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Educational History

Ph.D. Human Development
University of California, Davis

June 2031 (Expected)
Davis, California

B.A., *high honors* Psychology & Chicana/o Studies
University of California, Davis

June 2026
Davis, California

Honors and Awards

2023 - 2026 **Dean's Honors List**, University of California, Davis

2026 **Volunteer of the Year**, Sorority and Fraternity Life, University of California, Davis

2025 **Lawrence J. Andrews Award** (most outstanding junior), College of Letters and Science,
UC Davis. \$2,500

2022 **Teens That Care Valley State Prison Scholarship**, California Department of Corrections
& Rehabilitation, \$500

Grants

McNair Scholars Summer Research Grant — *UC Davis McNair Scholars Program*
Recipient, \$3,000 | Summer 2025

*Independent project examining racial/ethnic challenge narratives and its relationship with
racial/ethnic identity among diverse college students.*

Student Recruitment and Retention Center Grant — *UC Davis Student Recruitment and
Retention Center (SRRC)*

Lead Organizer, \$11,304.95 | 2025

*Funding awarded to coordinate and host the Caribbean, Latine, and Chicanx Youth
Empowerment Conference (CLCYEC), an event promoting higher education access for
underrepresented high school students in Northern California.*

Student Recruitment and Retention Center Mini-Grant — *UC Davis Student Recruitment
and Retention Center (SRRC)*

Organizer, \$206.50 | 2023

*Supported the creation of "Señorx Talk," a mental health plática centering wellness in the Latine
community.*

Scholarship

Manuscript in Review

Navarro Macias, A. N & Westberg, D. W. (submitted for review). Examining how racial/ethnic challenges are narrated in relation to racial/ethnic identity. *McNair Scholars Journal*.

Conference Presentations

Navarro Macias, A. (2025). *Examining Racial/Ethnic Challenge Narratives in Relation to Racial/Ethnic Identity Among Emerging Adults*. Talk presented during the 2025 National McNair Research Conference at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Navarro Macias, A. (2025). *Examining How Racial/Ethnic Challenges are Narrated in Relation to Racial/Ethnic Identity*. Poster presented during the 2025 Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of California, Davis.

Invited Presentations

Navarro Macias, A. (2023). PSC 1Y Exam 3 Review

Navarro Macias, A. (2023). PSC 1Y Exam 2 Review

Research Experience

Research Assistant - Personality, Identity, and Narratives in Society Lab 2024 - 2026

- Identified emerging directions in narrative identity and racial/ethnic identity development through lab discussion with Dr. Westberg and research assistants.
- Conducted in-depth interpretation of narrative data, identifying thematic patterns and recommending further content analysis to enhance the study's rigor and theoretical grounding.
- Collected, organized, and synthesized data biweekly from diverse academic sources including peer-reviewed journals, digital databases, and institutional libraries to inform coding frameworks and contextual analysis.

McNair Scholar - Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program 2024 - 2025

- Designed and conducted an independent psychology research project, creating methodology, collecting and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data, and presenting findings at conferences.
- Completed a competitive summer psychology research internship emphasizing graduate school preparation, ethical research practices, and advanced academic writing relevant to developmental psychology.
- Produced scholarly materials including abstracts, annotated bibliographies, and literature reviews aligned with psychological research standards.
- Delivered oral and poster findings of theoretical implications at professional research conferences, including presentations hosted at R1 institutions, demonstrating effective dissemination of complex psychological concepts to academic and public audiences.

Research Assistant - Cognition in Context Lab

2024 (April-December)

- Collected, labeled, and managed research data in alignment with CiC Lab documentation and quality control standards, ensuring accuracy and reproducibility.
- Compiled and organized detailed field and participant observations to inform experimental design, testing procedures, and data analysis frameworks.
- Recruited and coordinated research participants through targeted outreach initiatives, supporting data collection and participant diversity goals.
- Maintained laboratory equipment and ensured full compliance with safety regulations and standard operating procedures to uphold research integrity.

Teaching Experience

University of California, Davis

Learning Assistant - Department of Psychology

September 2023 -December 2023

Course Assisted: Undergraduate Lower-division - **General Psychology**

Service and Committees

University of California, Davis

2025-2026 **Retention Coordinator.** Students Obtaining Leadership y Latinx United in Navigating Academia (S.O.L.Y. L.U.N.A)

- Help sustain, maintain, and log satellite pantry programs and usage in the Student Recruitment and Retention Center.
- Lead peer support programming, mentorship outreach, and data-informed workshops centered on community well-being and success.

2025-2026 **Financial Chair.** Calpulli Huitzilin

- Manage budgeting, dues collection, grant application, and expense tracking for a culturally grounded student organization rooted in Indigenous and Mexica traditions.
- Support community programming and cultural dance events promoting ancestral knowledge and identity.

2025 **Committee Member.** Latine Heritage Month Planning Committee

- Authored the official opening statement and website message for UC Davis' Latine Heritage Month, highlighting themes of cultural pride, academic excellence, and collective empowerment.
- Collaborated with campus partners to design programming celebrating Latine identity, history, and community leadership.

2024-2025 **Recruitment Coordinator.** Students Obtaining Leadership y Latinx United in Navigating Academia (S.O.L.Y. L.U.N.A)

- Organized outreach initiatives to recruit incoming and first-year Latine students through campus partnerships and social media campaigns.
- Hosted “*Con el corazón en las manos y las manos en la tierra: Cultivating Liberation in Resiliencia*”, an annual Caribbean, Latine, and Chicanx Youth Empowerment Conference for high school students in northern California centered on cultural identity, community resilience, and educational equity.

2024 **Event Coordinator & Communications Chair.** Latine Heritage Month Planning Committee.

- Oversaw event logistics and promotional planning for university-wide Latine Heritage Month programming.
- Served as the primary external communications liaison, coordinating with campus departments and community organizations to promote events and collaborative initiatives.

2024 **Health and Wellness Mentor.** Redwood SEED Scholars Program, UC Davis Supported Education to Elevate Diversity

- Provided individualized mentorship to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, promoting holistic wellness and self-advocacy.

Training and Professional Development

2025 FERPA: Student Privacy, Confidentiality and Data Security

2025 CANRA Training for Mandated Reporters

2024 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Social and Behavioral Researchers IRB Member (SBR IRB).