

# Oscar Ramirez Perez

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## EDUCATION

**Mississippi State University, Starkville** — *Cognitive Science*

AUGUST 2021 - PRESENT, GPA 4.0

**University of California, Santa Cruz** — *B.A., Intensive Psychology*

JULY 2018 - JUNE 2020, GPA 3.76, *Cum laude*

**Hartnell College, Salinas** — *A.A.T., Psychology for Transfer*

August 2012 - JUNE 2018, GPA 3.26

## PUBLICATIONS

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Ditta, A. S., Soares, J. S. (2024). Turn off, tune out? Testing the effects of webcam use on learning in synchronous online classrooms. *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*, 13(3), 370-378. **Editor's Choice, September 2024.**

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Ditta, A. S., Soares, J. S. (Under Revision). Investigating the effects of increasing playback speed of video lectures on learning.

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Soares, J. S., James, K. K., Ditta, A. S. (In Prep). Does pretesting impair learning for nonpretested content at increased video playback speeds?

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

National Science Foundation - Graduate Research Fellowship Program - Fellow Starting 2023 - Support Totaling \$149,000

Psychology Department Travel Funding – Cognitive Offloading Meeting 2024 - Support Totaling \$1,000

The Graduate School and Psychology Department Travel Funding - SARMAC XIV 2023 - Support Totaling \$2200

Psychology Department and College of Arts and Sciences Travel Funding - APS Conference 2022 - Support Totaling \$1000

Psychology Department and College of Arts and Sciences Travel Funding - Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society 2022 - Support Totaling \$1500

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### Research Positions

**Everyday Memory Lab, Mississippi State University, Department of Psychology —**  
*Graduate Researcher*

AUGUST 2021 – PRESENT

**Everyday Memory Lab, Mississippi State University, Department of Psychology —**  
*Funded Research Assistantship*

JANUARY 2022 – MAY 2022

**Storm Memory Lab, UC Santa Cruz Department of Psychology —** *Undergraduate Research Assistant*

SEPTEMBER 2018 - MAY 2021

**Storm Memory Lab, UC Santa Cruz Department of Psychology —** *Paid Research Assistant*

SEPTEMBER 2019 - DECEMBER 2019

**Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy, Marina, CA —** *Paid Research Intern*

MAY 2017 - JUNE 2017

**Fremont Peak Observatory, Fremont Peak State Park, CA —** *Paid Education Intern*

OCTOBER 2015 - MAY 2016

### Talks Presented at Professional Meetings

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Ditta, A.S., Soares, J.S. (October, 2023). Not so fast! Investigating the effects of increasing playback speed of video lectures on learning. Graduate Student Research Symposium, Mississippi State University. Starkville, MS. **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Oral Presentation.**

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Ditta, A.S., Soares, J.S. (August, 2023). Not so fast! Investigating the effects of increasing playback speed of video lectures on learning. [Individual Paper]. Society for Applied Research on Memory and Cognition XIV. Nagoya, Japan.

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Ditta, A.S., Soares, J.S. (August, 2023). Effects of webcam use in online classrooms. In Ditta, A.S. & Alea, N. (Chairs), *From the Lab to the Classroom: Application of Cognitive Science to Teaching & Learning* [Symposium]. Society for Applied Research on Memory and Cognition XIV. Nagoya, Japan.

### Posters Presented at Professional Meetings

Grubbs, T. M., **Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, McDonald, Z. C., Soares, J.S. (September, 2024). Examining the effects of cognitive offloading of textual passages. Cognitive Offloading Meeting 2024. Geneva, Switzerland.

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, James, K.K., Ditta, A.S., Soares, J.S. (November, 2023). Does pretesting impair learning for non-pretested content at increased video playback speed?. 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society. San Francisco, CA.

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Ditta, A.S., Soares, J.S. (November, 2022). Webcam use improves learning in online lectures, but only in mixed-webcam classrooms. 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society. Boston, MA.

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Ditta, A.S., Soares, J.S. (May, 2022). On or off? Investigating the effects of webcam use in synchronous online lectures. Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Ditta, A.S., Soares, J.S. (November, 2021). *All the Learning in Half the Time? The Effect of Watching Sped-Up Lectures on Recall*. Psychonomic Society's 2021 Annual Meeting. Held virtually.

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Ditta, A.S., Soares, J.S. (July, 2021). *On or Off? Investigating the effects of Webcam Use in Synchronous Online Lectures*. Virtual Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition Conference. Held virtually.

**Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Soares, J.S., & Storm, B.C. (October, 2020). *Investigating the effects of taking photos and video on true and false memory for objects*. 100th Annual Meeting of the Western Psychological Association Convention. Held virtually.

Sale, J., Cayabyab, L., **Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, (August, 2018). *Race and Sentencing: Does a Name Influence Punishment?* American Psychological Association Convention. San Francisco, CA.

Sanchez, D., **Ramirez Perez, O. D.**, Espinoza, S., Avila, X., (April, 2018). *What's in a Name? A Partial Replication Study of Predictive Power of Personalities vs. Situational Labels in Game Moves*. Western Psychological Association Convention. Portland, OR.

**Ramirez Perez, O.**, Snow, B. & Walker, R. (August, 2017). *Observing and Compiling Short-Period Comet Trails*. Hartnell STEM Symposium. Salinas, CA.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Experimental Psychology, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023 (29, 15, and 19 Students Respectively)** — *Teaching Assistant, Mississippi State University*

**Guest Lecturer, Fall 2024, Cognitive Psychology** — *Guest Lecture for Berna Altunisik, Encoding, Retrieval, and Consolidation, Mississippi State University*

**Guest Lecturer, Fall 2024, Cognitive Psychology** — *Guest Lecture for Julia S. Soares, Long-Term Memory, Mississippi State University*

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Experiment and Survey Software (Qualtrics, PsychoPy)

Programming and Data Science(R, Python, Java, Excel, SPSS)

CITI Training to work with human participants

## **SERVICE**

Dean's Advisory Committee, Psychology Department Representative, College of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University, Fall 2023 – Present

Undergraduate Psychology Mentorship Program, Graduate Student Mentor, Mississippi State University, Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Committee Cognitive Graduate Student Representative (Elected Position), Spring 2022 – Summer 2024

Prospective Student Virtual Host, Mississippi State University, Cognitive Science Program, Spring 2023,  
Spring 2024, Spring 2025

Junior Graduate Student Representative for Cognitive Science Area of Psychology Department (2022-2023)

## **MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

Psi Beta, Psychology Honor Society, Founding Member of Hartnell Chapter(2018-present)

Western Psychological Association (2018-Present)

Psychonomic Society (2021-Present)

Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (2021-Present)

Association for Psychological Science (2022-Present)

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Dean's List UC Santa Cruz (2018-2020)

Psi Beta Certificate of Achievement (2018)

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Julia Soares - Assistant Professor of Psychology. Mississippi State University, Starkville.  
[js5396@msstate.edu](mailto:js5396@msstate.edu). 662-325-3202

Dr. Benjamin Storm - Professor of Psychology. University of California, Santa Cruz, [storm@ucsc.edu](mailto:storm@ucsc.edu). 831-459-3544

Dr. Annie Ditta - Associate Professor of Psychology. University of California, Riverside. [annied@ucr.edu](mailto:annied@ucr.edu).  
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Dr. Kelsey James – Assistant Professor of Psychology. University of Houston, Clear Lake.  
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