

## Education

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<b>Ph.D., Duke University</b> <i>Social Psychology, Department of Psychology &amp; Neuroscience</i> Advisors: Dr. Sarah Gaither & Dr. Cristina Salvador Dissertation: “U.S. Latine racial ethnic identification and presentation across development”	Expected May 2026
<b>Certificate in College Teaching, Duke University</b> <i>Preparing Future Faculty Fellow</i>	Expected May 2026
<b>M.A., Duke University</b> <i>Psychology &amp; Neuroscience</i> Thesis: “Latine as Both a Race and an Ethnicity: A Proposed Re-Conceptualization of Race and Ethnicity in Psychology”	September 2024
<b>B.A., Boston University</b> <i>Psychology with Honors, Magna Cum Laude</i> Thesis: “Children’s Generalizations of Group Characteristics: Effects of Generic Versus Statistical Language” Advisor: Dr. Kathleen Corriveau	May 2021

## Research Interests

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Race, Culture & The Self, Latine Identity Formation, Social Norms, Stereotyping & Generic Language

## Awards and Honors

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Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, <i>Duke University</i>	2025
Dean’s Award for Inclusive Excellence ( <i>Psychology &amp; Neuroscience’s Anti-Racism Community</i> ), <i>Duke University</i>	2023
National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP) Title: “What is your race? Examining developmental predictors for Latino racial self-identification”	2022-2026
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention	2022
Provost Scholar Award for Academic Exploration in the First Two Years, <i>Boston University</i>	2019
Outstanding Student Researcher Award, <i>Boston University</i>	2018

## Grants

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Charles Lafitte Foundation Program for Research in Psychology & Neuroscience, <i>Duke University</i> Title: “Exploring the Effect of Different Demographic Forms on Latine Adults’ Self-Perceptions” (\$3,120)	2025
Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate Travel Award, <i>Duke University</i> (\$1,600)	2024
Duke Graduate School Travel Award, <i>Duke University</i> (\$525)	2024
Cognitive Development Society Diversity Travel Award (\$750)	2024
Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate Travel Award, <i>Duke University</i> (\$1,250)	2023
Charles Lafitte Foundation Program for Research in Psychology & Neuroscience, <i>Duke University</i> Title: “Race or Ethnicity? Demographic Forms as Signals for Inclusion for Latinx Students” (\$2,860)	2023
TESS Young Investigators Competition Research Grant Title: “Emotional Interdependence in the United States: A Comparison of Latinx, East Asian, African and European Americans” (Data Collection costs covered by NORC)	2023

Social Sciences Research Institute Grant, <i>Duke University</i> Title: “ <i>Understanding the Development of Latino Self-Identification and its psychological consequences</i> ” (\$12,495)	2022
Charles Lafitte Foundation Graduate Travel Award, <i>Duke University</i> (\$1,500)	2022
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Diversity Graduate Travel Award (\$500)	2022
Internal DEI Grant: Duke Graduate and Professional Student Government Underrepresented Scientists in Psychology and Neuroscience Panel (\$1,000)	2022
National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (NSF REU) Language, Cognition, and Computation (\$6,200)	2020
Santander Summer Research Grant, <i>Boston University</i> (\$3,000)	2019
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Research Grant, <i>Boston University</i> (\$1,250)	2019
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Research Grant, <i>Boston University</i> (\$1,250)	2018
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Research Grant, <i>Boston University</i> (\$4,800)	2018

## Publications

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\* indicating co-first authorship

**Muñoz, M. A.** & Gaither, S. E. (in press). Considering Multiplicity in Racial Ethnic Socialization. *Annual Review, Developmental Psychology*.

\***Muñoz, M. A.**, \*E. A., Enright., Gaither, S. E., Halim, M. D., Pauker, K. Olson, K. R. & Dunham, Y. (2025). Children’s Use of Race in their Social Judgements: A Large, Multi-site, Multi-racial Group Comparison. *Collabra Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1525/collabra.132489>.

Albuja, A. F., **Muñoz, M. A.**, Kinzler, K., Woodward, A., & Gaither, S. E. (2023). Hypodescent or Ingroup Overexclusion?: Children's and Adults' Racial Categorization of Ambiguous Black/White Biracial Faces. *Developmental Science*, e13450. <https://doi.org/10.1111/desc.13450>.

## Manuscripts Under Review

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**Muñoz, M. A.**, Andrade, F. C., Carbajal, I. Gaither, S. E. (R&R). Latino Voters Are Not a Monolith: Exploring the Influence of Identity on Mexican and Cuban Americans’ Voting Behaviors in the 2024 Presidential Election.

Salvador, C. E., Lam T K., **Muñoz, M. A.** (R&R). Social and Emotion Norms: Features and Cultural Variation. *Handbook of Emotion and Culture*. Oxford University Press.

**Muñoz, M. A.**, Orvell, A., Salvador, C. E. (R&R). One Country, One People? Cultural Variation in the Strength of Norms Among Racial Ethnic Groups in the United States. [https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/mequ4\\_v1](https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/mequ4_v1).

## Manuscripts In Preparation

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\* indicating co-first authorship

Naidu, E. S., Zhou, J., **Muñoz, M. A.**, Wiswall, M. S., Gaither, S. E. (in prep). Living with Other-Race Roommates Opens Doors to Flexible Thinking.

\*Wiswall, M. S., \***Muñoz, M.A.**, Naidu, E. S., Gaither, S. E. (in prep). Distinctly Ambiguous: How Monoracial South Asian and Latine Faces are Miscategorized and Mis-stereotyped

**Muñoz, M. A.**, Gaither, S. E. (in prep). Ethnicity or Race: Latine College Students’ Reflections on their Racial and Ethnic Latine Identity.

## Teaching Experience

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## **Instructor on Record, *Duke University***

Summer 2025

*Introduction to Social Psychology* (PSY 104)  
11 students; Instructor Rating: Course ongoing

## **Teaching Assistant, *Duke University***

*Introduction to Cultural Psychology* (PSY 245D) Fall 2024  
Lecture Instructor: Dr. Cristina Salvador  
Discussion Section Instructor: Mercedes Muñoz  
19 students; TA Rating: 4.94 / 5

*Graduation with Distinction Thesis Workshop* (PSY 496) Spring 2024  
Instructor: Dr. Makeba Wilbourn  
27 students; TA Rating: 4.8 / 5

*Introduction to Social Psychology* (PSY 104) Fall 2022  
Instructor: Dr. Cristina Salvador  
100 students; TA Rating: 4.4 / 5

*The Self & Social Identities* (PSY 223) Spring 2022  
Instructor: Dr. Sarah Gaither  
25 students; Course Rating: 4.9/5

## **Teaching Assistant Training, *Duke University***

Fall 2022

## **Guest Lectures**

Moral Development (PSY 335), *Duke University* Summer 2025  
"Cultural Psychology of Morality & Religion"

Honors Colloquium: (PHYS 392H3), *University of Arkansas* Spring 2025  
"Psychology, Identity, & Creativity: How our multiple identities help us think 'outside the box'"

Graduation with Distinction Thesis Workshop (PSY 496), *Duke University* Spring 2024  
"Data Visualization: Tips, Tricks, and Best Practices"

Introduction to Social Psychology (PSY 104), *Duke University* Fall 2022  
"The Power of Groups"

The Self and Social Identities (PSY 223), *Duke University* Spring 2022  
"Talk American: Language as an Identity Marker"

## **Mentorship**

### **Graduate Student Research Mentor to Undergraduates, *Duke University***

Fall 2021 – Current

#### ***Mentorship in Honors Thesis (2)***

Rose Naderi, "The Effect of Language on Children's Generalizations of Group Characteristics"  
Nicole Izquierdo, "Exploring Racial Ethnic Identity in Latino Families"

#### ***Mentorship in manuscript writing (4)***

Rose Naderi; Nicole Izquierdo; Alyssa Jurewicz; Noelia Piedra

#### ***Mentorship in poster making and presenting (12)***

Maria Brown; Carly Blank; Diana Silver; Janvi Kavathia; Charli Cordoves; LaNaiah Frieson,  
Rose Naderi; Nicole Izquierdo; Diana Tobon; Noelia Piedra; AJ Kochuba; Serena Raj,

#### ***Mentorship for in-person and online data collection, survey building / methods creation (34)***

Rose Naderi; Nicole Izquierdo; Diana Tobon; Alyssa Jurewicz; Noelia Piedra;  
AJ Kochuba; Jalen Faison; Kaitlyn Bumpers; Simone DeBerry; Antonio Marrujo; Ashley  
Alcantar; Bri'Yon Watts; Camila Jimenez; Sejal Mayer-Patel; Jaime Gonzalez; Vicky Jin; Carmel  
Falek; Michelle Igbinadolor; Loey Allen; Rani Jones; Akuorkor Allotey; Alyssa Gabbidon; Chi  
Nghiem; Collin Pitts; Julia Zheng; Kelly Wang; Sarah Pepka; Maria Brown; Carly Blank; Diana  
Silver; Janvi Kavathia; Charli Cordoves; LaNaiah Frieson

#### ***Mentorship in qualitative coding (10)***

Rose Naderi; Camila Jimenez; Sarah Williams; Noelia Piedra; Jamie Gonzalez; Kaitlyn  
Bumpers; Simone DeBerry; Jalen Faison; Krystal Archer; Jasmine Cuevas-Lopez

#### ***Mentorship in data analysis (6)***

Nicole Izquierdo; Rose Naderi; Noelia Piedra; AJ Kochuba; Alyssa Jurewicz; Camila Jimenez

### **Bass Connections Graduate Student Mentor, *Duke University***

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

Title: "Increasing Children's Sense of Belonging in STEM Fields"

Guiding 6 undergraduate students through a year-long research project with the Durham Museum of  
Life and Science

## Chaired Symposia

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**Muñoz, M. A.**, Andrade, F. C., Carbajal, I. & Gaither, S. E. (submitted). Distinct Voting Patterns for Mexican and Cuban Americans in 2024. *Talk submitted to Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. (Symposium title: The Role of Racial/Ethnic Identity on Political Attitudes and Behavior).*

**Muñoz, M. A.**, Salvador, C. E. & Gaither, S. E. (2025 May). The Role of Skin-Tone in Race and Ethnicity Self-Identification in Latine Children. *Talk presented to the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. (Symposium title: Exploring Latine and Indigenous Latine Identity: How Environmental Factors Influence Racial-Ethnic Identity).*

**Muñoz, M. A.**, Orvell, A. & Salvador, C. E. (2024 October). The Role of Interdependence in Perceived Strength of Norms and Norm Adherence in Latine Americans. *Talk presented at the National Latinx Psychological Association (NLPA) Conference, San Juan, PR. (Symposium title: Expressions of Interdependence in Latine people: Perspectives from Social, Developmental, and Cultural Psychology).*

## Research Talks

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*\* Indicating undergraduate research mentees*

\*Jimenez, C., **Muñoz, M. A.** & Gaither, S. E., (2025 March). Shades of Latino Identity: Ethnicity, Race, Skin Color, and Discrimination. *Talk presented at the ACC Meeting of the Minds Conference, Pittsburg, PA.*

**Muñoz, M. A.**, Salvador, C. E. & Gaither, S. E. (2024 March). Race or Ethnicity: Latino Identification Complexities and Considerations. *Talk presented at the Cognitive Development Society (CDS) Biennial Conference Pre-Conference: Why Basic Cognitive Developmental Science Needs Diversity: Theoretical Value and Practical Considerations, San Diego, CA.*

**Muñoz, M. A.** & Gaither, S. E., (2023 February). What is your Race? Examining Racial Self-Identification in Latinx Children. *Talk presented for Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention 2023, Atlanta, GA.*

Salvador, C. E. & **Muñoz, M. A.** (2022 October). One Country, One People? Cultural Variation in the Strength of Norms Among Ethnic Groups in the United States. *Talk presented for the Society of Experimental Social Psychology (SESP), Philadelphia, PA.*

**Muñoz, M. A.** (2022 April). One Country, One People? Cultural Variation in the Strength of Norms Among Ethnic Groups in the United States. *Talk presented for the Duke University Social Psychology Brownbag, Durham, NC.*

Albuja, A., **Muñoz, M. A.**, Kinzler, K. D., Woodward, A. L. & Gaither, S. E. (2021 October). Seeing Black, Seeing White: Ambiguous Categorization Outcomes for White and Black Children and their Parents. *Talk presented for Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists (SSSP) Annual Virtual Conference.*

## Research Posters

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*\* indicating undergraduate research mentee*

Revell, S. A., \*Brown, M., \*Blank, C., \*Silver, D., \*Kavathia, J., \*Cordoves, C., \*Frieson, L., Stegall J., **Muñoz, M. A.**, Gaither, S. E. & Kushnir, T. (2025 May). Exploring Children's Persistence in Museum Programing. *Poster presented for the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting. Minneapolis, MN.*

\*Piedra, N., **Muñoz, M. A.** & Gaither, S. E. (2025 February). Race or ethnicity? Latinx Identity Complexity Through Focus Groups. *Poster presented for the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention 2025, Denver, CO.*

\*Jimenez, C., **Muñoz, M. A.** & Gaither, S.E. (2024 July). Shades of Latino Identity: Ethnicity, Race, Skin Color, and Discrimination. *Poster presented at the Duke Summer Research Showcase, Durham, NC.*

\*Piedra, N., **Muñoz, M.A.** & Gaither, S. E. (2024 June). Factors Influencing Latinx College Students' Demographic Form Choices. *Poster presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Annual Convention 2024, Philadelphia, PA.*

- \*Naderi, R., **Muñoz, M. A.**, Kumar, S., Corriveau, K. H., Kushnir, T. & Gaither, S. E. (2024 June). Half, a Few, Many: Language's Impact on Social Group Generalizations. *Poster presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Annual Convention 2024, Philadelphia, PA.*
- Muñoz, M. A.**, Enright, E. A., Gaither, S. E., Halim, M. D., Pauker, K., Olson, K. R. & Dunham, Y. (2024 March). Children's In-Group Preferences: A Large-Scale Analysis on Racially Diverse Children's Race-Based Social Judgements. *Poster Presented at the Cognitive Development Society (CDS) Biennial Conference, San Diego, CA.*
- Muñoz, M. A.**, Orvell, A. & Salvador, C. E. (2024 February). One Country, One People? Cultural Variation in the Strength of Norms Among Racial Ethnic Groups in the United States. *Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention 2024, San Diego, CA.*
- \*Naderi, R., **Muñoz, M. A.**, Kumar, S., Corriveau, K. H., Kushnir, T. & Gaither, S. E. (2024 February). The Effect of Language on Children's Generalizations of Group Characteristics *Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention 2024, San Diego, CA.*
- \*Kochuba, A., **Muñoz, M. A.**, Kumar, S., Corriveau, K. H., Kushnir, T. & Gaither, S. E. (2023 November). Linguistic Quantifiers Influence Children's Generalizations of Group Traits. *Poster presented at the Society for Southeast Social Psychologists (SSSP) Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC.*
- \*Izquierdo, N., **Muñoz, M. A.** & Gaither, S. E. (2023 November). Exploring Racial & Ethnic Identity in Hispanic/Latino Families. *Poster presented at the Society for Southeast Social Psychologists (SSSP) Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC.*
- \*Piedra, N., **Muñoz, M. A.** & Gaither, S. E. (2023 July). Factors Influencing Latinx College Students' Demographic Form Choices. *Poster presented at Duke University Summer Research Symposium, Durham, NC.*
- \*Raj, S., Wiswall, M. S, **Muñoz, M. A.** & Gaither, S. E. (2023 July). Perceptions of Emergent Minorities: An Exploration of Ingroup vs Outgroup Stereotype Incongruences. *Poster presented at Duke University VIP poster session, Durham, NC.*
- Wiswall, M. S, **Muñoz, M. A.**, \*Jaffe, T. & Gaither, S. E. (2023 June). Distinctly Ambiguous: An Exploration of South Asian and Latino Perceptions. *Poster presented for Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Annual Convention, Denver, CO.*
- \*Tobon, D., **Muñoz, M. A.** & Gaither, S. E. (2023 February). What Characteristics Make You Hispanic/Latino?: Examining Latino Identity Development. *Poster presented for Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention 2023, Atlanta, GA.*
- Muñoz, M. A.**, Gaither, S. E. & Corriveau, K. H. (2022 February). The Effect of Language on Children's Assumed Within-Group Homogeneity. *Poster presented for Origins of the Social Mind Preconference at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) Annual Convention 2022, San Francisco, CA.*
- Muñoz, M. A.**, Suárez, S., Kumar, S. & Corriveau, K. H. (2021 April). Children's Generalizations of Group Characteristics: Effects of Generic Versus Statistical Language. *Poster presented for the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Virtual Biennial Meeting.*
- Ma, S., Cui, Y., **Muñoz, M. A.**, Qui, F., Suárez, S. & Chen, E. (2021 April). Examining the Relationship Between Authoritarianism and Children's Trusting Preferences in China and the U.S. *Poster presented for the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Virtual Biennial Meeting.*
- Muñoz, M. A.**, Zhang, M., Sullivan, N. & Markman, E. (2020 August). How does language affect children's developing representations of race? *Talk presented for Stanford University CSLI Summer Internship Final Presentation, Palo Alto, CA.*
- Skubel, A., Koslouski J. B., Burke, E., **Muñoz, M. A.**, Chan, F., Fortuna, L. & Porche, M. V. (2019 August). The AIM Project: Applied Student Learning for Advocacy and Social Justice. *Poster presented for American Psychological Association (APA) Conference, Chicago, IL.*
- Muñoz, M. A.**, (2019 August). Statistical v Generic: Exploring children's beliefs about gender stereotypes. *Talk presented for Yale University Summer Colloquium, New Haven, CT.*

- Muñoz, M. A.,** Wilks, M. & Bloom, P. (2019 July). The Emergence of Speciesism Across Development. *Poster presented for Yale University Summer Research Symposium, New Haven, CT.*
- Muñoz, M. A. &** Corriveau, K H. (2018 October). Is adult help actually helpful?: Using guided intervention in child learning. *Poster presented for Boston University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Boston, MA.*
- Muñoz, M. A.,** McMahon, J L., Campbell, I L. & Corriveau, K H. (2018 March). “What do you think will happen if?” Improving parent child conversations about science. *Poster presented for Eastern Psychological Association (EPA), Philadelphia, PA.*

## Invited Research Talks & Panels

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**Duke University, Center for Multicultural Affairs**  
Panelist: Unity Through Diversity Conference

Spring 2025

**Muñoz, M. A.,** Salvador, C. E., Gaither, S. E., Andrade, F.C. & Carbajal, I. (2025 April). Latine as a Race or an Ethnicity on Demographic Forms: Exploring Identity in Latine Children and Adults. *Talk presented virtually at the Technology, Race, and Prejudice Lab (TRAP Lab) led by Dr. Broderick Turner and Dr. Bregin Riley.*

**Muñoz, M. A.,** Salvador, C. E. & Gaither, S. E. (2024 May). Race or Ethnicity: Latino Identification Complexities and Considerations. *Talk presented virtually at Dr. Hyesung Grace Hwang (UC Santa Cruz) and Dr. Rose Scott (UC Merced) joint lab meeting.*

## Service

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### **BOOST Beyond**

Graduate student mentor  
Mentor to Durham Public Schools high schooler applying to college

Fall 2023 – Spring 2025

### **Duke University, Department of Psychology & Neuroscience**

Anti-Racism Community: Active Member  
Pillar I: Recruitment and Retention of Diverse Students  
Nominated Graduate Student Representative at Faculty Meetings  
Panelist: Teaching Assistant Training  
Panelist: Undergraduate Summer Research Program

Fall 2022 – Current

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024  
Summer 2023  
Summer 2023

## Ad-Hoc Reviews

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*Child Development*  
*Cultural Diversity & Ethnic Minority Psychology*  
*Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology*  
*Developmental Science*  
*Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*  
*Journal of Cognition and Development*  
*Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*  
*Social Development*  
*Social Psychological and Personality Science*

## Professional Affiliations

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Society for Personality and Social Psychology, *Student Member*  
Society for Research in Child Development, *Graduate Student Membership / Latinx Caucus Member*  
Cognitive Development Society, *Student Member*  
Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, *Student Member*  
American Education Research Association, *Student Affiliate*  
Eastern Psychological Association, *Associate Member*  
Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology, *Member*  
National Latinx Psychological Association, *Member*

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