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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, CA Ph.D. student, Dept. of Psychology Advisor: Jan Engelmann	Aug. 2024 - Present
CUNY Hunter College, NY Certificate Student, Animal Behavior & Conservation	Aug. 2022 – Dec. 2023
New York University, NY B.A., Psychology	Sep. 2017 - May 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Social Origins Lab University of California, Berkeley; PI: Dr. Jan Engelmann Ph.D. student studying social cognition in great apes.	Aug. 2024 – Present
Pinniped Cognition & Sensory Systems Laboratory University of California, Santa Cruz; PI: Dr. Colleen Reichmuth Blundy Family Marine Science fellowship in marine mammal training and research.	Sep. 2023 – Jan. 2024
Shohamy Lab Columbia University, Zuckerman Institute; PI: Dr. Daphna Shohamy Research Staff Assistant using fMRI to examine generalization during decision-making.	Oct. 2022 – Sep. 2023
Central Park Zoo Wildlife Conservation Society; PI: Dr. Allison Bailey Research Assistant using ZooMonitor to investigate stereotypical behavior in grizzly bears.	Apr. 2023 – Aug. 2023
Comparative Cognition for Conservation Lab CUNY Hunter College; PI: Dr. Joshua Plotnik Research Assistant using ethogram to explore innovation in wild Asian elephants.	Nov. 2022 – Aug. 2024
NYU Children's Health & Environment Study NYU Grossman School of Medicine; PI: Dr. Leonardo Trasande Research Data Associate responsible for recruitment and specimen collection.	July 2022 – Sep. 2022
Lab for the Developing Mind New York University; PI: Dr. Moira Dillon Research Assistant using looking time to study agency-reasoning in infants and AI systems.	Aug. 2020 – July 2021

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FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

- Berkeley Department of Psychology Summer Research Fellowship** (\$3,500) 2025
Support for summer research project
- Blundy Family Marine Science Fellowship** (\$8,000) 2023-2024
Academic fellowship provided by the California Ocean Alliance to conduct research in the Pinniped Cognition & Sensory Systems Laboratory at the University of California, Santa Cruz.
- Minorities in Aquarium and Zoo Science Grant** (\$500) 2023
Grant provided to support academic research and continued education.
- ABC Conference for Comparative Cognition Travel Grant** (\$800) 2023
Grant provided by the Animal Behavior & Conservation (ABC) program in the Department of Psychology at Hunter College to attend the Conference on Comparative Cognition (C03).
- Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund** (\$1,000) 2020
College of Arts and Science funding to support research in the Lab for the Developing Mind.

CONFERENCE TALKS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Gonzalez, S., Sanford, E., Schleihau, H., Goddu, M., Call, J., Icard, T., Zhang, S., Thompson, B., Herrmann, E., Engelmann, J. (2025).** The Evolution of Causal Learning. **Cognitive Development & Learning Lab.** UC Berkeley, California.
- Gonzalez, S. (2025).** Social relationships in animals. **Social Psychology Guest Lecture,** Mt. Tamalpais College, California.
- Gonzalez, S. (2025).** Social learning: A comparative approach. **Social Psychology Guest Lecture,** Mt. Tamalpais College, California.
- Gonzalez, S., Stojnic, G., Dillon, M. (2021).** Intuitive Psychology (IntPsych) of infants and AIs: understanding agents in terms of preferences and efficiency. **NYU Undergraduate Research Conference,** New York University, New York.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- Psychin' Out Mentor** Aug. 2025 – Present
Remote
- GSMI Mentor, Científico Latino** Aug. 2024 – May 2025
San Francisco, CA

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Remote Research Assistant, Mt. Tamalpais College San Francisco, CA	Aug. 2024 – Dec. 2024
Client Experience Specialist, SF SPCA San Francisco, CA	Feb. 2024 – Aug. 2024
Interventionist, Catholic Guardian Services New York, NY	Aug. 2021 – July 2022
Mentor, Peer Undergraduate Mentorship Program for Women in STEM New York University	Aug. 2020 – May 2021
Co-coordinator, Peer Health Exchange New York University	June 2020 – May 2021
Health Educator, Peer Health Exchange New York, NY	Sep. 2019 – Dec. 2019
Volunteer, KittyKind New York, NY	Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley Developmental Psychology with Dr. Jan Engelmann Treating Mental Illness with Dr. Allison Harvey	Aug. 2024 – Present
Teaching Assistant, Mt. Tamalpais College San Francisco, CA	Jan. 2025 – Apr. 2025
Volunteer, Columbia Prison Education Program Rikers Correctional Facility, NY	May 2023 – Aug. 2023
Tutor, Petey Greene Program <i>Course:</i> GED Math Preparation Westchester County Jail, NY	Oct. 2021 – Jan. 2023
Teaching Assistant, New York University <i>Course:</i> Introduction to Psychology with Dr. Jay Van Bavel and Dr. Eric Knowles <i>Awards:</i> Coons/Leibowitz Undergraduate Teaching Award; Teaching Assistant Honorarium	Aug. 2020 – May 2021

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Minorities in Aquarium and Zoo Science

2023 - Present