

# SYDNEY GARCIA

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## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Berkeley**  
BA, Psychology with Honors  
High Distinction in General Scholarship  
Minor in Gender & Women's Studies

Aug. 2016 - May 2020

**Ronald E. McNair Scholar**

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Stanford Social Neuroscience Laboratory (P.I.: Jamil Zaki, PhD)**

July 2020 – June 2022

*Full-Time Research Coordinator*

- “Increasing empathy for incarcerated people”: Recruited formerly incarcerated participants in person and online; Manages research assistants; Oversees website development team; Leads project meetings; Conducts literature reviews; Manages IRB; Cleans and analyzes data using R
- “Increasing Sociality through a Science Communication Intervention”: Designs method; Conducts literature review; Helps manage an interdisciplinary research team; Applied for external funding
- “Computational and brain predictors of emotion cue integration”: Manages IRB; Organizes and submits data to NIMH
- Diversity & Inclusion Work: Organized an online professional development series for undergraduates from underrepresented backgrounds (summer 2020); Co-coordinator of the Stanford Psychology BIPOC Affinity Group (2021-2022)

**Berkeley Social Interaction Lab (PI: Dacher Keltner, PhD)**

Aug. 2017 - May 2020

*Research Assistant & Honors Thesis Student*

- Acted as the experimenter for studies on emotional expression in college students; Collected and edited video data; Conducted literature reviews; Coded qualitative data
- Created original research proposal for honors thesis titled “Not Just Words?: Relationship between News Consumption, Daily Emotions, and Stress for Latinx Farmworkers”; Recruited and employed a research assistant; Managed research budget; Recruited participants through churches, door-to-door and word of mouth

**Golden Bear Sleep & Mood Research Clinic (PI: Allison Harvey, PhD)**

June 2017 – May 2020

*Research Assistant*

- Worked with a team to clean and code qualitative data; Assisted in developing project coding manuals; Conducted literature reviews; Recruited and interviewed Research Assistant applicants

## PUBLICATIONS

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Monroy, M., **Garcia, S.B.**, Mendoza-Denton, R., Keltner, D. (2021). The Dynamics of Coping, Positive Emotions, and Well-being: Evidence from Latinx Immigrant Farmworkers and College Students During a Time of Political Strife. *Emotion*.

Zieve, G. G., Armstrong, C. A., Richardson, I. M., **Garcia, S. B.**, & Harvey, A. G. (2022). Measuring memory for treatment using patient conceptualizations of clinical vignettes: A pilot psychometric study in the context of cognitive therapy for depression. *Cognitive Therapy and Research*.

## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

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Poster, “Does Anti-Immigrant Rhetoric Matter? Comparing the Daily Political Awareness and Well-Being of Mexican Farmworkers and College Students”. Society for Personality and Social Psychology. February 2021. Virtual Conference.

Poster, “Not Just Words?: Relationship between News Consumption, Daily Emotions, and Stress for Latinx Farmworkers”. Society for Personality and Social Psychology. February 2020. New Orleans, LA.

Oral Presentation, “La Vida es Buena: Joy, Well-being, and Familialism Among Latinx Farmworkers”. National McNair Conference. August 2019. Los Angeles, CA.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Haas Scholars Program, <i>UC Berkeley</i> , \$13,600	2019 - 2020
Warner Brown Memorial Prize, <i>UC Berkeley</i> , \$100	2020
Diversity Undergraduate Registration Award, <i>SPSP</i>	2020
Center for Race & Gender Research Grant, <i>UC Berkeley</i> , \$750	2019
McNair Scholars Program, <i>UC Berkeley</i>	2019

## SKILLS

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Languages: Native English, Intermediate Spanish

Programming: Intermediate in R and Python

Applications: Qualtrics, Canva, Microsoft Office Suite, Affectiva