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EDUCATION

University of California, Merced, USA 2019 - Present
Ph.D. in Psychological Sciences, Developmental Psychology
With Certificate in Quantitative Methods
Dissertation Committee: Eric Walle (chair), Alexandra Main, Rose Scott, Dalia Magaña

University of Cape Town, South Africa 2016
M.A. in Neuropsychology (with distinction)
Advisors: Kevin Thomas and Melike Fourie (co-advisor)

University of Cape Town, South Africa 2012
B. Soc Sci Honors in Psychology (First class pass)
Advisors: Kevin Thomas and Melike Fourie (co-advisor)

University of Cape Town, South Africa 2011
B. Soc Sci in Psychology and isiXhosa (with distinction in isiXhosa and degree with distinction)

PUBLICATIONS

Subramoney, S., Walle, E.A., Main, A., & Magaña, D.(2024). Navigating intercultural misunderstandings: An examination of emotion brokering. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.

Wedderburn, C. J., Yeung, S., **Subramoney, S.**, Fouche, J.-P., Joshi, S. H., Narr, K. L., Rehman, A. M., Roos, A., Gibb, D. M., Zar, H. J., Stein, D. J., & Donald, K. A. (2024). Association of in utero HIV exposure with child brain structure and language development: A South African birth cohort study. *BMC Medicine*, 22(1), 129.

Donald, K. A., Hendrikse, C. J., Roos, A., Wedderburn, C. J., **Subramoney, S.**, Ringshaw, J. E., Bradford, L., Hoffman, N., Burd, T., Narr, K. L., Woods, R. P., Zar, H. J., Joshi, S. H., & Stein, D. J. (2024). Prenatal alcohol exposure and white matter microstructural changes across the first 6–7 years of life: A longitudinal diffusion tensor imaging study of a South African birth cohort. *NeuroImage: Clinical*, 41, 103572.

Wedderburn, C. J., Ringshaw, J. E., Donald, K. A., Joshi, S. H., **Subramoney, S.**, Fouche, J.-P., Stadler, J. A. M., Barnett, W., Rehman, A. M., Hoffman, N., Roos, A., Narr, K. L., Zar, H. J., & Stein, D. J. (2022). Association of maternal and child anemia with brain Structure in early life in South Africa. *JAMA Network Open*, 5(12), e2244772.

Pellowski, J. A., Wedderburn, C. J., Groenewold, N. A., Roos, A., **Subramoney, S.**, Hoffman, N., Fouche, J.-P., Joshi, S. H., Woods, R. P., Narr, K. L., Zar, H. J., Donald, K. A., & Stein, D. J. (2023). Maternal perinatal depression and child brain structure at 2-3 years in a South African birth cohort study. *Translational Psychiatry*, 13(1), 96.

Subramoney, S., Joshi, S. H., Wedderburn, C.J., Lee, D., Roos, A., Woods, R.P., Zar, H.J., Narr, K.L., Stein, D.J., Donald, K.A. (2022) The impact of Prenatal alcohol exposure (PAE) on gray matter volume and cortical surface area of 2-3 year old children in a South African birth cohort. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, 46(7), 1233-1247.

Roos, A., Wedderburn, C. J., Fouche, J.-P., **Subramoney, S.**, Joshi, S. H., Woods, R. P., Zar, H. J., Narr, K. L., Stein, D. J., & Donald, K. A. (2021). Central white matter integrity alterations in 2-3-year-old children following prenatal alcohol exposure. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 225, 108826.

Wedderburn, C. J., **Subramoney, S.**, Yeung, S., Joshi, S. H., Narr, K. L., Rehman, A. M., Roos, A., Ipser, J., Robertson, F. C., Groenewold, N. A., Gibb, D. M., Zar, H. J., Stein, D. J., & Donald, K. A. (2020). Neuroimaging young children and associations with neurocognitive development in a South African birth cohort study. *NeuroImage*, 219, 116846.

Subramoney, S., Eastman, E., Adnams, C., Stein, D. J., & Donald, K. A. (2018). The early developmental outcomes of prenatal alcohol exposure: A review. *Frontiers in neurology*, 9, 1108.

Meiring, L., **Subramoney, S.**, Thomas, K. G., Decety, J., & Fourie, M. M. (2014). Empathy and helping: Effects of racial group membership and cognitive load. *South African Journal of Psychology*, 44(4), 426-438.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/REVISION & IN PREPARATION

Subramoney, S., Walle, E.A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (invited revision). Emotion brokering in Latinxs: Associations with depressive symptoms and acculturative stress.

Subramoney, S., Walle, E.A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (invited revision). Cultural brokering in immigrant youth.

Subramoney, S., Walle, E. A., & Camras, L. A. (under review). Emotional development in different cultural contexts. In M. Yik (Ed.), *Handbook of Emotion and Culture*. Oxford University Press.

Walle, E. A., Özden, Z.B., **Subramoney, S.**, & Ganesh Kumar, M. (under review). Emotional signals. In S. P. Johnson (Ed.), *Handbook of Perceptual Development*. Oxford University Press.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Subramoney, S., & Walle, E.A., (in progress). Children's understanding and teaching of novel emotion norms.

Subramoney, S., & Walle, E.A., (in progress). Emotion brokering among South African young adults.

PRESENTATIONS

CHAired CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA

Subramoney, S., Walle, E. A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (2023, July). Emotion Brokering: Helping others navigate intercultural emotion-based misunderstandings. International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology. Limerick, Ireland.

INVITED TALKS

Subramoney, S. (2024, Nov). Emotion Brokering: Helping others navigate intercultural emotion-based misunderstandings. Distinguished Graduate Student in Psychological Sciences Speaker Series. Merced, USA.

CONFERENCE TALKS

Subramoney, S. & Walle, E.A. (2024, July). The relationship between bicultural identity and the emotion brokering experience among U.S. Latinxs. Paper presented at the International Congress for the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, Bali, Indonesia.

Subramoney, S., Walle, E. A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (2024, May). Emotion brokering: Helping others navigate intercultural emotion-based misunderstandings. Bay Area Developmental Symposium, Palo Alto, USA.

+Cardoza Cortez, M.A.,**Subramoney, S.,** & Walle, E.A. (2024, April). The effects of emotion brokering frequency and gender on maternal relationship quality. Talk presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Long Beach, USA.

Subramoney, S., Walle, E. A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (2023, July). Emotion Brokering: Helping others navigate intercultural emotion-based misunderstandings. International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology. Limerick, Ireland.

Subramoney, S., Walle, E. A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (2023, June). Emotion Brokering and mental health: The role of family support values. Paper presented at the Broader Bay Area Affective Science Society Meeting, Davis, USA.

Subramoney, S., Walle, E. A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (2022, July). The effects of emotion brokering on mental health: It depends on how you feel about it. Paper presented at the International Society for Research on Emotion Development Preconference, Los Angeles, USA.

Subramoney, S., Walle, E. A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (2022, July). Emotion brokering in U.S. Latinxs: Associations with mental health and stress. Paper presented at the International Congress of Cross-Cultural Psychology, Virtual.

Subramoney, S., & Walle, E. A. (2021, April). The effects of gender and heritage cultural identity on emotion brokering outcomes. Paper presented at the Society for Affective Science Meeting, Virtual.

CONFERENCE POSTERS

+Undergraduate author

Subramoney, S., +Cardoza Cortez, M.A., & Walle, E.A. (2024, July). The effects of emotion brokering frequency and gender on maternal relationship quality. Poster presented at the International Society for Research on Emotion, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Subramoney, S. & Walle, E.A. (2024, June). The relationship between bicultural identity and the emotion brokering experience among U.S. Latinxs. Poster presented at the Broader Bay Area Affective Science Society Meeting, Berkeley, USA.

Subramoney, S., Ozden,Z.B., Ocampo, D., Lopez, L.D., & Walle, E. A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (2023, April). Extrinsic emotion regulation in infancy and early childhood. Poster presented at the Society for Affective Science, Long Beach, USA.

Özden, Z.B., Ocampo, D.B., **Subramoney, S.,**Lopez, L.D., & Walle E.A. (2023, March). Extrinsic emotion regulation in infancy and early childhood. Poster presented at Society for Research on Child Development, Salt Lake City, USA.

Subramoney, S., Walle, E. A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (2022, July). The effects of emotion brokering on mental health: It depends on how you feel about it. Poster presented at the International Society for Research on Emotion, Los Angeles, USA.

Subramoney, S., Walle, E. A., Main, A., & Magaña, D. (2022, February). The effects of emotion brokering on mental health: It depends on how you feel about it. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference and virtual Emotion Pre-Conference, San Francisco, USA.

Subramoney, S., & Walle, E. A. (2021, February). Emotion brokering: Navigating cross-cultural differences in emotion norms. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Emotion Pre- Conference, Virtual. [Best Poster Award Winner]

Subramoney, S., Wedderburn, C. J., Roos, A., Ipser, J. C., Zar, H. J., Woods, R. P., Stein, D.J., Narr, K.L., Joshi, S & Donald, K. A. (2020, June). Altered subcortical grey matter volume in 2-3 Year Old children with prenatal alcohol exposure in a South-African birth cohort. Research for Society on Alcoholism. [Meeting Cancelled]

Wedderburn, C. J., Yeung, S., **Subramoney, S.,** Fouche, J.P., Joshi, S.H., Narr, K.L., Rehman, A.M., Roos, A., Gibb, G.M., Zar, H.J., Stein, D.J., Donald, K.A (2020, July). Mapping cortical structure and neurocognitive development of HIV-exposed uninfected children in South Africa: Neuroimaging outcomes from a South African birth cohort. International AIDS Conference, virtual.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GUEST LECTURES

Neurodevelopmental Disorders, Psychopathology, *UC, Merced*
Childhood Sexual Development, Human Sexuality, *UC, Merced*

April 2024
March 2023

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

University of California, Merced

Social Cognition with *Jason Emory*
Psychopathology with *Robert Yancey*
Analysis of Psychological Data with *Ana Simeos*
Human Sexuality with *Ross Avilla*
Research Methods with *Jason Emory*
Culture/Racial/Ethnic Diversity with *Daniel Mello*
Analysis of Psychological Data with *Ren Lui*
Developmental Psychology with *Jason Isbell*
Clinical Neuropsychology with *Alexander Khislavsky*

Fall 2024
Spring 2024
Fall 2023
Spring 2023
Fall 2022
Spring 2022
Fall 2021
Spring 2021
Fall 2020

Abnormal Child Psychology with *Paul Carroll*
Stereotype and Prejudice with *Paul Carroll*

Spring 2020
Fall 2019

University of Cape Town

Tutor for Research Methodology (I and II) and Statistics
Convenor: *Muya Koloko*

2013-2017

PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Pediatrics and Child Health, University of Cape Town

2017-2019

Senior Research Assistant (Full time)

Management of data acquisition on a longitudinal birth cohort study, the Drakenstein Child Health Study (PI Kirsty Donald)

Conducted neuroimaging (structural and functional) with 2-3 and 6 year old children

Worked with children and mothers living in the Drakenstein region of the Western Cape, South Africa

Greater Cape Town Area

2016-2018

Training Facilitator of the Early Learning Outcomes Measure

I trained early childhood development practitioners (e.g., preschool teachers) to administer a brief assessment on children for a validation study (Conducted two week-long training sessions). I also conducted assessments with English speaking 50-59 month old children in the greater Cape Town area (January 2016).

Department of Human Biology, University of Cape Town

2013-2017

Child Development Research Laboratory

Assisting in data collection (administering anthropometry, event-related potential, and behavioral assessments) with 6-month and 12-month-old infants for a project investigating the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure on infant development.

Departments of Neurology and Psychiatry at Groote Schuur Hospital

2015

Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital

Neuropsychology Intern

Conducted adult and paediatric neuropsychological assessments with individuals with a range of conditions including neurological (e.g., strokes, traumatic brain injury), developmental (e.g. HIV exposure), and psychiatric disorders.

FUNDING, HONORS, AND AWARDS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship [**competitive**], USD 27,214

Spring 2025

Distinguished Graduate Speaker in Psychological Sciences [**competitive**]

Nov 2024

Outstanding Graduate Student in Developmental Psychology

2023- 2024

Graduate Student Travel Grant, USD 350

2023

Psychological Sciences Graduate Student Research Award, USD 4,150

2020- 2023

Oppenheimer Memorial Trust (OMT) Award for Graduate Study, USD 9300/year

2020 - 2023

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

National Research Foundation Innovation Masters Scholarship, ZAR 70 000/year	2013 - 2015
National Research Foundation Freestanding Scholarship, ZAR 20 000	2012
Humanities Faculty Scholarship, ZAR 20 000/year	2010- 2011
Class medal- achieved first position in class (Xhosa Communications)	2010
Deans Merit List	2009- 2011

MEDIA COVERAGE

Research on emotion brokering featured on ABC 30 Action News	June 2024
Article on emotion brokering featured on UC Merced news	April 2024

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

International Society for Research on Emotion, student member	2022- Present
International Congress for Research on Cross-Cultural Psychology, student member	2022- Present
Society for Affective Science, student member	2021- Present
South African Neuropsychology Association	2018- 2019
American Psychological Association (APA), International Affiliate	2017-2019
Golden Key International Honors Society	2010- Present

COURSES AND CERTIFICATES

Principles of Pedagogy, UC Merced	2023
Preparing to Teach in the Online Environment, UC Merced	2020
Introduction to STATA (run by Datafirst), Cape Town, South Africa	2019
Good Clinical Practice Certificate	2017
Accredited Early Learning Outcomes Measure Assessor	2016