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EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham NC **Expected 2027**
Ph.D., Social Psychology, Department of Psychology & Neuroscience
Advisor: Dr. Cristina Salvador

Duke University, Durham NC **2015 – 2019**
B.A., Neuroscience, Cultural Anthropology minor

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP) 2024-2027
Award Recipient

Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate Travel Award (\$1,500) 2024
Internal grant awarded for travel to the 2024 ISRE Annual Conference in Belfast,
Northern Ireland

Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate Travel Award (\$1,250) 2024
Internal grant awarded for travel to the 2024 SPSP Annual Conference in San Diego,
CA

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship 2023
Honorable Mention

Dean's Award for Inclusive Excellence in Graduate Training (\$5,000) 2023
Granted to the Psychology & Neuroscience Anti-Racism Community

Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate Travel Award (\$2,130) 2023
Internal grant awarded for travel to the 2023 SAS Annual Conference in Long Beach,
CA

Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate Research Award (\$2,940) 2023
Uncovering Latin American forms of agency: An analysis of the 2022 FIFA
World Cup Players

Society for Personality and Social Psychology Graduate Travel Award (\$500) 2022
Awarded for travel to the 2023 SPSP Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA

Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate Travel Award (\$976) 2022
Internal grant awarded for travel to the 2023 SPSP Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA

PUBLICATIONS

*Denotes an undergraduate mentee

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (under review) Do Different Features of Interdependence have the same Psychological Consequences? An Examination of Dispositional Bias.

*Liu, C., **Espinosa, N.M.** & Salvador, C.E. (under review) Cultural differences in elicitors of love and gratitude: A comparison between the US, China and Chile

Eastwick, P.,....., **Espinosa, N.M.**,.....,& Coles, N. (2023) A Worldwide Test of the Predictive Validity of Ideal Partner Preference Matching. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

CHAired SYMPOSIA

The sociocultural psychology of Mexicans and Mexican Americans (2024). Symposium presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Co-Chair.

CONFERENCE TALKS

Salvador, C.E., **Espinosa, N.M.** & Koopman-Holm, B. (2024) *Cultural Differences in Avoided Emotions: A Comparison between Latin Americans, East Asians, and European Americans*. Talk presented at the Association for Psychological Science (APS), San Francisco, CA. Symposium: Capturing the Role of Culture in Emotion and Emotion Regulation: Recent Advances and Future Directions

Salvador, C.E., Liu, C. & **Espinosa, N.M.** (2024) *Cultural differences in elicitors of love and gratitude: A comparison between the US, China, and Chile*. Talk Presented at The Love Consortium Conference in Chapel Hill, NC.

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2024) *Do different features of interdependence have the same consequences? Familial Respect predicts dispositional bias*. Talk presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Symposium: The sociocultural psychology of Mexicans and Mexican Americans. Co-chair.

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2024) *Do different features of interdependence have the same consequences? Familial Respect predicts dispositional bias*. Talk chosen (and declined due to conference limit) for presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, Early Career Data Blitz Session (33/500 accepted).

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2023) *Familial Respect Predicts Dispositional Bias*. Data blitz talk presented at the Duke Center for Cognitive Neuroscience Annual Student and Faculty Retreat in Chapel Hill, NC.

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2023) *Do Different Features of Interdependence Have the Same Psychological Consequences? Familial Respect Predicts Dispositional Bias*. Talk presented for Duke University Social Psychology Area Brownbag.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2024) *Avoiding the Negativity: An Investigation on Avoided Affect in Latinx*. Poster accepted for presentation at the Conference of the International Society for Research on Emotion in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Lui, C., **Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2023)** *Cultural differences in elicitors of love and gratitude: A comparison between the US, China, and Chile*. Posters at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in San Diego, CA and the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists in Charlotte, NC.

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2023) *Avoiding the Negativity: An Investigation on Avoided Affect in Latinx*. Poster presented at the Duke Department of Psychology & Neuroscience 2023 First-Year Poster Session.

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2023) *Avoiding the Negativity: An Investigation on Avoided Affect in Latinx*. Poster presented at the Positive Emotions Preconference, Society for Affective Science Annual Meeting in Long Beach, CA.

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2023) *Do Different Features of Interdependence have the same Psychological Consequences? Familial Respect Predicts Dispositional Bias*. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2022) *When Do Latin Americans form Dispositional Attributions? Self-report & Neural Evidence*. Poster presented at the Social & Affective Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting (Virtual).

Espinosa, N.M. & Salvador, C.E. (2022) *When Do Latin Americans form Dispositional Attributions? Self-report & Neural Evidence*. Poster presented at the Positive Emotions Preconference, Society for Affective Science Annual Meeting (Virtual).

Espinosa, N.M. & Marquez de la Plata, C. (2019). *Maintenance of Social Participation Gains One-Year After Comprehensive Brain Injury Rehabilitation for Acquired Brain Injury*. Poster presented at the International Neuropsychological Society Annual Meeting in New York, NY.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Duke University

Clinical Psychology and Mental Health, PSY105
Instructors: Dr. Silvia Samanez Larkin and Dr. Karen Carmody
58 Students; Average student rating: 4.45/5.00

Spring 2024

Introduction to Social Psychology, PSY104
Instructor: Dr. Cristina Salvador
75 Students; Average student rating: 4.23/5.00

Fall 2023

Undergraduate Class Lecturer, Duke University

Introduction to Social Psychology, PSY104
Topic: "Relationships and Attraction"

Fall 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lab Manager | Duke University [Culture Lab](#)
Dr. Cristina Salvador

07/2021-07/2022

Research Assistant | Saliency TMS Neuro Solutions
Dr. Corey Keller, Stanford University

09/2019 – 06/2021

Neuropsychology Student Intern | Pate Rehabilitation
Dr. Carlos Marquez de la Plata, University of Texas Southwestern

05/2018 –08/2018

Research Assistant | Duke [Motivated Cognition and Aging Brain Lab](#)
Dr. Gregory Samanez-Larkin

08/2017 – 05/2019

Research Assistant | Duke University [Adcock Lab](#)
Dr. Alison Adcock

08/2016 – 05/2017

MENTORSHIP

*denotes my involvement as an undergraduate honors thesis committee member

Current undergraduate mentees:

Joseline Barragan
Wiley Buenahora
Sophia Correderas
Eliza Goldstein
Sabrina Kianni
Caimiao Liu*

Former undergraduate mentees:

Alejandra Mella
Kate Leonard
Alex Leo-Guerra
Rachel Kamis

Nicolas Pardo
Rafaella Zanetti

SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewer	2022-Present
Journals: Affective Science, Emotion, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology	
Social Committee Member	2023
Duke University Diversity Days (PhD Program Recruitment Event)	
Graduate Student Representative Nominee	2023
Nominated as representative for Departmental Faculty Meetings	
Graduate Student Advisory Council Member	2022-Present
Duke University Racial Equity Advisory Council- Education Subcommittee	
Professional Development Sub-committee and General Body Member	2022-Present
Anti-Racism Community in Psychology, Duke University	
Volunteer Alumni Interviewer	2021- Present
Duke University Undergraduate Admissions	
Volunteer	2016 - 2019
Annual Duke Institute for Brain Sciences Discovery Day for Kids and Families	
Executive Board Member	2017- 2018
Duke Neuroscience Majors' Union	

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

SAS (Society for Affective Science)	2022-Present
SANS (Social and Affective Neuroscience Society)	2022-Present
SPSP (Society for Personality and Social Psychology)	2021-Present
SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science)	2020-Present

SKILLS

- Programming and Data Science
 - Programming: Python, MATLAB, R
 - Stimuli Creation: Photoshop, MorphX
 - Survey Creation: Qualtrics, Prolific Academic
 - Data Management and Analysis: SPSS, REDCap, EGI and BrainAvatar EEG Software, EEGLab and ERPLab
- Cognitive and Psychological Assessments
 - Experience administering: NIH Toolbox for Assessment of Neurological and Behavioral Function (NIH-TB), Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA), Mayo-Portland Adaptability Inventory (MPAI-4), Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HAM-D), Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)
- Languages: Native proficiency in English and Spanish