



Join the Investigative Interviewing Lab

PhD Opportunities with Dr. Nadja Schreiber Compo

Applied Social & Cultural Psychology Doctoral Program · FIU · Miami, FL

ABOUT DR. SCHREIBER COMPO

Nadja Schreiber Compo is a Professor in the Applied Social and Cultural Psychology Doctoral Program and an Affiliated Member of the Legal Psychology Doctoral Program at FIU. Her research examines eyewitness memory, investigative interviewing, and bias in forensic investigations — in direct partnership with law enforcement, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, and forensic examiners.

RESEARCH AREAS

- **Eyewitness Memory**
Factors that affect witness recall; vulnerable witnesses; effects of alcohol intoxication and blackout on witness memory
- **Investigative Interviewing**
Evidence-based interview techniques; rapport-building; blind vs. non-blind interviewing
- **Bias in Investigations**
Understanding human factors in forensic examination
- **Understanding Investigations & Evidence**
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs); community perceptions of police use of force

FUNDING & IMPACT

- National Institute of Justice
- National Science Foundation
- Swedish Research Council
- Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Science

60+

Peer-Reviewed
Publications

150+

Conference
Presentations

THE ASCP DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The PhD in Applied Social & Cultural Psychology at FIU trains scholars to understand human behavior within diverse social and community contexts. The program integrates community-partnered research, public psychology, and translational methods — preparing graduates to apply psychological science to real-world problems.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Full Funding Guaranteed**
12-month assistantship, \$30,000 stipend (2024–25), full tuition waiver, and health insurance — guaranteed 4 years, typically extended to Year 5.
- **GRE Waived**
The GRE requirement has been waived for incoming applicants.
- **Dual Program Access**
Dr. Schreiber Compo holds appointments in both the ASCP and Legal Psychology doctoral programs — giving you access to both research communities.
- **Community-Partnered Research**
Work directly with law enforcement agencies, forensic labs, and healthcare partners on federally funded projects with real policy impact.
- **75-Credit PhD**
Minimum 75 graduate credit hours including a Master's project and original dissertation. Up to 9 transfer credits accepted.
- **Application Deadline**
December 1, 5:00 PM EST (Fall admission). Apply at gradschool.fiu.edu.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Prospective students with a strong interest in applied, multi-disciplinary, research-centered psychology should apply. Prior research experience is highly valued. Applicants should email Dr. Schreiber Compo before applying to discuss fit.

I-LAB AT A GLANCE

The Investigative Interviewing Lab (I-Lab) provides graduate students with hands-on training across the full research lifecycle: experimental design, data collection, transcription, coding, analysis, and publication.

PROGRAM MILESTONES

Year 1

Core coursework; first-year research plan; diversity statement

Year 2

M.S. project with committee; submit to peer-reviewed journal

Year 3

Advanced seminars; candidacy exam preparation

Year 4

Dissertation proposal; advancement to candidacy

Year 5

Dissertation completion and defense

FUNDING PACKAGE

\$30,000 Annual Stipend

Full Tuition Waiver

Incl. Health Insurance

4–5 Yrs Guaranteed Funding

QUICK APPLY FACTS

- GRE: WAIVED
- Min. GPA: 3.0 (last 2 yrs)
- Deadline: December 1
- Start: Fall semester only
- Format: Full-time, in-person

Selected Recent Publications

60+ peer-reviewed articles and chapters; 150+ national and international conference presentations

- 2026** Hagsand et al. Mapping 40 years of research on alcohol-intoxicated witnesses. *Psychology, Public Policy and Law* (accepted).
- 2025** Dawson, Zuniga, Schreiber Compo et al. Sexual Assault Nurse Exams and patients under the influence: A qualitative and quantitative snapshot. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 39(4).
- 2025** Dawson, LaBat, Sparacino, Marciano & Schreiber Compo. DNA analysts' experiences with Human Factors: A quantitative and qualitative snapshot. *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 70(4), 1414–1423.
- 2024** Pena, Stoiloff, Sparacino & Schreiber Compo. The effects of cognitive bias, examiner expertise, and stimulus material on forensic evidence analysis. *Journal of Forensic Sciences*.
- 2024** Hagsand & Schreiber Compo. The Big Five traits Openness and Conscientiousness affect the memory of alcohol-intoxicated eyewitnesses. *Journal of Memory and Language*.
- 2023** LaBat et al. Improving juror assessments of forensic testimony and its effects on decision-making. *Law and Human Behavior*.
- 2022** Mindthoff et al. The detrimental impact of alcohol intoxication on facets of Miranda comprehension. *Law and Human Behavior*, 46(4), 264–276.
- 2019** Dickinson, Schreiber Compo, Carol, McCauley & Schwartz (Eds.). *Evidence-Based Investigative Interviewing*. Routledge, NY.

National & International Invited Talks

- International Association of Forensic Toxicologists
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Major Cities Chiefs of Police Association
- Arizona Forensic Science Academy · International Forensic Research Institute
- Wake Forest Law School Innocence & Justice Clinic
- Research Unit for Criminal, Legal & Investigative Psychology — University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Dade County and Allegheny County Public Defender's Offices · Texas Criminal Defense Attorneys Association

National Science & Policy Service

- Member, Forensic Science Standards Board Human Factors Task Group
- Member, Biology Scientific Area Committee — OSAC for Forensic Science (NIST)
- Co-Editor, *Evidence-Based Investigative Interviewing* (Routledge, 2019)
- Trainer — law enforcement, forensic and legal community