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ADVISING

Need information on department requirements, graduate school, or career counseling?

Our academic advisors are on-hand to meet with you!

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Student Spotlight

Meet **Isai Garcia-Baza**, a junior double-majoring in Psychology and Religious Studies. Isai is currently conducting research with Dr. Beth Kurtz-Costes in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience.

Tell us about your research. I am involved with research regarding stereotypes based on gender and race, specifically perceived ability in core academic classes. I am also involved in research with Hispanic students and the role that family plays in their academic success.

What do you like most about your research? I love that I can delve deeper into the topic of academic motivation through the lens of race and ethnicity. I enjoy seeing these relationships and the real effect on the individual. The goal is to foster academic success—despite negative messages and perceptions.

What encouraged you to get involved in research? During my first semester here, I asked questions about graduate school and research in a class with Dr. Beth Jordan. I already had some research questions in mind, but didn't know there was a lab already working on similar topics. Browsing through [undergraduate research listings online](#), I found Dr. Kurtz-Costes' lab and decided I want to be a part of what they were doing. My decision to seek out research opportunities stemmed from my desire to more fully explore my chosen field. I want to get a firsthand look at the "back stage" of research.





2016 Commencement

Our Departmental Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony will be held **Sunday, May 8, 2016 at 1:00 PM in Carmichael Arena**. Graduates should arrive at 12:30 pm in order to line up for the processional. Formal invitations have already been mailed. If you have not received an invitation, please contact our Department via [email](#) or by phone at (919) 843-5467. Even if you do not receive an invitation, you are welcome to participate.



Guests do not need a ticket and the ceremony is open to the public. The ceremony will last approximately 1.5 hours. Special parking will be available to all guests with disabilities and there will be signs clearly marked around campus. All parking is first-come, first-served. If you plan to attend the main ceremony at 9 am, we recommend that guests walk instead of trying to re-park. The two facilities are within a 5 minute walking distance of each other.

There is ample handicapped/accessible seating in Carmichael Arena, but we strongly recommend that your guests arrive as early as possible.

Our faculty look forward to celebrating your graduation day at UNC Chapel Hill! [Visit our website](#) to learn more about our Departmental Commencement Ceremony, including where to park! For information regarding the main ceremony at Kenan Stadium, visit the [UNC Commencement website](#). Questions regarding the ceremony? [Email us](#) or call (919) 843-5467.

Diversity Enhancement Awards

Nominate someone (or self-nominate yourself!) for a Diversity Enhancement in Psychology Award! Faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduates can make nominations. Two undergraduates will receive awards (and will be recognized at Commencement) in the following categories:

J. Steven Reznick Award for Diversity Enhancement in Psychological Research

The Reznick Award honors students who make a contribution to the advancement of knowledge concerning issues that face diverse populations or that are of concern to diverse populations.

Susan M. McHale Award for Outstanding Psychological Research by a Student Who Enhances Diversity

The McHale Award honors students from underrepresented groups who make a contribution to the advancement of knowledge of psychological science.

Nominate an undergraduate student by April 25, 2016 by [completing this online survey!](#)



Psychology FIRSTS

Psychology FIRSTS, a program in our Department for first-generation college students majoring or minoring in Psychology, is pleased to announce our April speaker, **Donte Bernard, M.A.**, who will present “Thriving in College and Beyond” - which is also the title of his Fall 2016 course, EDUC 231: Thriving in College and Beyond (3 credits).

College is more than a series of classes, it is a complex context for students as you navigate personal and professional growth and development. Donte will share his story, talk about thriving in college from the experience of a first-generation student, and will have time to answer questions as well.

All Psychology FIRSTS workshop presenters were themselves first-generation college students, so attending is a lovely way to learn new things while also connecting with people who share lots of common history and experiences with you.

Please join us Tuesday, April 19 at 2:30 pm in Davie 261. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Dr. Deborah Jones at djjones@email.unc.edu if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

Jobs & Other Opportunities

Looking for a post-baccalaureate position in psychology? Check out an [online database of active positions](#)! You can also subscribe by email to be notified of new postings. This is a great resource for new graduates!



UNC Department of Psychology and Neuroscience is seeking a full-time lab manager to start August 1. Requirements include a BA/BS in Psychology, an interest in cognitive, developmental, and social neuroscience, and the ability to interact with participants from a variety of demographic groups. [Apply online](#) by April 29.



The UC Davis Translational Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Laboratory is seeking applications for a full-time Research Assistant and junior specialist positions. Applicants must apply online: [Clinical Coordinator Position](#) or [Technical Position](#).



A Research Assistant position is available with the Rhode Island Consortium for Autism Research and Treatment. Bachelor's degree and 1-2 years of research experience required. Email [Carrie Best](#) to apply and with questions.

A Research Assistant position is available with Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Bachelor's degree and 12 months of relevant research experience required. Experience administering developmental assessments with children and recruiting research participants is desired. Interested applicants may [apply online](#).



Full-time Research Assistant position is available with Florida State University's Language and Cognitive Development Lab. Essential requirements include an undergraduate degree, strong interest in language development research, and enthusiasm about interacting with families and children in laboratory and community contexts. Applications may be [submitted online](#).



The Auditory Physiology and Psychoacoustics Research Laboratory at Nemours Biomedical Research in Wilmington, Delaware, is seeing a research assistant to work on a grant-funded project for children with auditory processing disorders. This is a one-year collaborative project between Nemours and the University of Delaware. To apply, submit your CV, cover letter, and contact info for two references to [Dr. Nyoko Nagoao](#).





Our Summer Course Offerings

Students attend Summer School at UNC Chapel Hill to meet their academic requirements to graduate on time and to take courses for personal enrichment. Maymester (May 11—May 27) offers diverse courses in a three week format. Our Maymester courses in Psychology and Neuroscience include:

- **PSYC 500 Developmental Psychopathology**
- **PSYC 503 African American Psychology**
- **PSYC 516 Child Maltreatment, Trauma, and Trauma-Focused Treatment**
- **PSYC 566 Attitude Change**

Students can also register for summer courses in Summer Session I (May 11—June 16) or Summer Session II (June 20—July 26). These sessions are 5 weeks long. Students can take summer courses to satisfy General Education criteria, meet requirements for their majors, or take a course that was closed in Fall or Spring. Our Summer Session I and II courses in Psychology and Neuroscience include:

- **PSYC 101 General Psychology**
- **PSYC 210 Statistical Principles of Psychological Research**
- **PSYC 220 Biopsychology** (Session II Only)
- **PSYC 225 Sensation and Perception**
- **PSYC 230 Cognitive Psychology**
- **PSYC 242 Introduction to Clinical Psychology** (Session I Only)
- **PSYC 245 Abnormal Psychology**
- **PSYC 250 Child Development**
- **PSYC 260 Social Psychology**
- **PSYC 270 Laboratory Research in Psychology** (Session II Only)
- **PSYC 463 Development of Social Behavior and Personality** (Session I Only)
- **PSYC 467 Development of Black Children** (Session II Only)
- **PSYC 601 Psychology and Law** (Session II Only)

More information can be found [online](#). Students register for Maymester and Summer courses via [Connect-Carolina](#). Questions regarding our courses? Contact our Student Services Manager, [Christopher Coffey](#).



Having trouble registering for a course?

We have a few tips! Monitor ConnectCarolina frequently during open enrollment. Join the waitlist. Please do not contact instructors to register for the course. Our department's policy states that courses are first-come, first-serve. More information about our courses, registration restriction period, and enrollment policy are [online](#).