

# **Adriana R. Uruena-Agnes, Ph.D.**

**Assistant Professor of Instruction**

Coordinator of Undergraduate Affairs

Director of Introductory Psychology

University of South Florida

Department of Psychology

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## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., 2014 – 2010 University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.  
Major: Psychology  
Program Area: Neuroscience  
Area of Expertise: Neuropsychopharmacology  
*Dissertation:* Developing an animal model of polysubstance abuse in adolescence: The role of NMDA receptors in alcohol/cocaine reward.
- M.A., 2006 – 2004 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.  
Major: Neuroscience and Psychological Brain Sciences  
*Thesis:* Electrophysiology of behaving rats reveals differential roles for infralimbic and prelimbic cortex in cocaine sensitization.
- B.A., 2003 – 1999 University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.  
Major: Psychology, Concentration in Biology

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- 2019 – Present Coordinator of Undergraduate Affairs and Director of Introductory to Psychology  
Assistant Professor of Instruction  
Department of Psychology  
University of South Florida Tampa, FL.
- 2015-2019 Assistant Professor  
Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services - Psychology  
St. Petersburg College Downtown and Midtown, St. Petersburg, FL.
- 2015-2019 Adjunct Psychology Instructor  
Department of Psychology  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.  
University of South Florida St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, FL.  
University of South Florida Sarasota Manatee, Sarasota, FL.
- 2015-2016 Appointed Interim Assistant Professor  
Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services - Psychology  
St. Petersburg College Downtown and Midtown, St. Petersburg, FL.
- 2014-2015 Adjunct Psychology Instructor  
Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services - Psychology  
St. Petersburg College Tarpon Campus, Tarpon Springs, FL.  
St. Petersburg College Clearwater Campus, Clearwater, FL.

## APPOINTMENTS (cont.)

2011-2014	Graduate Student Instructor Department of Psychology – Program in Neuroscience University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
Spring 2011	Professional Course Facilitator University of Tampa, Tampa, FL.

## TEACHING

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*(#) denotes number of courses, \* = also delivered online, \*\* = graduate level, ^ teaching assistant.*

Introduction to Psychology (52)*	Drugs and Behavior (28)*	Personality Psychology (2)*
Developmental Psychology (6)	Tests and Measurements (5)*	Research Methods (1)^
Abnormal Psychology (4)	Public Health: Alcohol Awareness (1)	Physiological Psychology (5)*
Social Psychology (6)*	Intro to Psychology Honors (1)	Psychology of Learning (1)*
Behavior Modification (1)	Graduate Instructional Methods (5)**	Addictions (1)**^

### ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*(#) denotes number of lectures, \* = undergraduate honors level, \*\* = graduate level*

Correlations, Linear Regression (1)	Theory and Research: Drug Addiction (1) *	Introduction to Cognitive, Social and Neuroscience (2) **
Anxiolytics (1)	Psychology Honors Seminar (1) *	Research Methods (1)
Adolescence (1)	Discovering Research in Psychology (2) *	
Teaching Slam (1)		

### SUPERVISED GRADUATE TEACHING

*\* denotes graduated*

Laura Bullard, Ph.D.*	Lovia Feliscar, M.A.*	Patrick Logan, M.A.
Heather Crews, M.A.*	Dana Roberts, M.A.*	Jaclyn Dell, M.A.
Julia McDonald, M.A.	Claire Gorey, M.A.	Jared Davis, M.A.
George Rocek, B.A.	Becky Gius, Ph.D.*	Dan Faraci, M.A.
Curtis Puryear, Ph.D.*	Kim Johnson, Ph.D.*	Sophie Yu, Ph.D.*
Jesse DePaolo, Ph.D.*	Sean McKinley, Ph.D.*	Dylan Serpas, M.A.
Mona El-Hout, Ph.D.*	Michelle Kaplan, Ph.D.*	Katrina Conen, M.A.*
Haya Fatimah, M.A.	Ke Tong, Ph.D.*	Sara Milligan, M.A.
Benjamin Marguiles, B.A.*	Tahnin Bluangtook, B.A.*	Jong Lee, M.A.
Roger Young, M.A.	Lendi Joy, M.A.	Joseph Regina, Ph.D.
Justin Han, Ph.D.*	Anthony Misco, M.A.	Roxan(t)QtvuPh.D.

**SUPERVISED GRADUATE TEACHING (cEACU**

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

\* *denotes Chair or Lead*

- Present – 2020      Enhanced General Education Alignment and Annual Recertification  
(Departmental) \*  
*Undergraduate Studies Liaison and Faculty team member*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- Present – 2020      Program Assessment Alignment and Updates (Departmental) \*  
*Office of Decision and Support Liaison*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- Present – 2020      Psychology Academic Integrity Regulation Process (Departmental)\*  
*Alignment Coordinator, Academic Officer, College Liaison*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- Present – 2019      Executive Committee (Departmental)  
*Undergraduate Program representative*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- Present – 2019      Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Combined School & College Committees) \*  
College of Arts and Sciences Standing Committee  
*Department of Psychology Representative*  
*Chair for the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (2019-2022)*  
*Chair for the College of Arts and Sciences (2019-2022)*  
University of South Florida
- Present – 2019      Undergraduate Program Committee (Departmental)\*  
*Chair (2022-present)*  
    Psychology BA expansion intent proposal submitted 2023  
    Psychology BS intent proposal submitted 2023  
    Psychology BA Program Change submitted 2023  
        General, Advanced Research, and Diversity Concentrations  
    Psychology Minor Program Change submitted 2023  
    Brain, Behavior, and Experience (PSB4002) proposal submission coordinator  
    Careers in Psychology (PSY2023) proposal submission coordinator  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- Present – 2019      Enhanced General Education Committee (Departmental)\*  
    Recertification lead for Research Methods approved 2022  
    Recertification lead for Psychology Honors 2nd Semester approved 2023  
    Recertification lead for Proseminar submitted 2023  
    Recertification lead for Community Practicum 2023  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology



## GRADUATE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

*\* denotes Chair or Lead*

Present – 2019      Graduate Student Teaching Mentorship and Supervision (Departmental)  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology

Present –

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2022	Innovation in Online Design and Teaching nominee
2021	Dean's Teaching Excellence Award
2021	Recognition of Service Certificate for ATLE Faculty Liaison Program
2020	Two-time USF Hero Nominee
2020	College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Canvas Contact Team Nominee
2018	Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Services Featured Faculty
2014	Successful completion of doctoral dissertation (without revisions)
2014	Eve Levine Graduate Student Teaching Award
2012	Successful completion of comprehensive exams
2003	Psi Chi Honors
2003	Golden Key Honors
2003 – 2001	Dean's List
2003 – 2001	Provost's Award

## RESEARCH

### FUNDING

2023	Departmental Seed Grant (University of North Texas) Collaborator/Consultant to George E. Farmer, Ph.D.
	Under review Funding \$15,000 (0% share due to consultant role)
2023	Departmental Seed Grant (University of North Texas) Collaborator/Consultant to George E. Farmer, Ph.D.

## FUNDING (cont.)

2018

Social and Behavioral Sciences Departmental Seed Grant

Principle Investigator

*Mapping Neural Activity Associated with Neurodiversity and Student Success Outcomes*

Awarded \$1000

8 January 2018

Purchase supplies to assist with neurophysiological research

2018

Titan Achievement Grant

*Mapping Neural Activity Associated with Neurodiversity and Student Success Outcomes*

Awarded \$3,500

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## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS MANAGED (cont.)

\* *denotes graduated with honors distinction*

Nathan Schwartz	Dylan Smith, A.A.	Mollie Spudie, A.A.
Roseanne Brotherton, A.A	Alex Chellberg, A.A.	Sarah Mari, A.A.
Gledisa Dalipi, A.A.	Benjamin Marguiles, B.A.*	Tahnin Bluangtook, D.O.*
Rachel Gaynor, B.A.	Natalya Thomas, B.S.*	

## PUBLICATIONS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

\* *denotes publication advisor*

1. Bernstein, D. A., Cameron, E. L., Khanna, M. M., McGee, J., Smith, E., Bihun, J. T., McBride, E., **Uruena-Agnes, A. R.**, Stanley, C., and Lamana-Finn, K (2023). Misconceptions about psychology after taking introductory psychology. *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology*.
2. Bernstein, D. A., Cameron, E. L., Khanna, M. M., McGee, J., Smith, E., Bihun, J. T., McBride, E., **Uruena-Agnes, A. R.**, Stanley, C., and Lamana-Finn, K (submitted 2022; rejected). Myths, misconceptions, and Introductory Psychology. *American Psychologist*.
3. **Uruena-Agnes, A. R.**,

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*\*denotes student advisee*

1. **Uruena, A. R.** and Kirstein, C. L. The involvement of NMDA receptors in the consolidation and reconsolidation of cocaine place preferences across development. Poster. Society for Neuroscience 2014, Washington D.C., November 2014.
2. **Uruena, A. R.** and Kirstein, C. L. Ethanol attenuation of cocaine place preference in adult but not adolescent rats: the role of NMDA receptor antagonist MK-801. Poster. 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Society on Alcoholism, Seattle, WA, June 2014.
3. Sandhu, S\*. **Uruena, A. R.** and Kirstein, C. L. The effects of MK-801 on cocaine place preferences in adolescent and adult rats. Poster. Undergraduate Research Symposium, Tampa, FL, April 2014.
4. **Uruena, A. R.** and Kirstein, C. L. Ethanol attenuates cocaine place preferences in adult but not adolescent male rats. Poster. Society for Neuroscience 2013, San Diego, CA, November 2013.
- Uru5. **Uruena, A. R.** and Kirstein, C. L. Ethanol-induced attenuation of cocaine conditioned place preference in adult but not adolescent rats. Poster. Graduate Student Research Symposium, Tampa, FL, March 2013.
6. **Uruena, A. R.** and Kirstein, C. L. The behavioral effects of chronic ethanol exposure in the expression of cocaine conditioned place preference in male and female rats. 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Society on Alcoholism, San Francisco, CA, June 2012.
7. **Uruena, A. R.** and Kirstein, C. L. Preadolescent behavioral responsivity to an acute injection of cocaine. Society for Neuroscience 2012, New Orleans, LA, October 2012.
8. **Uruena, A. R.**, Maldonado-Devincci, A. M., and Kirstein, C. L. Chronic ethanol exposure in adolescence increases voluntary ethanol consumption in adulthood. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Society on Alcoholism, Atlanta, GA, June 2011.
9. **Uruena, A. R.**, Willis, S., Dhaliwal, A., Maldonado-Devincci, A. M., and Kirstein, C. L. MK-801 blunts cocaine conditioned place preference in a sex-dependent manner in adolescent rats. Poster. Society for Neuroscience, Washington, D.C., November 2011.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

*\*denotes active membership*

## **PROFESSIONAL ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS (cont.)**

10. Teaching Slam: Kahoot! Department of Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (2019).
11. Climate, Health, and Wellbeing: Social and Psychological Effects of Extreme Weather. Social and Behavioral Sciences, St. Petersburg College Downtown Midtown, St. Petersburg, FL (2019).
12. Titan Achievement Grant Report: Quantitative Electroencephalography Student Research Experience and Certification Process. Presentation, St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, FL (2019).
13. Titan Achievement Grant Report: Mapping Neural Activity Associated with Neurodiversity and Student Success Outcomes. Presentation, St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, FL (2018).
14. Autism Awareness: World of autism. Social and Behavioral Sciences, St. Petersburg College Downtown Midtown, St. Petersburg, FL (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019).
15. Career and Academic Community Fair: Social and Behavioral Sciences Present the Psychology Club. Social and Behavioral Sciences, St. Petersburg College Downtown Midtown, St. Petersburg, FL (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019).
16. End the Stigma. Social and Behavioral Sciences, St. Petersburg College Downtown Midtown, St. Petersburg, FL (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018).

## PROFESSIONAL ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS (cont.)

25. Age and sex-related differences in the effects of ethanol pretreatment on cocaine conditioned place preference. Graduate Research Symposium, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (2010).

### SERVICE

\* *denotes Chair or Lead*

- Present – 2023      TA Advisory Board (University)  
*Faculty member; Department and College representative; Undergraduate Program Consultant*  
University of South Florida
- Present – 2019      Academic Integrity (Departmental)\*  
*Academic Officer (Point of Contact)*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- Present – 2019      Executive Committee (Departmental)  
*Member; Undergraduate Program Representative*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- Present – 2019      Undergraduate Psychology Program (Departmental)  
*Coordinator of Undergraduate Affairs (Consolidated Department)*  
Departmental point of contact for matters pertaining to but not limited to student complaints, grievances, integrity, curriculum, instruction, Undergraduate scheduling, coordinated efforts in consolidated program operation, instructional training, supervision, and/or mentorship, Canvas technology, CITL, and general point of contact  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- Present – 2019      Undergraduate Program Curriculum Committee (Departmental)\*  
*Chair (2022-2023)*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- Present – 2019      Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (College of Arts and Sciences)\*  
*Chair for the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (2019-2022)*  
*Chair for the College of Arts and Sciences (2019-2022)*  
*Member (2019-present)*  
University of South Florida
- Present – 2019      Consolidation Efforts (Departmental)\*  
*Undergraduate Program Lead*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology

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Present – 2019      Enhanced General Education Committee (Departmental)\*  
*Member*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology

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Present 2018-2020      Undergraduate Program Advising Collaboration (Departmental)\* on acneThin(UC/F2 r nde 1 n37  
*Faculty liaison and departmental contact*

Attend admission events to represent the Psychology major program, serve on advisor search committees, monthly meetings with advisors to provide a comprehensive update on the undergraduate program, point of contact for advising-related matters associated with the program, review syllabi and on Program

## SERVICE (cont.)

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Present – 2019 Kids Pack\* (Student Organization)  
*Faculty Advisor*  
University of South Florida  
Student Organization

Present – 2019 Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL; University)



## SERVICE (cont.)

\* *denotes Chair or Lead*

- 2024 – 2023      Assistant Professor of Instruction Search (Sarasota Manatee; Departmental)  
*Committee Member*  
University of South Florida
- 2023              Advisor 1 Search Committee (Psychology position 1; College of Arts and Sciences)  
*Faculty Committee Member*  
University of South Florida
- 2023 – 2019      Undergraduate Psychology Expo (Departmental and Community Engagement) \*  
*Co-Chair (2022)*  
*Remote Delivery/Information Technology Coordinator (2020-2021)*  
*Poster Session Coordinator (2019)*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- 2023 – 2019      National Institute of Teaching of Psychology (NITOP; Department and  
Professional)\*  
*Conference Co-Sponsor, Volunteer Coordinator, Member*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- 2022 – 2020      Online Instruction Departmental Support (COVID-19 Effort; Departmental) \*  
*Faculty consultant*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- 2022              Underrepresented Student Engagement Campaign (Admissions Effort; University)  
*Psychology Faculty representative*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- 2022              Advisor 1 Search Committee (Psychology position 1; College of Arts and Sciences)  
*Faculty Committee Member*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- 2022              Advisor 1 Search Committee (Psychology position 2; College of Arts and Sciences)  
*Faculty Committee Member*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology
- 2022              Assistant Professor of Instruction Search Committee (Tampa; Departmental)\*  
*Committee Chair*  
University of South Florida  
Department of Psychology

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- 2020 Content Quality Reviewer (Professional)  
Maisto, S. A., Galizio, M., and Connors, G. J. (2021). Drug Use and Misuse. Cengage.
- 2020 Content Quality Reviewer (Professional)  
Schacter, D. L., Gilbert, D., Nock, M., and Wegner, D. (2021). Introducing Psychology. MacMillan.
- 2020 Content Quality Reviewer (Professional)  
Gross, J. J., Schmader, T., and Hard, B. M. Adam K. Anderson (2020). Interactive Psychology: People in Perspective. W.W. Norton.
- 2020 Content Quality Reviewer (Professional)  
Gaskin, S. (2020). Behavioral Neuroscience: Essentials and Beyond. Sage.
- 2019 Content Quality Reviewer (Professional)  
Interactive Psychology: people in perspective enhanced ebook +



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- 2019                      **Content Quality Reviewer (Professional)**  
Breedlove, S. M., & Watson, N. V. (2016). Behavioral neuroscience:  
Functional neuroanatomy (8th ed.). Oxford University Press.
- 2016 – 2015              **Psychology Standard Online Course D**

**SERVICE (cont.)**

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2013 – 2011      Introduction to Cognitive, Social and Neuroscience Seminar (Departmental)  
*Guest Speaker*