

# Daniela Avelar

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## Education

**University of Delaware**, Newark, DE Expected May 2020  
Ph.D. in Education; Specialization Learning Sciences  
Advisor: Roberta Golinkoff

**Franklin & Marshall College**, Lancaster, PA May 2015  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (Major)/Italian (Minor)

Cumulative GPA: 3.93, Psychology Major GPA: 4.00 (Honors List Fall 2011 – Spring 2015)

Honors: Psi Chi Honors Society (Fall 2013-Present), President Fall 2014-Spring 2015), Gamma Kappa Alpha (Spring 2014-Present), Junto Society (Fall 2013-Present); Whitely Prize (awarded to the most excelling Psychology student), Brookshire Award (excelling psychology research), Phi Beta Kappa

Study Abroad: F&M Italian Language Immersion Program, Tuscany, Italy Summer 2013

## Research Experience

**Psychology Department, Franklin & Marshall College** Lancaster, PA  
Independent Research Project advised by Dr. Megan Knowles Fall 2014- Spring 2015

- Investigated the effect of cell phone use in public settings on interpersonal relationships.
- Independently developed methods and created survey for participants.
- Collected and analyzed data.
- Wrote a final paper using proper APA-style
- Defended honor thesis

**Perception and Action Lab, Psychology Department, Franklin & Marshall College** Lancaster, PA  
Research Assistant for Dr. D. Alfred Owens Summer 2014

- Investigated the role of contrast levels on perception of self-motion induced by visual stimuli.
- Assisted in the methodological design of the experiment.
- Recruited participants and collected and analyzed data.
- Presented the project at the 2014 Franklin & Marshall College Autumn Research Fair.

**Psychology Department, Franklin & Marshall College** Lancaster, PA  
Collaborative Research advised by Dr. Krista Casler Spring 2014

- Investigated the role of motivation on cheating behaviors in middle school athletes and the relationship between cheating and sportsmanship.
- Assisted in the methodological design of the experiment: recruited participants and collected and analyzed data.
- Wrote the introduction and results sections of the final paper.
- Completed an oral presentation at the Psychology Department Research Symposium.

**Psychology Department, Franklin & Marshall College** Lancaster, PA  
Collaborative Research advised by Dr. Christina Abbott Fall 2013

- Investigated the impact of the Nickel Mines Shooting on Amish Women's physical and mental health.
- Collaborated on writing a proper APA-style final paper.
- Completed an oral presentation at the Psychology Department Research Symposium.

## Work Experience

**Communication and Language Lab, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** Urbana-Champaign, IL  
Coordinator of Research Programs Summer 2015- Summer 2016

- Assist with all steps of research process including grant and manuscript preparation, design, stimuli preparation, participant recruitment, data collection and analysis
- Purchase and maintain lab equipment

**Fourth Grade Science Class, Wharton Elementary School** Lancaster, PA  
Intern teacher Fall 2014- Spring 2015

- Design and deliver interactive and engaging science lessons in Spanish to fourth grade students.
- Content centered on the scientific method, water, the human body, magnetism and electricity, and rocks and minerals.

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## **Psychology Department, Franklin & Marshall College**

Design and Statistics Lab, Teacher Assistant

Lancaster, PA  
Fall 2013- Spring 2015

- Assisted in setting up labs, explained class material, and answered questions from students.
- Provided feedback on students' research proposals and final papers.
- Tutored students on scientific writing following APA format.

## **Psychology Department, Franklin & Marshall College**

Office Assistant

Lancaster, PA  
Summer 2014- Spring 2015

- Assisted the Department Coordinator with administrative tasks.

## **Psychology Department, Franklin & Marshall College**

Biopsychology Lab, Teacher Assistant

Lancaster, PA  
Fall 2013- Spring 2014

- Assisted in explaining class material and answering questions from undergraduate students.
- Set up lab including animal care, preparing materials, sectioning and mounting brain tissues, and staining and cover slipping for microscopic analysis.

## **Centro de Intervención Temprana (Early Intervention Center)**

Intern

San Salvador, El Salvador  
May 2013

- Worked in the education classroom with children ages 4-14 with mental disabilities including autism, cri-du-chat syndrome, and brain paralysis.
- Assisted in planning, participated in activities, and supervised and cared for the children.

## **Psychology Department, Franklin & Marshall College**

Introduction to Psychology Lab, Teacher Assistant

Lancaster, PA  
Spring 2012- Fall 2013

- Assisted in setting up lab, explaining class material, and answering questions from students.
- Responsible for care and feeding of rats used in lab.

## **Conference Presentations**

Avelar, D. (January, 2016). *Tell me why you're texting!: Effect of cell phone use on interpersonal interactions*. Poster presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. San Diego, California.

Avelar, D., & Owens, D. A. (2014). *Does reduced contrast affect visually-induced perception of self-motion?* Poster presented at the annual Franklin & Marshall College Autumn Research Fair. Lancaster, PA.

## **Activities**

### **Psi Chi (Psychology Honors Society)**

President

Lancaster, PA  
Fall 2013- Spring 2015

- Planned and organized meetings, alumni events, volunteer opportunities, and tutoring sessions.

### **Ciao Bella, Italian Club**

Secretary

Lancaster, PA  
Fall 2013- Spring 2015

- Assisted in the planning and advertising of Italian-themed cultural events.

### **F&M Women's Club Soccer**

Co-founder, Vice-president

Lancaster, PA  
Spring 2014- Spring 2015

- Played a crucial role in the process of establishing the Women's Club Soccer team as an official club sport on campus.
- Collected dues from team members and managed budgets.

### **La Suiza Orphanage Service Trip**

Volunteer and Translator

San Cristobal, Dominican Republic  
Spring 2014

- Tutored children in math and reading; collaborated in the planning of games, skits, and activities.
- Provided translation in meetings for the orphanage owners and trip leaders, and for volunteers and children.

### **F&M SLAM (Sports, Leadership, Academic, Mentoring)**

Volunteer and Mentor

Lancaster, PA  
Fall 2012- Spring 2014

- Tutored and mentored Reynolds Middle School students in an after-school enrichment program.

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## ONE Goal

Volunteer

Cape Town, South Africa  
Summer 2012

- Used soccer as a tool to empower 8-18 year old at-risk students.
- Taught children about goal setting, sex education, drug and alcohol prevention, and healthy living.

## Additional Skills

**Language:** Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), and Italian (Proficient).

**Computing:** Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint with PCs and Macs; Advanced skills in SPSS; Experience with Final Cut Pro and Adobe Photoshop CS5/CS6 Apple Platform.