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Education

California State University San Marcos

Master of Arts: Psychology

San Marcos, CA

2021

- Graduate Teaching Assistant: taught lab section of Intro Psychology for two semesters
- Published five peer-reviewed scientific articles during Master's program, most among cohort
- Assisted with grading and exam proctoring
- Cognitive Science Lab Manager: helped design and lead discussions regarding relevant research topics
- Psychonomics Society Research Presentation: shared research at conference in Montreal, Canada

Oregon State University

Bachelor of Arts: Psychology

Corvallis, OR

2014

- Minors: Business and Spanish
- Volunteer with IMPACT: Individualized Movement and Physical Activity for Children Today
Helped children with special needs improve physical motor function and strength
- Volunteer tutor for English as a foreign language students
- Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology Member

Publications

Smelter, T. J., & Calvillo, D. P. (2020). Pictures and repeated exposure increase perceived accuracy of news headlines. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 34(5), 1061-1071. <https://doi.org/10.1002/acp.3684>

Calvillo, D. P., & Smelter, T. J. (2020). An initial accuracy focus reduces the effect of prior exposure on perceived accuracy of news headlines. *Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications*, 5(1), 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s41235-020-00257-y>

Calvillo, D. P., Ross, B. J., Garcia, R. J., Smelter, T. J., & Rutchick, A. M. (2020). Political ideology predicts perceptions of the threat of covid-19 (and susceptibility to fake news about it). *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 11(8), 1119-1128. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1948550620940539>

Employment/Service Experience

Trusaic (Human Resources Technology Company)

Data Operations Coordinator II

Los Angeles, CA

2021 - 2024

- Designed client facing data tools that improved visibility on internal processing metrics, significantly reducing redundant client relations correspondence
- Collaborated with team members to decrease client uptake time and data processing structure improvements
- Managed project of over 30 clients: including client correspondence, data intake, management, and deadlines
- Realized 92% client retention rate by being attentive to clients' needs and forming robust relationships with partners
- Created regulatory summary decks synthesizing complex regulatory landscape

New Alternatives Unaccompanied Minors Refugee Program

Behavioral Interventionist

San Diego, CA

2021

- Organized and implemented individual and group activities, in Spanish, to help unaccompanied refugee youth cope with trauma and learn nourishing life skills

California State University San Marcos

Graduate Teaching Assistant

San Marcos, CA

2018 - 2021

- Taught lab section of Psych 100 for two semesters
- Assisted with grading and exam proctoring

Trillium Family Services: Parry Center

Skills Trainer

Portland, OR

2018

- Assisted at-risk youth in building fundamental life and coping-skills
- Aided implementation of group therapy activities

Heart For Change Colombia

English Teaching Fellow

Barranquilla, Colombia

2016 - 2017

- Taught English to public school youth ages 13-17
- Helped establish the first fully functioning library at the school which, ultimately, lead to 581 books checked out by over 230 students
- Designed lessons and provided innovative teaching tools to local English teachers to enable innovation and improve education outcomes amongst low resource environments

Additional Information

- Languages: Fluent in Spanish, moderate proficiency in Portuguese
- Skills: Google Sheets, Microsoft Excel, SPSS, Qualtrics, APIs, SQL, Python (currently in boot-camp)