

## **Nikola N. Lucas (Saunders)**

### **Curriculum Vitae**

#### **Contact Information**

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#### **Education**

- Ph.D. Experimental Psychology/ Behavioral Neuroscience December 2013  
Florida Atlantic University  
Adviser: Nancy Aaron Jones, Ph.D.
- M.A. Psychology Research, California State University, Long Beach August 2004  
Sub-specialization: Neuroscience and Physiology  
Adviser: Diane W. Lee, Ph.D.
- B.A. Psychology, California State University, Long Beach May 2000  
Minor: Comparative Literature

#### **Educational Honors and Awards**

- Dissertation Year Award (Grant) 2011 – 2012  
Florida Atlantic University
- Outstanding Student Award for College of Science 2011 – 2012  
Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter
- Nominated for Best Thesis Award 2004
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Spring 2003
- J. Robert Newman Scholar Award Fall 2001  
California State University, Long Beach
- Outstanding Scholar in Psychology Spring 2000  
California State University, Long Beach
- Graduated Cum Laude Spring 2000  
California State University, Long Beach

#### **Academic Employment**

- Adjunct Professor, Seattle University, Psychology Jan 2022 to present
- Adjunct Professor, Indiana University East, Psychology Jan 2021 to present
- Adjunct Faculty, Southern New Hampshire University, Psychology Sept. 2020 to present
- Adjunct Faculty, University of Arizona Global, Psychology Dec. 2020 to present
- Online Associate Faculty, Ashford University, Psychology Jan. 2015 to Dec. 2020
- Adjunct Professor, Florida Atlantic University, Psychology Jan. 2014 to Aug. 2018
- Adjunct Professor, Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Aug. 2008 to Aug. 2015
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Florida Atlantic University Aug 2010 to Dec. 2013
- Lecturer, California State University, Long Beach, Psychology Jan. 2006 to June 2008

Lecturer, California State University





COHHSS: Developing Instructor Presence In the Online Classroom (Modules 1-7)	2017& 2018
Canvas Instructor Training 14 Modules	April 2017
I-Clicker Instructor Training	February 2017
Instructor Training for LockDown Browser and Respondus Monitor	May 2014
Soft Chalk Create – Short Course	April 2014
Soft Chalk Cloud Webinar	January 2014
Blackboard Learn Workshop	April 2012
Faculty & Instructor Development Course (FAC 005)	Summer 2011
Blackboard Levels 1 – 3 Training/ Certification	October 2008

**Publications**

Shanok, N. S., Jones, N. A., & **Lucas, N. N.** (2019). The nature of facial emotion recognition impairments in children on the autism spectrum. *Child Psychiatry and Human Development*, 50(4), 661– 667.

**Lucas, N. N.** & Lee, D. W. (2009). BDNF increases BrdU-IR cells in the injured adult zebra finch hippocampus. *NeuroReport*, 20(12), 1066-1070.

McGinnis, D., **Saunders, N. N.**, & Burns, R. J. (2007). Metacomprehension during rare word comprehension. *Reading Psychology*, 28(3), 221-240.

**Professional Conference Presentations**

Shanok, N. S., Jones, N. A., & **Lucas, N. N.** (2019). The nature of facial emotion recognition impairments in children on the autism spectrum. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Baltimore, MD, March, 2019.

**Lucas, N.N.**, Pineda, M. & Jones, N. A. (2013). Atypical patterns of EEG activity and functional connectivity in children with autism. Poster presented at the Society for Neuroscience Conference, San Diego, CA November 2013.

**Lucas, N. N.**, Pineda, M., Marsh, K. L., & Jones, N. A. (2013). Processing of emotional expressions and neural activity in preschool-age children. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Seattle, WA, April 2013.

**Saunders, N. N.** & Lee, D. W. (2004). BDNF increases cell proliferation in the injured adult zebra finch hippocampus. Poster presented at that th

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## **Laboratory Experience**

- Research Assistant, Developmental Psychophysiology Laboratory, Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter Campus  
Examined functional brain connectivity and activity in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) using electroencephalogram (EEG). Resulted in doctoral dissertation and Shanok, Jones, & Lucas, 2019. Feb. 2010 to Dec. 2013 & Jan. 2019 to present
- Research Assistant, Behavioral Neuroscience Laboratory, California State University, Long Beach  
Examined cytotogenesis in response to injury in adult Zebra Finches. Performed brain surgeries and perfusions, obtained blood samples, carried out histological procedures and immunocytochemistry, and performed cell counts using Stereoinvestigator. Resulted in master's thesis and Lucas & Lee, 2009. Oct. 2001 to Oct. 2004 & Summer 2006
- Research Assistant, Cognitive Aging Laboratory, California State University, Long Beach  
Examined language comprehension and pre-clinical Alzheimer Sept. 2000 to May 2002

**Committees**

Advisory Committee 2007 – 2008  
Psychology Department, California State University, Long Beach

**Professional Affiliations**

Society for Neuroscience 2004 - present  
Western Psychological Association 1999 to 2001

**Applied Work Experience**

## **References**

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