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## Education

- 2022      **New York University (NYU)**  
Ph.D. in Psychology, Minor in Quantitative Psychology  
Advisor: Elizabeth Phelps
- 2017      **California State University, Fullerton (CSUF)**  
B.A. in Psychology, Minor in Philosophy  
*Summa cum Laude*  
Advisors: Iris Blandón-Gitlin, Kathleen Preston, Jessie Peissig

## Positions

- June 2016 – **Stanford Summer Research Early Identification Program Scholar**  
Aug 2016      Faculty Advisor: Dr. Jamil Zaki  
Project Title: Motivational Influences on Perceptual Judgments: How What We Want Changes What We See

## Honors & Awards

- 2017      Psychology Department Commencement Speaker  
2017      Outstanding Undergraduate Award in Psychology, CSUF  
2017      Loh Seng Tsai Memorial Scholarship, CSUF  
2017      Outstanding MARC Scholar Award, CSUF  
2015 – 2017      Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) Research Scholar, CSUF  
2013 – 2017      Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program Scholar, CSUF  
2012 – 2016      Dean's Honor List, CSUF  
2016      Appreciation for Volunteer Service from Girl Scouts of Orange County  
2016      Society for Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Travel Grant  
2016      JoAnn Brannock Travel Grant, CSUF  
2016      Department of Psychology Travel Grant, CSUF  
2015      Department of Psychology Travel Grant, CSUF  
2015      Inter-Club Council Travel Grant, CSUF  
2014      Certificate of Appreciation from C-REAL  
2014      Inducted into PSI CHI, The International Honor Society in Psychology  
2014      Recognition of Services Award, Volunteer Services Program, CSUF

## Grants & Fellowships

2017–2022	McCracken Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), NYU
2017–2022	Opportunity Fellowship, GSAS, NYU
2017–2022	Dean's Fellowship, GSAS, NYU
2017	Ford Foundation Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2014	Associated Student's Incorporated Research Grant, CSUF

## Manuscripts in Preparation

Browning, E. D., **Sambrano, D.**, Meyer, C., & Peissig, J. (*in prep*). Exploring Genuine and Posed Emotion Recognition. Planned to be submitted to *Visual Cognition*.

Fey, T., Blandón-Gitlin, I., **Sambrano, D.**, & Masip, J. (*in prep*). Does manipulation of context suspicion influence older adults' lie detection accuracy?. Planned to be submitted to *Psychology and Aging*.

Preston, K. S. J. & **Sambrano, D.** (*in prep*). PsyTools: A Toolkit for Common Statistical Analyses in Psychology [Computer software]. Planned to be submitted to *R Foundation for Statistical Computing*.

**Sambrano, D.** & Preston, K. S. J. (*in prep*). Emotion regulation and well-being: A structural equation model.

## Conference Presentations

### Papers and Symposiums

**Sambrano, D.**, Leong, Y. C., & Zaki, J. (2016, July). *Motivational influences on perceptual judgments: How what we want changes what we see*. Oral presentation at the Leadership Alliance National Symposium. Stamford, CT.

**Sambrano, D.** & Blandón-Gitlin, I. (2016, April). *The beneficial effects of sadness on decision-making*. Oral presentation at the Humanities and Social Sciences Symposium. CSUF Fullerton, CA.

Fey, T., Blandón-Gitlin, I., & **Sambrano, D.** (2016, March). *Would context manipulation influence older adults' ability to detect deception?* Oral presentation at the American Psychology-Law Society. Atlanta, GA.

**Sambrano, D.** & Peissig, J. J. (2015, November). *Exploring differences between emotional experience and perceived facial expression*. Oral presentation at the Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research. Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA.

**Sambrano, D.** & Peissig, J. J. (2015, July). *Exploring differences between posed and genuine expressions*. Oral presentation at the Annual Ronald E. McNair Scholar's Symposium. Berkeley, CA.

**Sambrano, D.** (2015, March). *Do we select our political party based on emotional attachment or political ideology?* Oral presentation at Why We Argue & How We Should: Reason & Deliberation in Public Debate Philosophy Symposium. CSUF Fullerton, CA.

Garcia, M., Medina, N., & **Sambrano, D.** (2014, March). *Reinventing a summer research program for students of color: An undergraduate and graduate student partnership.* Oral presentation at the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Conference, Costa Mesa, CA.

## **Posters**

**Sambrano, D.**, Leong, Y. C., & Zaki, J. (2017, March). *Motivational influences on perceptual judgments: How what we want changes what we see.* Poster presented at the Social and Affective Neuroscience Society Conference. Los Angeles, CA.

**Sambrano, D.**, Blandón-Gitlin, I., & Masip, J. (2016, October). *The beneficial effects of sadness on decision-making.* Poster presentation at the Natural Sciences and Mathematics Symposium. CSUF Fullerton, CA.

**Sambrano, D.**, Blandón-Gitlin, I., & Masip, J. (2016, October). *The beneficial effects of sadness on decision-making.* Poster presented at the Society for Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science Conference. Long Beach, CA.

**Sambrano, D.**, Leong, Y. C., & Zaki, J. (2016, July). *Do our desires shape what we see?* Poster presentation at Stanford's Summer Research Early Identification Symposium. Stanford, CA.

Park, J., Preston, K. S. J., Manapat, P. D., **Sambrano, D.**, & Pizano, N. (2016, May). *Consequences of negatively worded items on the predictive capabilities of the NEO-PI-3 using the Nominal Response Model.* Poster presentation at the Association for Psychological Science. Chicago, IL.

**Sambrano, D.**, Preston, K. S. J., Park, J., Manapat, P. D., & Pizano, N. (2016, May). *Decreasing participants' cognitive load while taking surveys under IRT.* Poster presentation at the Western Psychology Association Conference. Long Beach, CA.

**Sambrano, D.**, Preston, K. S. J., Park, J., Manapat, P. D., & Pizano, N. (2016, April). *Emotion regulation and well-being: A structural equation model.* Poster presentation at the Western Psychology Association Conference. Long Beach, CA.

Park, J., Preston, K. S. J., Manapat, P. D., **Sambrano, D.**, & Pizano, N. (2016, April). *Identifying consequences of negatively worded items with the nominal response model.* Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association. Long Beach, CA.

Espinoza, R. K. E., **Sambrano, D.**, Hunter, B., & Peterson, H. (2015, May). *Influence of jurors' views of mentally ill defendants and level of RWA for racially diverse defendants.* Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

Person, D., Oganessian, K., & **Sambrano, D.** (2015, May). *Arts integration predicting creativity and motivation in elementary students*. Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

Person, D., Oganessian, K., & **Sambrano, D.** (2015, May). *Professional development influencing art integration and teacher confidence*. Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

**Sambrano, D.**, Hunter, B., & Peterson, H. (2014, November). *The effects of mental illness attitudes and political ideology on juror decisions*. Poster presentation at the Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research. CSUF Fullerton, CA.

Person, D., Oganessian, K., & **Sambrano, D.** (2014, April). *The influence of teacher development on arts integration in elementary schools*. Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association Conference. Portland, OR.

Person, D., Cuellar, M., Barnett, C., **Sambrano, D.**, Fisk, R., & Arauz, K. (2014, February). *Reinventing a summer research program: A graduate and undergraduate student partnership*. Poster presented at California State University, Fullerton's Research Symposium: Pursuing Excellence in Educational Practice. CSUF Fullerton, CA.

## Teaching Experience

Guest Lecturer for *Multivariate Statistics for Psychology*, April 2015  
Introduction to Times Series Analysis

## Teaching Assistantships

### CSUF

*Advanced Psychological Statistics*, Fall 2015 – Spring 2017

*Multivariate Statistics for Psychology*, Spring 2016

*Elementary Statistics in Psychology*, Spring 2015 – 2016

*Research Methods in Psychology*, Fall 2014

## Technical Skills

Proficient in:

- Languages: R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Paperscript, Python, Bash
- Photo and video editors: Adobe Photoshop, Final Cut Express
- Stimulus Presentation software: PsyToolKit, Superlab
- Statistical software: EQS, *Mplus*, FlexMIRT, Comprehensive Exploratory Factor Analysis (CEFA), Excel, Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS)
- Survey generators: Qualtrics, PsyToolKit, Google Forms

## Academic Affiliations & Memberships

Social and Affective Neuroscience Society (SANS)

Association for Psychological Science (APS)

SACNAS

## Outreach and Service

- 2016      **Girl Scouts of Orange County STEM Expo, CSUF, Fullerton CA**
- Facilitated a booth that exposed girl scouts to some fundamental principles of attention and perception and introduced psychology as a STEM field
- 2012 – 2015      **Maywood Education Fair (4th – 7th annual), Maywood, CA**
- Organized facilities day of event
  - Facilitated a workshop to teach elementary school children what college is and the importance of attending college
- 2014      **Social Justice Summit, CSUF, Fullerton CA**
- Organized rooms and assisted workshop facilitators
- 2014      **Equity and Outcomes: Institutional Strategies for Improving Access and Success for Underrepresented Students Educational Symposium, CSUF, Fullerton CA**
- Organized facilities for research presenters
- 2014      **Pursuing Excellence in Educational Practice Research Symposium, CSUF, Fullerton CA**
- Organized facilities for research presenters
- 2013      **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: On Your Campus/In Your Classroom Conference, Brea, CA**
- Organized facilities for research presenters and assisted workshop facilitators
- 2013      **Mindfulness and Learning Research Symposium, CSUF, Fullerton CA**
- Organized facilities day of event
  - Assisted in planning and organizing the event