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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D.	University of Massachusetts Amherst, Neuroscience and Behavior	9/2007 – 8/2010
M.S.	University of Massachusetts Amherst, Neuroscience and Behavior	8/2004 – 8/2007
B.S.	Baldwin-Wallace College, Psychology and Communication Disorders (Now Baldwin Wallace University)	8/2000 – 5/2004

**FULL-TIME ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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Florida International University, Assistant Professor Department of Psychology, Developmental Science/Cognitive Neuroscience	8/2012 –
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NIH/NICHD Postdoctoral Fellow Center for Developmental Science	8/2010 – 8/2012

**PART-TIME ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Postdoctoral Associate Department of Psychology, Infant Development Center, PI: Dr. George Michel	8/2010 – 8/2012
Wake Forest University, Postdoctoral Associate Wake Forest University Primate Center, PI: Dr. Allyson Bennett	9/2010 – 5/2011
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Graduate Research Assistant Department of Psychology, UMass Child Study Center, PI: Dr. Neil Berthier	8/2004 – 8/2010
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Lab Manager Department of Psychology, UMass Primate Lab, PI: Dr. Melinda Novak	6/2008 – 8/2010
Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary, Research Volunteer Plettenberg Bay, South Africa	5/2006 – 7/2006; 4/2007 – 6/2007
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Graduate Research Assistant Department of Psychology, UMass Primate Lab, PI: Dr. Melinda Novak	8/2004 – 5/2008
Emory University, Research Intern Yerkes National Primate Research Center, PI: Dr. William Hopkins	6/2003 – 8/2003
Baldwin-Wallace College, Research Intern Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, PI: Dr. Brian Thomas	1/2003 – 5/2003

## NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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N/A

## EMPLOYMENT RECORD AT FIU

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Assistant Professor in Psychology (Developmental Science/Cognitive Neuroscience) 8/2012 –

## PUBLICATIONS IN DISCIPLINE

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Key: \*Student I advised or am advising; #Publication prepared at Florida International University;  
†Original work conducted and publication prepared at Florida International University.

### Books

N/A

### Peer-Reviewed Articles (17)

#### **Summary Refereed Articles:**

17 peer-reviewed journal articles (10 first author; 4 student first author)

17. #**Nelson, E.L.**, Berthier, N.E., & Konidaris, G.D. (In Press). Handedness and reach-to-place kinematics in adults: Left-handers are not reversed right-handers. *Journal of Motor Behavior*.  
**Impact Factor:** 1.573 (**5-Year Impact Factor:** 1.686)

16. †\*Boeving, E.R., \*Belnap, S.C., & **Nelson, E.L.** (27 March 2017). Embraces are lateralized in spider monkeys (*Ateles fusciceps rufiventris*). *American Journal of Primatology*, e22654. doi: 10.1002/ajp.22654.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.103 (21/161 Zoology)

15. #Michel, G.F., Campbell, J.M., Marcinowski, E.C., **Nelson, E.L.**, & Babik, I. (2016). Infant hand preference and the development of cognitive abilities. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 7:410. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2016.00410.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.463

14. †\*Gonzalez, S.L., Reeb-Sutherland, B.C., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2016). Quantifying motor experience in the infant brain: EEG power, coherence, and mu desynchronization. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 7:216. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2016.00216.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.463

13. †**Nelson, E.L.**, & \*Boeving, E.R. (2015). Precise digit use increases the expression of handedness in Colombian spider monkeys (*Ateles fusciceps rufiventris*). *American Journal of Primatology*, 77, 1253-1262. doi: 10.1002/ajp.22478.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.103 (21/161 Zoology)

12. †\*Gonzalez, S.L., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2015). Addressing the gap: A blueprint for studying bimanual hand preference in infants. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 6:560. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2015.00560.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.463

11. #\*Boeving, E.R., Lacreuse, A., Hopkins, W.D., Phillips, K.A., Novak, M.A., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2015). Handedness influences intermanual transfer in chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) but not rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*). *Experimental Brain Research*, 233, 829-837. doi: 10.1007/s00221-014-4158-8.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.057

10. †**Nelson, E.L.**, \*Figuroa, A., \*Albright, S.N., & \*Gonzalez, M.F. (2015). Evaluating handedness measures in spider monkeys. *Animal Cognition*, 18, 345-353. doi: 10.1007/s10071-014-0805-5.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.161

9. #**Nelson, E.L.**, Konidaris, G.D., & Berthier, N.E. (2014). Hand preference status and reach kinematics in infants. *Infant Behavior and Development*, 37, 615-623. doi: 10.1016/j.infbeh.2014.08.013.  
**Impact Factor:** 1.515 (**5-Year Impact Factor:** 2.066)
8. #**Nelson, E.L.**, Campbell, J.M., & Michel, G.F. (2014). Early handedness in infancy predicts language ability in toddlers. *Developmental Psychology*, 50, 809-814. doi: 10.1037/a0033803.  
**Impact Factor:** 3.116 (**5-Year Impact Factor:** 4.289; 16/69 Psychology Developmental)
7. #Michel, G.F., Babik, I., **Nelson, E.L.**, Campbell, J.M., & Marcinowski, E.C. (2013). How the development of handedness could contribute to the development of language. *Developmental Psychobiology*, 55, 608-620. doi: 10.1002/dev.21121.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.128 (29/41 Developmental Biology; 35/76 Psychology)
6. #**Nelson, E.L.**, Campbell, J.M., & Michel, G.F. (2013). Unimanual to bimanual: Tracking the development of handedness from 6 to 24 months. *Infant Behavior and Development*, 36, 181-188. doi: 10.1016/j.infbeh.2013.01.009.  
**Impact Factor:** 1.515 (**5-Year Impact Factor:** 2.066)  
**\*\*Elsevier Highly Cited Research Award December 2016\*\***
5. **Nelson, E.L.**, Konidaris, G.D., Berthier, N.E., \*Braun, M.C., Novak, M.F.S.X., Suomi, S.J., & Novak, M.A. (2012). Kinematics of reaching and implications for handedness in rhesus monkey infants. *Developmental Psychobiology*, 54, 460-467. doi: 10.1002/dev20604.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.128 (29/41 Developmental Biology; 35/76 Psychology)
4. **Nelson, E.L.**, Berthier, N.E., Metevier, C.M., & Novak, M.A. (2011). Evidence for motor planning in monkeys: Rhesus macaques select efficient grips when transporting spoons. *Developmental Science*, 14, 822-831. doi: 10.1111/j.1467-7687.2010.01030.x.  
**Impact Factor:** 3.982 (5/69 Psychology Developmental; 7/85 Psychology Experimental)
3. **Nelson, E.L.**, \*Emery, M.S., \*Babcock, S.M., Novak, M.F.S.X., Suomi, S.J., & Novak, M.A. (2011). Head orientation and handedness trajectory in rhesus monkey infants (*Macaca mulatta*). *Developmental Psychobiology*, 53, 246-255. doi: 10.1002/dev.20517.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.128 (29/41 Developmental Biology; 35/76 Psychology)  
**\*\*Selected as the 2011 Hennessy-Smotherman-Wiley Best Student Paper\*\***
2. **Nelson, E.L.**, \*O'Karma, J.M., Ruperti, F.S., & Novak, M.A. (2009). Laterality in semi-free-ranging black and white ruffed lemurs (*Varecia variegata variegata*): Head-tilt correlates with hand use during feeding. *American Journal of Primatology*, 71, 1032-1040. doi: 10.1002/ajp.20746.  
**Impact Factor:** 2.103 (21/161 Zoology)
1. Hopkins, W., Cantalupo, C., Freeman, H., Russell, J., Kachin, M., & **Nelson, E.** (2005) Chimpanzees are right-handed when recording bouts of hand use. *Laterality*, 10, 121-130. doi: 10.1080/13576500342000347.  
**Impact Factor:** 1.239

## **Chapters in Books (2)**

2. #Michel, G.F., Marcinowski, E.C., Babik, I., Campbell, J.M., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2015). An interdisciplinary biopsychosocial perspective on psychological development. In S.D. Calkins (Ed.), *Handbook of Infant Development: Biopsychosocial Perspectives* (pp. 427-446). Guildford Publications.
1. #Michel, G.F., **Nelson, E.L.**, Babik, I., Campbell, J.M., & Marcinowski, E.C. (2013). Multiple trajectories in the developmental psychobiology of human handedness. In R.M. Lerner & J.B. Benson (Eds.), *Embodiment and Epigenesis: Theoretical and Methodological Issues in Understanding the Role of Biology within the Relational Developmental System Part B: Ontogenetic Dimensions* (pp. 227-260). Elsevier: Academic Press.

## Government Reports or Monographs

N/A

## Book Reviews

N/A

## Posters, Talks, and Conference Proceedings (54)

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Key: \*Student I advised or am advising

54. \*Kendall, G.A., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2017, April). Goal-directed tail use in Colombian spider monkeys is highly lateralized. **Poster** presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Comparative Cognition, Melbourne, FL, USA.

53. \*Seidler, A.T., \*Taylor, M.A., Simpson, E.A., Suomi, S.J., Konidaris, G.D., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2017, March). Reaching kinematics in infant rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*). **Poster** presented at the 2017 Conference for Undergraduate Research at FIU, Miami, FL, USA.

52. \*Torres, E., \*Gonzalez, S.L., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2017, March). A comparison of Hispanic infant populations on vocabulary size. **Poster** presented at the 2017 Conference for Undergraduate Research at FIU, Miami, FL, USA.

51. \*Gonzalez, S.L., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2017, March). Comparing Hispanic infant populations on comprehension of IDHC:PG items. **Talk** presented at the 2017 Graduate Student Appreciation Week Scholarly Forum, Miami, FL, USA.

50. Abu-Rustum, R.S., Ziade, M.F., El Asmar, J., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2017, March). Fetal choroid plexus at 11-14 weeks: A predictor of handedness? **Talk** presented at the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) Annual Convention, Lake Buena Vista, FL, USA.

49. \*Taylor, M.A., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2017, February). Laterality in Colombian spider monkey infants (*Ateles fusciceps rufiventris*). **Poster** presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual South Florida Primatology meeting, Loxhatchee, FL, USA.

48. \*Kendall, G.A., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2017, February). Problem solving in Colombian spider monkeys. **Poster** presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual South Florida Primatology meeting, Loxhatchee, FL, USA.

47. \*Gonzalez, S.L., **Nelson, E.L.**, Latta, J., Campbell, J.M, Marcinowski, E.C., & Michel, G.F. (2016, November). Consistent preschool hand preference predicts language skills at 5 years of age. **Poster** presented at the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Society on Developmental Psychobiology, San Diego, California, USA. **Proceedings** in *Developmental Psychobiology*, 58 (S1), S18.

46. \*Fajardo, M.E., \*Gonzalez, S.L., Hart, K.C., & Nelson, E.L. (2016, October). Summer treatment program for prekindergarteners improves fine motor skills. **Poster** presented at the 2016 FIU McNair Scholars Research Annual Conference, Miami, FL, USA.

45. \*Boeving, E.R., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2016, August). Dyadic socio-communicative behavior is lateralized in captive Colombian spider monkeys (*Ateles fusciceps rufiventris*). **Talk** presented at the joint American Society of Primatology/International Primatological Society meeting in Chicago, Illinois, USA. **Proceedings** published online (Abstract #6733).

44. \*Boeving, E.R., \*Kendall, G.A., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2016, August). Tails in context: Implications for laterality in the Colombian spider monkey (*Ateles fusciceps rufiventris*). **Poster** presented at the joint American Society of

Primatology/International Primatological Society meeting in Chicago, Illinois, USA. **Proceedings** published online (Abstract #6735).

43. **Nelson, E.L.**, & \*Neuman, S. (2016, May). Development of reaching and grasping in infant and adult Colombian spider monkeys. **Poster** presented in the featured symposium “*From robots to monkeys to human infants: Integrating different disciplines to understand early motor development*” at the XX Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

42. \*Gonzalez, S. L., **Nelson, E.L.**, Campbell, J.M., Marcinowski, E.C., & Michel, G.F. (2016, May). Consistency in handedness over 6 to 60 months is linked to school readiness. **Poster** presented at the XX Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

41. Hartstein, L., Agrawal, V., **Nelson, E.L.**, & Berthier, N.E. (2016, May). Hand preference is related to hand skill at 2 years. **Poster** presented at the XX Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

40. Syed, G., Marcinowski, E.C., Dusing, S.C., Michel, G.F., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2016, April). The relation between infant construction strategy and language development in toddlers. **Poster** presented at the VCU Poster Symposium for Undergraduate Research and Creativity, Richmond, VA, USA.

39. \*Boeving, E.R., \*Kendall, G.A., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2016, April). Socio-behavioral asymmetries in Colombian spider monkeys (*Ateles fusciceps rufiventris*). **Poster** presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Conference on Comparative Cognition, Melbourne, FL, USA. **Proceedings** published online (Abstract #P35).

38. \*Betancourt, V., \*Gonzalez, S.L., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2016, March). Creation of a Spanish language measure inclusive of a diverse Hispanic population through renorming of the IDHC:PG. **Poster** presented at the Conference for Undergraduate Research at FIU, Miami, FL, USA.

37. \*Gonzalez, S. L., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2015, October). Renorming the IDHC:PG for diverse Hispanic populations. **Poster** presented at the Society for the Study of Human Development 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX, USA.

36. \*Gonzalez, S.L., & Nelson E.L. (2015, October). Administration of the IDHC:PG in Diverse Hispanic Populations. **Poster** presented at the MARC U\*STAR & MBRS RISE Student Biomedical Mini-Symposium, Miami, FL, USA.

35. \*Cavero, R., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2015, August). The role of sticky mittens on neural development. **Talk** presented at the FIU Summer Research Internship (SRI) Mini-Symposium, Miami, FL, USA.

34. \*Gonzalez, S.L., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2015, May). Improving comprehension measures: Adaptation of the Mexican-Spanish CCT for use in diverse Hispanic populations. **Talk** presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual South Florida Child Psychology Research Conference, Miami, FL, USA.

33. \*Boeving, E.R., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2015, April). Task complexity elicits stronger lateralization in the spider monkey (*Ateles fusciceps rufiventris*). **Talk** presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Conference on Comparative Cognition, Melbourne, FL, USA. **Proceedings** published online (Abstract #55).

32. \*Boeving, E.R., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2015, February). Social laterality in captive spider monkeys (*Ateles fusciceps rufiventris*). **Talk** presented at the South Florida Primatology Group meeting, Boca Raton, FL, USA.

31. \*Gonzalez, S.L., **Nelson, E.L.**, Campbell, J.M., Marcinowski, E.C., Coxe, S., & Michel, G.F. (2014, November). 18-24 months handedness predicts 36 months expressive language skills. **Poster** presented at the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Society on Developmental Psychobiology, Washington, D.C., USA. **Proceedings** in *Developmental Psychobiology*, 57 (S1), S16.

30. Marcinowski, E.C., \*Soula, M., **Nelson, E.L.**, Campbell, J.M., & Michel, G.F. (2014, November). Does direction or consistency of hand preference predict toddler stacking ability? **Poster** presented at the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Society on Developmental Psychobiology, Washington, D.C., USA. **Proceedings** in *Developmental Psychobiology*, 57, (S1), S22.
29. \*Soula, M., \*Albright, S.N., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2014, October). How laterality influences problem-solving in monkeys and humans. **Poster** presented at the FIU McNair Scholars Research Conference, Miami, FL, USA.
28. \*Soula, M., & **Nelson, E.L.** (Faculty Mentor). (2014, October). The effects of early object manipulation using 'sticky mittens' on neurological development. **Talk** presented at the MARC U\*STAR & MBRS RISE Student Biomedical Research Mini-Symposium. Miami, FL, USA.
27. \*Boeving, E.R., Lacreuse, A., Hopkins, W.D., Phillips, K.A., Novak, M.A., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2014, September). Handedness influences intermanual transfer in chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) but not rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*). **Poster** presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, Decatur, GA, USA. **Proceedings** in *American Journal of Primatology*, 76 (S1), 51.
26. **Nelson, E.L.** (2014, July). The development of handedness: Taking stock and looking ahead. **Talk** presented at the XIX Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Berlin, Germany.
25. Marcinowski, E.C., **Nelson, E.L.**, & Michel, G.F. (2014, July). The development of construction from infancy through toddlerhood. **Poster** presented at the XIX Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Berlin, Germany.
24. **Nelson, E.L.**, Campbell, J.M., Marcinowski, E.C., & Michel, G.F. (2013, November). How consistency in handedness is related to language development. **Poster** presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Society on Developmental Psychobiology, San Diego, CA, USA. **Proceedings** in *Developmental Psychobiology*, 55, 782.
23. \*Albright, S.N., \*Soula, M., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2013, November). How laterality influences problem-solving in monkeys and humans. **Poster** presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Society on Developmental Psychobiology, San Diego, CA, USA. **Proceedings** in *Developmental Psychobiology*, 55, 766.
22. \*Gall, H., Campbell, J.M., Marcinowski, E.C., Michel, G.F., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2013). Hand preference is associated with language ability in toddlers. **Talk** presented at the FIU Summer Research Internship (SRI) Mini-Symposium, Miami, FL, USA.
21. \*Bagchi, J., \*Albright, S.N., Konidaris, G.D., & **Nelson, E.L.** (2013). Reaching kinematics in an infant spider monkey. **Talk** presented at the FIU Summer Research Internship (SRI) Mini-Symposium, Miami, FL, USA.
20. **Nelson, E.L.**, \*Figueroa, A., \*Gonzalez, M.F., \*Albright, S., & \*Gil, A. (2013, June). Lateralized coordinated tail-hand sequence in spider monkeys (*Ateles fusciceps rufiventris*). **Poster** presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA. **Proceedings** in *American Journal of Primatology*, 75 (S1), 57.
19. **Nelson, E.L.**, Campbell, J.M., & Michel, G.F. (2012, October). Stable handedness during infancy predicts advanced language skills at two years of age. **Poster** presented at the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Society on Developmental Psychobiology, New Orleans, LA, USA. **Proceedings** in *Developmental Psychobiology*, 54, 762.
18. **Nelson, E.L.**, & Michel, G.F. (2012, June). Does infant handedness predict toddler handedness? A longitudinal study comparing early reaching to later bimanual hand use. **Poster** presented at the XVIII Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA.

17. **Nelson, E.L.**, & Michel, G.F. (2011, November). Hand use preference and the emergence of problem-solving ability: A longitudinal study from 6 to 24 months. **Poster** presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Society on Developmental Psychobiology, Washington, D.C. USA. **Proceedings** in *Developmental Psychobiology*, 53, 760.
16. **Nelson, E.L.**, \*Braun, M.C., Berthier, N.E., Novak, M.F., Suomi, S.J., & Novak, M.A. (2010, November). Left hand specialization for reaching in 5-month-old rhesus monkeys: Evidence from 2-D motion analysis. **Poster** presented at the 43rd meeting of the International Society on Developmental Psychobiology, San Diego, California USA. **Proceedings** in *Developmental Psychobiology*, 52, 711.
15. **Nelson, E.L.**, \*Braun, M.C., Berthier, N.E., Novak, M.F., Suomi, S.J., & Novak, M.A. (2010, September). Left hand specialization for reaching in 5-month-old rhesus monkeys: Evidence from 2-D motion analysis. **Poster** presented at the 13th Annual International Institute on Developmental Science, New York, New York USA.
14. **Nelson, E.L.**, \*Emery, M.S., \*Babcock, S.M., Suomi, S.J., Songrady, J., Ruggiero, A.M., Miller, M., Novak, M.F.S.X., & Novak, M.A. (2010, June). Head orientation and hand preference during the first month of life in rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*). **Poster** presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, Louisville, Kentucky USA. **Proceedings** in *American Journal of Primatology*, 72 (S1), 53.
13. **Nelson, E.L.**, \*Babcock, S.M., Suomi, S.J., Songrady, J.C., Ruggiero, A.M., Miller, M., & Novak, M.A. (2010, March). Neonatal head orientation preference in rhesus macaques: Do infant monkeys resemble human infants? **Poster** presented at the XVII Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Baltimore, Maryland USA.
12. **Nelson, E.L.**, Metevier, C.M., & Novak, M.A. (2009, September). Individual differences in motor planning in rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*). **Talk** presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, San Diego, California USA. **Proceedings** in *American Journal of Primatology*, 71 (S1), 38.
11. **Nelson, E.L.**, Berthier, N.E., \*Locantore, A.M., & Novak, M.A. (2009, September). The interaction between hand preference and hand performance: Data from rhesus monkeys and human infants. **Poster** presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, San Diego, California USA. **Proceedings** in *American Journal of Primatology*, 71 (S1), 49.
10. **Nelson, E.L.**, Ruperti, F.S., \*O'Karma, J.M., & Novak, M.A. (2008, August). Head-tilt and unimanual hand use during feeding in *Varecia variegata variegata*. **Poster** presented at the XXII International Primatological Society Congress, Edinburgh, Scotland. **Proceedings** in *Primate Eye*, 96 (Sp CD-ROM iss - IPS 2008), Abstract #571.
9. **Nelson, E.L.**, Konidaris, G.D., & Berthier, N.E. (2008, March). Using real-time motion capture to measure handedness in infants. **Poster** presented at the XVI Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies, Vancouver, Canada.
8. Ruperti, F.S., **Nelson, E.L.**, & Novak, M.A. (2007, September). Bridging science and tourism - A preliminary study of the black and white ruffed lemur at Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary, South Africa. **Talk** presented at the 2nd Congress of the European Federation of Primatology, Prague, Czech Republic. **Proceedings** in *Folia Primatologica*, 79 (5), 378-379.
7. **Nelson, E.L.**, & Novak, M.A. (2007, June). When to use end-state-comfort: The effect of handle orientation on grip selection in rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*). **Talk** presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, Winston-Salem, North Carolina USA. **Proceedings** in *American Journal of Primatology*, 69 (S1), 131.
6. **Nelson, E.L.**, Ruperti, F., & Novak, M.A. (2007, June). Measuring lateral biases during feeding in semifree-ranging black and white ruffed lemurs (*Varecia variegata variegata*). **Poster** presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual

Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, Winston-Salem, North Carolina USA. **Proceedings** in *American Journal of Primatology*, 69 (S1), 66.

5. **Nelson, E.L.**, Ruperti, F., & Novak, M.A. (2007, May). Bridging science and tourism: A preliminary study of the black and white ruffed lemur at Monkeyland. **Talk** presented at the African Association of Zoos and Aquaria (PAAZAB) Annual Meeting, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa. **Proceedings** in 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of PAAZAB (African Association of Zoos & Aquaria), 39-41.

4. **Nelson, E.L.**, & Berthier, N.E. (2007, March). Hand preference and hand performance in 11-month-old infants. **Poster** presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Boston, MA USA.

3. **Nelson, E.L.**, & Novak, M.A (2006, August). Motor planning in rhesus macaques as measured by grip selection. **Talk** presented at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Primatologists, San Antonio, Texas USA. **Proceedings** in *American Journal of Primatology*, 68 (S1), 66.

2. **Nelson, E.L.** (2006, March). Hand preference and performance in 11-month-old human infants. **Talk** presented at the Annual New England Mini-Conference on Infant Studies (NEMCIS), Amherst, Massachusetts, USA.

1. **Nelson, E.L.**, Russell, J.L., & Hopkins, W.D. (2003, August). Gesture latency in chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*): Implications for left hemisphere hand and vocal lateralization. **Poster** presented at the Emory University Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Symposium, Atlanta, GA, USA.

#### **INVITED LECTURES (15)**

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15. **Nelson, E.L.** (2016, October). Scientific writing, abstract submissions, and selecting the appropriate journals. MARC U\*STAR & MBRS RISE Programs Fall Workshop Series. FIU, Miami, FL.

14. **Nelson, E.L.** (2015, September). Scientific writing, abstract submissions, and selecting the appropriate journals. MARC U\*STAR & MBRS RISE Programs Fall Workshop Series. FIU, Miami, FL.

13. **Nelson, E.L.** (2014, September). Science writing: The art of the abstract. MARC U\*STAR & MBRS RISE Programs Fall Workshop Series. FIU, Miami, FL.

12. **Nelson, E.L.** (2013, October). How experience shapes development: Handedness trajectories in primates. Psychology Brownbag Series, FIU, Miami, FL.

11. **Nelson, E.L.** (2012, April). Developmental trajectories for handedness in primates. Featured Psychology Research Day Speaker, Mount Olive College, Mt. Olive, NC.

10. **Nelson, E.L.** (2012, March). Developmental trajectories for handedness in primates. Developmental Psychology Brownbag Series, UNC Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

9. **Nelson, E.L.** (2011, March). Rhesus monkey handedness: Developmental trajectories and implications for problem solving. Comparative Medicine Lecture Series, Wake Forest University Primate Center, Winston-Salem, NC.

8. **Nelson, E.L.** (2010, November). Rhesus monkey handedness: Developmental trajectories and implications for problem solving. Developmental Psychology Brownbag Series, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.

7. **Nelson, E.L.** (2009, November). The development of laterality in infant monkeys. Neuroscience and Behavior Program Proseminar Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA.



6. **Nelson, E.L.** (2009, November). Side-by-side: Laterality in monkey and human infants. Developmental Psychology Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA.
5. **Nelson, E.L.** & Hamel, A.F. (2009, October). Working with monkeys. Psychology Residential Academic Program (RAP) Seminar, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA.
4. **Nelson, E.L.** (2008, November). A comparative approach to laterality: Lemurs, monkeys, and babies. Neuroscience and Behavior Program Proseminar Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA.
3. **Nelson, E.L.** & Hamel, A.F. (2008, October). Working with primates. Psychology Residential Academic Program (RAP) Seminar, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA.
2. **Nelson, E.L.** (2007, November). Lateralized lemurs bridge science and tourism at Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary, South Africa. Neuroscience and Behavior Program Proseminar Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA.
1. **Nelson, E.L.** (2007, February). Motor planning in rhesus macaques: How and why do monkeys differ? Developmental Psychology Lecture Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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Key: \*Student I advised or am advising; #Publication prepared at Florida International University; †Original work conducted and publication prepared at Florida International University.

### **Manuscripts Under Review or In Revision (3)**

3. †\*Gonzalez, S.L., & **Nelson, E.L.** (Submitted). Measuring comprehension in diverse Hispanic infants using the Mexican-Spanish CDI.
2. #**Nelson, E.L.**, \*Gonzalez, S.L., Coxe, S., Campbell, J.M., Marcinowski, E.C., & Michel, G.F. (Submitted). Toddler hand preference trajectories predict 3-year language outcome.
1. #Marcinowski, E.C., **Nelson, E.L.**, Campbell, J.M., & Michel, G.F. (In Revision). The development of object construction from infancy through toddlerhood.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation (2)**

2. †**Nelson, E.L.**, & \*Kendall, G.A. (In Preparation). Goal-directed tail use in Colombian spider monkeys is highly lateralized.
1. †**Nelson, E.L.**, \*Gonzalez, S.L., & \*Betancourt, V. (In Preparation). A meta-analysis of infant hand preferences for reaching.

## **FUNDED RESEARCH**

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2016 – 2017 *The origins of bimanual skill in infants*  
**Nelson, E.L. (PI)**  
 Intramural Award  
 Center for Children and Families, Florida International University  
 Total Award: \$5,000  
 Effort: No salary support

2015 – 2016 *Measuring motor experience in the infant brain*  
**Nelson, E.L. (PI)**  
 Intramural Award  
 Center for Children and Families, Florida International University

Total Award: \$5,000  
Effort: No salary support

2014 – 2017 *Development of MacArthur-Bates forms and norms for children from varied Spanish language communities*

**Nelson, E.L. (PI)**  
San Diego State University Research Foundation Award  
Total Award: \$1,100  
Effort: No salary support

2014 – 2015 *Brain measures for examining lateralization in infants*

**Nelson, E.L. (PI)**  
Intramural Award  
Center for Children and Families, Florida International University  
Total Award: \$4,000  
Effort: No salary support

2010 – 2012 *Human development: Interdisciplinary research training (T32-HD007376)*

Cox, Martha J. (PI)/Hussong, A. (PI), & **Nelson, E.L.** (Mentee)  
Center for Developmental Science Postdoctoral Fellowship  
National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
Total Award: \$78,288  
Effort: 100% calendar year

#### **Mentored Student Grants**

2015 – 2016 *Improving language comprehension measures for diverse Hispanic populations: Adaptation of the Mexican-Spanish Computerized Comprehension Task*

Gonzalez, S.L. (Student PI), & **Nelson, E.L.** (Faculty Mentor)  
Seed Funds Award  
Department of Psychology, Florida International University  
Total Award: \$2,000

#### **Submitted (Pending) Research Support**

2017 – 2020 *Motor-social developmental cascades in infancy (1729632)*

**Nelson, E.L.** (Lead PI), & Reeb-Sutherland, B.C. (Co-PI – FIU)  
Co-Is: Coxe, S. (FIU), & Messinger, D. (University of Miami)  
Developmental Sciences Program  
National Science Foundation  
Requested Funds: \$566,972  
Requested Funds for PIs: \$520,910 (UM Subcontract = \$46,062)  
Effort: 2 summer months

2017 – 2019 *The neuroscience of scaffolded motor experience in infancy (1R21HD094177-01)*

**Nelson, E.L.** (Lead PI), & Reeb-Sutherland, B.C. (Co-PI – FIU)  
Co-I: Coxe, S. (FIU)  
Motor Function, Speech, and Rehabilitation  
National Institutes of Health  
Requested Funds: \$402,875 (all to PIs – no subcontracts)  
Effort Year 1: 1.62 months academic year, 1.5 summer months  
Effort Year 2: 1.62 months academic year, 0.75 summer months

#### **PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BUT NOT FUNDED**

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Key: \* Student I advised or am advising.

- 2017 – 2019 *Project READY: Evaluation of a School Readiness Intervention to Improve Early Learning and Disruptive Behaviors in Young Children At-Risk* (13370)  
 Hart, Katie C. (PI)  
 Co-Is: **Nelson, E.L.** & Villodas, V. (FIU)  
 Early Childhood Community Research Demonstration Project  
 The Children's Trust  
 Requested Funds: \$344,621 (all to PI – no subcontracts)  
 Effort: 0.12 months academic year; 0.33 summer months.  
 Score: 92.6/100 (Interviewed: Not Funded)
- 2017 – 2019 *Trajectories for bimanual manipulation in infants* (1R03HD092683-01)  
**Nelson, E.L.** (PI)  
 Co-I: Coxe, S. (FIU)  
 Child Health and Human Development Health, Behavior, and Context (CCHD M)  
 National Institutes of Health  
 Requested Funds: \$145,000 (all to PI – no subcontracts)  
 Effort: 1.62 months academic year; 0.30 summer months.  
 Impact Score: 52; 47<sup>th</sup> Percentile (Discussed: Not Funded)
- 2016 – 2020 *Motor experience and the social brain in infants* (1628514)  
**Nelson, E.L.** (Lead PI), & Reeb-Sutherland, B.C. (Co-PI – FIU)  
 Co-I: Coxe, S. (FIU)  
 Developmental and Learning Sciences Program  
 National Science Foundation  
 Requested Funds: \$528,861 (all to PIs – no subcontracts)  
 Effort: 1.62 months academic year, 0.36 summer (Year 1); 2 summer months (Years 2-4)  
 Ratings: Excellent (1), Very Good (2), Fair (2) (Discussed: Not-Competitive)
- 2016 – 2018 *Plasticity in neural correlates of motor and social function following early motor experience in 3-month-old infants* (1R03HD086836-01A1)  
**Nelson, E.L.** (Lead PI), & Reeb-Sutherland, B.C. (Co-PI – FIU)  
 Co-I: Coxe, S. (FIU)  
 Child Health and Human Development Biobehavioral and Behavioral Sciences (CHHD H)  
 National Institutes of Health  
 Requested Funds: \$145,000 (all to PIs – no subcontracts)  
 Effort: 0.81 summer months  
 Not Discussed
- 2015 – 2018 *Early language comprehension in Hispanics: Improving current measures*  
 \*Gonzalez, S.L. (Student PI), & **Nelson, E.L.** (Faculty Mentor)  
 Graduate Research Fellowship Program  
 National Science Foundation  
 Requested Funds: \$132,000  
 Declined
- 2015 – 2017 *Plasticity in neural correlates of motor and social function following early motor experience in 3-month-old infants* (1R03HD086836-01)  
**Nelson, E.L.** (Lead PI), & Reeb-Sutherland, B.C. (Co-PI – FIU)  
 Co-I: Coxe, S. (FIU)  
 Child Health and Human Development Biobehavioral and Behavioral Sciences (CHHD H)  
 National Institutes of Health  
 Requested Funds: \$145,000 (all to PIs – no subcontracts)  
 Effort: 0.81 summer months  
 Not Discussed

- 2014 – 2017 *Infant attention to role-differentiated bimanual events*  
 \*Gonzalez, S.L. (Student PI), & **Nelson, E.L.** (Faculty Mentor)  
 Graduate Research Fellowship Program  
 National Science Foundation  
 Requested Funds: \$132,000  
 Declined
- 2014 – 2017 *Motor trajectories for school readiness (1424009)*  
**Nelson, E.L.** (Lead PI), & Michel, G.F. (Co-PI – University of North Carolina at Greensboro)  
 Developmental and Learning Sciences Program  
 National Science Foundation  
 Requested Funds: \$424,677  
 Requested Funds for PI: \$146,508 (UNCG Subcontract = \$278,169)  
 Effort: 1.98 months academic year  
 Ratings: Excellent (1), Good (3), Good/Fair (1) (Discussed: Not-Competitive)
- 2014 – 2017 *Development of lateralization, language, and cognition in preschool children (1348560)*  
 Michel, G.F. (Lead PI), & **Nelson, E.L.** (Co-PI)  
 Developmental and Learning Sciences Program  
 National Science Foundation  
 Requested Funds: \$849,787 (FIU Subcontract: \$82,245)  
 Effort: 1.62 months academic year  
 Withdrawn by Lead PI due to competing proposal reassigned to DLS for the same review cycle
- 2014 – 2017 *Predicting school readiness from infant and toddler lateralization (1R01HD079549-01)*  
 Michel, G.F. (Lead PI), & **Nelson, E.L.** (Co-PI)  
 Motor Function, Speech and Rehabilitation  
 National Institutes of Health  
 Requested Funds: \$1,066,425 (FIU Subcontract: \$93,317.97)  
 Effort: 1.80 months academic year  
 Not discussed
- 2014 – 2015 *Social laterality in captive spider monkeys (*Ateles fusciceps rufiventris*)*  
 \*Boeving, E.R. (Student PI), & **Nelson, E.L.** (Faculty Mentor)  
 General Small Grant  
 American Society of Primatologists  
 Requested Funds: \$1,459  
 Declined

## **PATENT DISCLOSURES, APPLICATIONS, AND AWARDS**

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N/A

## **PROFESSIONAL HONORS, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS**

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FIU College of Arts, Sciences, and Education Faculty Award for Teaching	2016
Hennessy-Smotherman-Wiley Best Student Paper Award Developmental Psychobiology	2011
NIH Travel Award, International Society on Developmental Psychobiology (\$450)	2011
NIH Travel Award, International Society on Developmental Psychobiology (\$300)	2010
NSB Program 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Vincent G. Dethier Award, University of Massachusetts	2010
Graduate School Travel Grant, University of Massachusetts (\$300)	2010
Graduate School Travel Grant, University of Massachusetts (\$400)	2008
Pi Gamma Mu International Social Science Honor Society, Baldwin-Wallace College	2004
Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology, Baldwin-Wallace College	2004

2 <sup>nd</sup> Place SURE Creative Writing Essay Contest, Emory University	2003
Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Fellowship, Emory University	2003
Presidential Scholarship, Baldwin-Wallace College (4 years)	2000

## **OFFICES HELD IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

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N/A

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

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### **Service to Professional Associations and Societies**

#### **Editorial Board Service**

*Frontiers in Psychology* | *Developmental Psychology*, Appointed 2017

#### **Ad-hoc Journal and Book Reviewer**

*American Journal of Primatology*  
*Animal Cognition*  
*Behavioural Brain Research*  
*Behavioural Processes*  
*Cambridge University Press*  
*Child Development*  
*Cognition*  
*Developmental Psychobiology*  
*Developmental Psychology*  
*Experimental Brain Research*  
*Infancy*  
*Journal of Comparative Psychology*  
*Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*  
*Journal of Visualized Experiments*  
*Laterality*  
*Neuropsychologia*  
*Research in Developmental Disabilities*

#### **Ad-hoc Grant Reviewer**

*American Society of Primatologists* Conservation Grants 2007 – 2010

#### **Conference/Symposia Reviewer**

*American Society of Primatologists* 2011  
*International Conference on Infant Studies* 2015  
*International Society for Developmental Psychobiology* 2016

#### **Advisory Panels**

Wiley Science Advisors 2010 – 2016

#### **Professional Affiliations**

*American Society of Primatologists* 2002 –  
*Comparative Cognition Society* 2017 –  
*International Primatological Society* 2002 –  
*International Society for Developmental Psychobiology* 2010 –  
*International Society on Infant Studies* 2010 –  
*Society for Research in Child Development* 2005 –  
*Society for the Study of Human Development* 2013 –

## **Symposium Organizer**

The Development of Handedness: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead. 2014  
*XIX Biennial International Conference on Infant Studies*, Berlin, Germany.

## **Service to Universities and Colleges**

### **Florida International University**

Distinguished Speaker, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in Science Seminar at FIU 2017  
Member, NIGMS RISE Fellowship Graduate Selection Committee 2017  
Member, Psychology Colloquium Committee 2016 –  
Member, CCF Website Committee 2015 –  
Member, Psychology Instructor Search Committee 2015 – 2016  
Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 2013 – 2016  
Member, Cognitive Neuroscience Program Committee 2013 –  
Member, College of Arts & Sciences Mentor Program (Mentor: Phil Stoddard) 2012 –  
Member, Developmental Science Program Committee 2012 –  
Judge, MARC U\*STAR & MBRS RISE Programs Mini-Symposium 2014, 2015  
Member, Psychology Colloquium Committee 2012 – 2013

### **Other Institutions**

Class of 2004 Representative Annual Fund Program, Baldwin Wallace University 2004 –  
Webmaster, UNCG Infant Development Center 2011 – 2012  
Brain Awareness Council, Wake Forest University 2010 – 2011  
Webmaster, UMass Child Study Center 2008 – 2010  
NSB Graduate Program Historian, UMass Amherst 2006 – 2010  
NSB Graduate Program Colloquia Committee, UMass Amherst 2008  
Orientation Committee Incoming Psych Grad Students, UMass Amherst 2007, 2008  
Co-Chair NSB Graduate Program Annual Student Retreat, UMass Amherst 2005

## **Service to Community and Public**

FIU Child Labs Community Outreach Booth, The Children's Trust Family Expo 2013 –  
Invited Primate Lecture, T. Wingate Andrews High School (High Point, NC) 2010

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Key: \* graduate level course. FA = Fall, SP = Spring, SU = Summer. Enrollment in parentheses.

### **Florida International University**

Participant in Spring 2016 Hybrid Teaching Pilot Program  
Participant in Summer 2016 First Time Teaching Online Pilot Program

#### Primary Instructor

**Advanced Experimental Psychology Lab** (EXP4005L) SP 2013 (37); SP 2014 (29)  
**Advanced Experimental Psychology Lecture** (EXP4005) SP 2013 (38); SP 2014 (30)  
**\*Animal Cognition** (CBH5256) FA 2014 (12)  
**Animal Cognition** (PSB4250) FA 2013 (45); SP 2015 (29); SP 2016 (59)  
**Honors Research Project** (PSY4914) FA 2013 (1); FA 2016 (1); SP 2017 (1)  
**Independent Readings** (PSY4900) SP 2016 (1)  
**Independent Research** (PSY4916) SU 2014 (1); SP 2015 (1); SU 2015 (2);  
FA 2015 (2)  
**Introductory Bio-Psychology** (PSB4002) SP 2014 (82); SU 2015 (18); FA 2015 (137)  
**Introductory Bio-Psychology Hybrid** (PSB4002) SP 2016 (49); FA 2016 (75); SP 2017 (49)  
**Introductory Bio-Psychology Online** (PSB4002) SU 2016 (47); SU 2017 (67)  
**Measuring Animal Behavior** (PSY4931) FA 2014 (12); SP 2015 (16); FA 2016 (14)

\***Motor Development** (PSY5939)/(PSY4930)

FA 2015 (8)

\***Directed Individual Study** (PSY5908)

FA 2016 (1); SP 2017 (1)

\***Supervised Research** (PSY5918)

SU 2014 (1); SU 2015 (2), SP 2016 (1);  
SU 2016 (1), FA 2016 (1); SP 2017 (2);  
SU 2017 (2)

### University of Massachusetts Amherst

#### Primary Instructor

Junior Year Writing in Psychology (Topic: **Conservation Psych**) FA 2007 (20)

Junior Year Writing in Psychology (Topic: **Primate Psychology**) SP 2008 (20)

#### Teaching Assistant

##### **Behavioral Neuroscience**

SP 2005; FA 2009

##### **Introduction to Psychology**

FA 2004; FA 2008; SP 2009; SP 2010

### **MENTORING AND ADVISING**

FIU Dissertation Advisor Status

Spring 2015 –

FIU NIGMS RISE Mentor Status

Spring 2014 –

FIU MARC U\*STAR Mentor Status

Spring 2014 –

#### **FIU Ph.D. candidates**

Major

Role

Status

1. **Rosalie Odean**

Developmental Science

Member

Proposed 03/24/2016

“The development of spatial vocabulary”

#### **FIU M.A. candidates**

Major

Role

Status

5. **Michelle Ramos**

Developmental Science

Member

Proposed 06/17/2016

“Error monitoring and attentional control in youth with and without anxiety: an examination of the ERN component”

4. **Sandy Gonzalez**

Developmental Science

Chair

Defended 05/02/2017

“Measuring comprehension in diverse Hispanic infants using the Mexican-Spanish CDI”

3. **Starlie Belnap**

Developmental Science

Member

Defended 12/06/2016

“Coordinated movement is influenced by prenatal light experience in bobwhite quail hatchlings (*Colinus virginianus*)”

2. **Emily Boevig**

Developmental Science

Chair

Defended 06/21/2016

“Hugs are lateralized in spider monkeys”

1. **Rosalie Odean**

Developmental Science

Defended 07/08/2015

“Comprehension and real-time processing of English dimensional adjectives in toddlers”

#### **FIU Undergraduate Honors**

Major

Role

Status

6. **Alyssa Seidler**

Psychology

Chair

Defended 4/26/2017

“Reaching kinematics in infant rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*)”

5. **Melissa Fajardo**

Psychology

Chair

Defended 12/07/2016

“Seven-week summer treatment program improves fine motor skills and school readiness outcomes in disadvantaged prekindergarten children”

4. **Gisela Jorge**

Psychology

Member

Defended 12/07/2016

“Attention filtering and conversational engagement as predictors of language at 18 months”

3. <b>Aysha Suplice</b>	Psychology	Member	Defended 12/07/2016
“Attention filtering and conversational engagement as predictors of language at 18 months”			
2. <b>Alejandra Figueroa</b>	Biology	Member	Defended 04/24/2014
“Sex differences in captive spider monkey social behaviors ( <i>Ateles fusciceps rufiventris</i> )”			
1. <b>Stephanie Albright</b>	Psychology	Chair	Defended 12/06/2013
“What is the function of owl monkey calls?”			

*Undergraduate Thesis Supervision at the University of Massachusetts Amherst*

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4. <b>Michelle Emery</b>	Psychology	Member	Defended December 2009
“Uncovering the development of laterality in infant rhesus monkeys ( <i>Macaca mulatta</i> ) through head orientation and hand preference”			
3. <b>Angela Locantore</b>	Animal Science	Supervisor	Defended May 2009
“Measuring handedness in rhesus monkeys ( <i>Macaca mulatta</i> ): The interaction between hand preference and hand performance”			
2. <b>Yelena Vaydman</b>	Psychology	Member	Defended May 2009
“The effect of cognitive testing on the well-being of rhesus monkeys ( <i>Macaca mulatta</i> )”			
1. <b>Jaime O’Karma</b>	Psychology	Supervisor	Defended May 2008
“Head-tilt and unimanual hand use during feeding in <i>Varecia variegata variegata</i> ”			

**Undergraduate Supervision**      Major(s)      Term(s)

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*Research Assistants in the HANDS Lab at Florida International University*

1. Stephanie Albright	Psychology	Fall 2012 – Fall 2013
2. Yasmin Ali	Biology	Summer 2017 –
3. Veronica Alvarez	Biology	Fall 2016 –
4. Katherine Antillano	Biology	Fall 2015 –
5. Cassandra Arvelo	Psychology/Biology	Summer 2015 – Spring 2016
6. Venus Betancourt	Biology	Fall 2015 –
7. Anais Cabezas	Psychology	Spring 2015 – Fall 2015
8. Gema Carroll-Zuluaga	Psychology/Biology	Spring 2016 –
9. Ansley Castineira	Biology	Spring 2015 – Spring 2017
10. Yoli Davalos	Psychology/Biology	Spring 2017 –
11. Alexandra Derr	Biology	Fall 2013 – Spring 2014
12. Christina Diaz	Psychology	Spring 2013 – Fall 2013
13. Emily Diaz	Biology	Spring 2017 –
14. Michelle Diaz	Psychology/Religion	Spring 2015 – Summer 2015
15. Barbara Dominguez	Psychology/Biology	Fall 2013 – Fall 2015
16. Melissa Fajardo	Psychology	Fall 2013 –
17. Alejandra Figueroa	Biology	Fall 2012 – Summer 2015
18. Alfredo Garcia	Biology	Summer 2015 – Summer 2016
19. Andres Gil	Psychology	Spring 2013 – Summer 2013
20. Maria Gonzalez	Biology	Spring 2013 – Fall 2013
21. Giulianna Kendall	Psychology/Biology	Spring 2015 –
22. Alejandra Lopez	Psychology	Summer 2015 – Fall 2015
23. Violeta Mora Aballe	Biology	Summer 2017 –
24. Lorena Mendez	Psychology	Summer 2017 –
25. Genesis Mendoza	Biology	Fall 2013
26. Angela Montanez	Psychology	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
27. Sara Neuman	Biology	Fall 2013 – Spring 2017



28. Vanessa Padilla	Psychology	Fall 2014 – Summer 2015
29. Narciso Pavon	Psychology	Fall 2016 –
30. Andrea Perez-Villarreal	Psychology	Fall 2014 – Fall 2015
31. Joyce Ruiz	Psychology	Spring 2014
32. Eduardo Saczek	Psychology	Summer 2015 – Spring 2016
33. Alyssa Seidler	Psychology	Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
34. Marisol Soula	Psychology/Biology	Spring 2013 – Fall 2014
35. Joseph Stearns	Psychology	Summer 2014
36. Melisa Stecklen	Psychology	Summer 2016 – Fall 2016
37. Bianca Tercero	Psychology/Biology	Fall 2014 – Summer 2016
38. Elizabeth Torres	Psychology	Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
39. Angela Toscano	Biology	Fall 2014
40. Samantha Verne	Psychology/Biology	Spring 2013 – Fall 2013
41. Sofia Zunjic	Psychology	Fall 2014

Summer Internship Program	Home Institution	Term
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1. <b>Kaitlyn Vogel</b> “Fine motor skills and the implications on future academic achievement”	Illinois State University	Summer 2014
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<b>High School students</b>	School	Term
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*FIU Summer Research Internship Participants*

1. <b>Renzo Caverio</b> “The role of sticky mittens on neural development”	TERRA	Summer 2015
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2. <b>Joeeta Bagchi</b> “Reaching kinematics in an infant spider monkey”	TERRA	Summer 2013
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3. <b>Helen Gall</b> “Hand preference is associated with language ability in toddlers”	MAST @ Homestead	Summer 2013
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**STUDENT AWARDS**

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<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Award</i>
Sandy Gonzalez	2016	International Society for Developmental Psychobiology Travel Award (Total Award = \$550)
Sara Neuman	2016	University of Michigan Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) and Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology (MCDB) Fall Graduate Program Preview Weekend (Travel, Housing, Meals)
Sara Neuman	2016	International Conference on Infant Studies Undergraduate Travel Award (Total Award = \$700)
Marisol Soula	2016	FIU Worlds Ahead Award (Undergraduate Biology)
Sandy Gonzalez	2015	Honorable Mention (Poster Presentation) at FIU MARC U*STAR and MBRS-RISE Mini Symposium
Sandy Gonzalez	2015 –	NIGMS RISE Graduate Fellowship (Total Award = \$25,000 + Tuition and Travel Support annually)
Marisol Soula	Fall 2014	FIU MARC U*STAR Undergraduate Fellowship

**POPULAR PRESS AND MEDIA**

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<b>Preschoolers' cognitive skills may be tied to timing of their motor milestones</b> Commentary in Reuters.com; Foxnews.com	6/2016
<b>Strong partnership between students and mentors sparks cutting-edge research</b> Featured in FIU news	4/2016
<b>Spider monkeys point to a new understanding of hand dominance</b> Featured in FIU News; Phys.org	3/2015
<b>Infants with a clear hand preference show advanced language ability as toddlers</b> Featured in FIU News; MedicalXpress.com	7/2014
<b>Early hand preference tied to language</b> Featured on Wall Street Journal Live Lunch Break program and WSJ.com Life & Culture	4/2014
<b>Professor and students 'monkeying around'</b> Featured in FIU Student Media article	4/2013
<b>Handedness in primatological perspective</b> Featured in Popular Anthropology Online Magazine article	3/2010
<b>50 50 Television Program (South Africa)</b> Featured in segment on research at Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary	7/2007