, Winter **Teaching Assistant** with Dr. Rachel Wu

Cognitive Development

2018, Winter **Teaching Assistant** with Dr. Rebekah Richert
2019, Winter **Teaching Assistant** with Dr. Rebekah Richert
2019, Summer **Instructor of Record**

Introduction to Cognitive Science and Computer Programming in Python

2018, Spring **Teaching Assistant and Lab Instructor** for Cognitive Psychology Seminar and Lab with Dr. Jon Willits

Professional & Department Service

2019– 2020 **Graduate Student Researcher**, Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Transformations Project Funded to UCR by NSF-DUE #1625354, *Departments of Psychology and Biology, University of California, Riverside*

2019 **Invited Presentation on Research and Careers in Psychology** (Co-Presented with Laura Posada), *30th Annual Chicano & Latinx Youth Conference, UC Riverside*

2019 **Developer of Mentorship Program at Preconference on Religion and Spiritual Development**, *Society for Research and Child Development (SRCD)*

2018 – 2019 **Co-Developer and Co-Moderator**, *R'DEV (Religious and Spiritual Development) Website and ListServ*

2018 **Panel Member for Graduate School Workshop**, *Undergraduate Advising, Department of Psychology, UC Riverside*

2017 – 2019 **Graduate Student Organizer**, *Southern California Working Group on Culture, Cognition, and Religion*

2016 – 2019 **Graduate Student Co-Representative**, *American Psychological Association (APA) Division*

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36, Psychology of Religion & Spirituality

2015 – 2018 **Graduate Mentor to First Year Graduate Students**, *University of California, Riverside*

2016 – 2017 **Co-Developer and Board Member**, *Psychology Outreach @ UCR*

2012 – 2013 **Undergraduate Student Co-President**, *Psi Chi, Northwestern College*

AD-HOC JOURNAL REVIEWER:

Child Development | Cognitive Development | Developmental Psychology | Social Cognition | The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion

AD-HOC AWARD AND CONFERENCE REVIEWER:

Society for Personality & Social Psychology (SPSP) | Association for Psychological Science (APS)

Technical Skills

Graduate-Level Statistics Courses and Training:

ANOVA | Regression | Multilevel Modeling (MLM) | Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) | Advanced Longitudinal Data Analysis (ALDA), Growth Curve Modeling, and Time Series Analysis

Statistical Computational Tools:

SPSS | R

Languages

Spanish: *Professional Proficiency in Speaking, Reading, Writing*