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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EMPLOYMENT

<i>Faculty</i>	<p>2023– Present Assistant Professor, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON</p> <p>Tenure-track member of the law school faculty. Instructs courses on criminal law, criminal procedure, and empirical research skills.</p>
<i>Postdoctoral</i>	<p>2021– 2023 Research Fellow, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS</p> <p>Interprofessional Polytrauma and Traumatic Brain Injury Rehabilitation Research Fellow working under the supervision of James M. Bjork at Hunter H. McGuire VA Medical Center (Richmond, VA). Designed and conducted research on cognitive function, suicidality, exposure to traumatic brain injuries, and decision making.</p>

EDUCATION

<i>Doctorate of Philosophy</i>	<p>2015– 2021 Cornell University</p> <p>Advisor: Dr. Valerie Reyna · Human Development Thesis: <i>Judgment and decision-making in the context of health and law</i></p>
<i>Juris Doctor</i>	<p>2017– 2020 Cornell Law School</p> <p>Charles Evans Hughes Scholar · Morris P. Glushien Prize Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy: Associate/Articles Editor Dean's List: Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019 CALI Excellence for the Future Award: Juvenile Justice Clinic</p>
<i>Masters of Arts</i>	<p>2015– 2017 Cornell University</p> <p>Advisors: Dr. Valerie Reyna · Human Development Thesis: <i>Susceptibility to false memories for stereotypes and frequencies across cultures in younger and older adults</i></p>
<i>Bachelor of Arts</i>	<p>2012– 2015 University of Michigan</p> <p><i>With Highest Distinction</i> · Political Science and Psychology · Music Minor Phi Beta Kappa James B. Angell Scholar William Jennings Bryan Prize in Political Science</p>

TEACHING INTERESTS

<i>Primary</i>	Criminal Law and Procedure, Empirical Research Methods
<i>Secondary</i>	Torts, Law & Social Science, Jury Decision-Making

PUBLISHED WORK

Law Review
Publications

David M. N. Garavito, Amelia C. Hritz, & John H. Blume, *The Youth Tax in Parole Hearings*, S.C. L. REV. (forthcoming 2024).

David M. N. Garavito, Amelia C. Hritz, & John H. Blume, *Caged Birds and Those That Hear Their Songs: Effects of Race and Sex in South Carolina Parole Hearings*, 27 U. PA. J.L. & SOC. CHANGE (2024).

David M. N. Garavito & Mary K. Koch, *Coming of Age in the Eyes of the Law: The Conflict Between Miranda, J.D.B., and Puberty*, 60 AMER. CRIM. L. REV. 1 (2023).

David M. N. Garavito, *Note: The Prisoner's Dementia: Ethical and Legal Issues Regarding Dementia and Healthcare in Prison*, 29 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 211 (2019).

Peer Review
Publications

Sarah M. Edelson, Valerie F. Reyna, Bridget B. Hayes, & **David M. N. Garavito**, *Dual-systems and Fuzzy-trace Theory Predictions of COVID-19 Risk Taking in Young Adults*, DECISION (2024).

James M. Bjork, Chelsea S. Rooney, Lisa K. Straub, **David M. N. Garavito**, & Andrew Westbrook, *Cognitive Effort Preference in Veterans with Suicide Attempt Histories: A Preliminary Study*, 231 ACTA PSYCHOLOGICA 103788 (2023).

Valerie F. Reyna, Sarah M. Edelson, Bridget B. Hayes, & **David M. N. Garavito**, *Supporting Health and Medical Decision-Making: Findings and Insights From Fuzzy-Trace Theory*, 42 MED. DECISION MAKING 741 (2022).

David M. N. Garavito & James M. Bjork, *Impulsivity and Reflective Thinking in Veterans Seeking Care for Substance Use Disorder*, 57 SUBSTANCE USE & MISUSE 1563 (2022).

Valerie P. Hans, Krystia Reed, Valerie F. Reyna, **David M. N. Garavito**, & Rebecca K. Helm, *Guiding Jurors on Damage Award Decisions: Experimental Investigations of Approaches Based on Theory and Practice*, 28 PSYCHOL. PUB. POL'Y & L. 188 (2021).

Peter T. Ajayi*, **David M. N. Garavito**, & Valerie F. Reyna, *Socioeconomic Status and Concussion Reporting: The Distinct and Mediating Roles of Gist Processing, Knowledge, and Attitudes*, 34 J. BEHAV. DECISION MAKING 639 (2021).

David M. N. Garavito, Valerie F. Reyna, Joseph E. DeTello*, Bailey R. Landow*, & Lindsay M. Tarpinian*, *Intentions to Report Concussion Symptoms in Nonprofessional Athletes: A Fuzzy-Trace Theory Approach*, 35 APPLIED COGNITIVE PSYCHOL. 26 (2020).

David M. N. Garavito, Valerie F. Reyna, & Joseph E. DeTello*, *A Concussion by Any Other Name: Differences in Willingness to Take Risks by Label and Participation in Sports*, 33 APPLIED COGNITIVE PSYCHOL. 646 (2019).

Book &
Encyclopedia
Chapters

Julia Nolte, **David M. N. Garavito** & Valerie F. Reyna, *Decision Making*, in THE PSYCHOLOGY OF HUMAN THOUGHT (R. J. Sternberg & J. Funke, eds., 2019).

David M. N. Garavito, Rebecca B. Weldon, & Valerie F. Reyna, *Fuzzy-Trace Theory: Judgments, Decisions, and Neuro-Economics*, in THE CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF PSYCHOLOGY AND ECONOMIC BEHAVIOR (A. Lewis, ed., 2018).

Valerie F. Reyna, Shahin Rahimi-Golkhandan, **David M. N. Garavito**, & Rebecca K. Helm, *The Fuzzy-Trace Dual-Process Model*, in DUAL-PROCESS THEORY 2.0 (W. De Neys, ed., 2017).

*Student author

Shahin Rahimi-Golkhandan, **David M. N. Garavito**, Bertrand B. Reyna-Brainerd, & Valerie F. Reyna, *A Fuzzy-Trace Theory of Risk and Time Preferences in Decision Making: Integrating Cognition and Motivation*, in *NEBRASKA SYMPOSIUM ON MOTIVATION* (J. Stevens, ed., 2017).

Rebecca B. Weldon, Jonathan C. Corbin, **David M. N. Garavito** & Valerie F. Reyna, *The Gist is Sophisticated Yet Simple: Fuzzy-Trace Theory's Developmental Approach to Individual Differences in Judgment and Decision Making*, in *INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES IN JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING FROM A DEVELOPMENTAL CONTEXT* (M. Toplak & J. Weller, eds., 2016).

Alisha S. Meschkow, Julia Nolte, **David M. N. Garavito**, Rebecca K. Helm, Rebecca B. Weldon, & Valerie F. Reyna, *Risk Taking Across the Lifespan*, in *THE SAGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LIFESPAN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT* (M. H. Bornstein, ed., 2016).

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

David M. N. Garavito & James M. Bjork, *The Wolf of Park Place: Unregulated Digital Marketplaces, Gambling, and the Dangers of Both to Child Development*.

David M. N. Garavito, Stacey Chen, & Valerie Reyna, *Tentative Testing: Applying Fuzzy-Trace Theory to Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing Decisions in Adolescents and Young Adults*.

David M. N. Garavito, Valerie F. Reyna, Pratik Vadlamudi, & Win L. Chong, *Susceptibility to False Memories for Stereotypes and Frequencies Across Cultures in Younger and Older Adults*.

RESEARCH FUNDING & AWARDS

2020 *College of Human Ecology Summer Fellowship*

Rose, Flora Summer Fellowship
Total direct costs: \$3,000

2017–
2019 *Cornell University Engaged Graduate Research Grant*

“Sports, Memory, and Decision Making: A Fuzzy-Trace Theory Approach”
Garavito (PI) · Total direct costs: \$15,000 · Primary Investigator

2015–
2021 *National Science Foundation*

“Quantitative Judgments in Law: Studies of Damage Award Decision Making”
Reyna & Hans (PIs) · Total direct costs: \$389,996 · Research Assistant

2016–
2019 *Cornell University Engaged Undergraduate Research Grant*

“Engaged Risky Decision Making”
Reyna (PI) · Total direct costs: \$25,000 · Co-Investigator
Granted funded extension to \$40,000 in 2017

2012–
2015 *National Institute of Nursing Research*

“The Gist of Hot and Cold Cognition in Adolescents’ Risky Decision Making”
Reyna (PI) · Total direct costs: \$1,768,803 · Research Assistant

PEER REVIEW & EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

2025–
Present *Reviewer (Mentee) · L. HUM. BEHAV.*

2019–
2021 *Editorial Assistant* · DEVELOPMENTAL R.

2019–
2020 *Articles Editor* · CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y

2018–
2019 *Associate Editor* · CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL'Y

TECHNICAL SKILLS

<i>Software</i>	IBM SPSS, AFNI, Docker, Git/Github
<i>Scripting/Markup</i>	Python, R, HTML, CSS, L ^A T _E X, Bash/Shell
<i>Methodology</i>	Frequentist Statistics, Bayesian Statistics, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), Structural and functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (s/fMRI), Eye-tracking

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