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RESEARCH AREAS

Autobiographical memory, Forgiveness, Emotions, Cognitive Neuroscience, Moral psychology

EDUCATION

- Ph.D candidate in Cognitive Neuroscience** 2021-
Duke University, Durham, NC, United States Present
[Imagination and Modal Cognition Laboratory](#)
Advisor: Felipe de Brigard
- M.A. in Psychology, High Honors** 2020
Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
Dissertation: “Searching and not finding. Frustration in forensic anthropologists who search for the remains of victims of forced disappearance in Colombia.” (funded by the ICRC)
- B.A. in Psychology, High Honors** 2017
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia
Dissertation: “Children’s conceptualizations of forgiveness, reconciliation and armed conflict in privileged and underprivileged contexts.”

PUBLICATIONS

Fernández-Miranda, G., Faul, L., Murray, S., Amaya, S., & De Brigard, F. (2026). Remembering forgiven wrongs: the role of interpersonal closeness and severity on autobiographical memories of past wrongdoings. *Memory*.

De Brigard, F. & **Fernández-Miranda, G.** (In press). Memory and Forgiveness. *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Memory*, edited by Carl Craver and André Sant'Anna.

Fernández-Miranda, G., Stanley, M., Faul, L., Murray, S., & De Brigard, F. (2025). The emotional impact of forgiveness on autobiographical memories of past wrongdoings. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 154(8), 2179–2200. <https://doi.org/10.1037/xge0001787>

Bermúdez, J.P., Berthelette, S., Anaya, A., **Fernández-Miranda, G.**, & Rodríguez, D. (2024). Positive and Negative Self-Control. *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility* 8, edited by Santiago Amaya, David Shoemaker, and Manuel Vargas. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Fernández-Miranda, G., Urriago-Rayo, J.S., Akle, V., Noguera, E., Mejía, N. & Amaya, S., & Jiménez-Leal, W. (2023). Compassion and decision fatigue among healthcare workers during COVID-19 pandemic in a Colombian sample. *PLoS ONE*. 18(3): e0282949. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0282949>

Fernández-Miranda, G., & Aranguren-Romero, J. P. (2023). La gestión emocional de la frustración en antropólogas (os) forenses que trabajan en la búsqueda de víctimas de desaparición forzada en Colombia. *Antípoda. Revista de Antropología y Arqueología*, (50), 93-115. <https://doi.org/10.7440/antipoda50.2023.05>

Aranguren-Romero, J.P., & **Fernández-Miranda, G.** (2021). Gestionar la frustración: experiencias relacionales de antropólogas forenses en el contexto del conflicto armado colombiano. *Nuevo mundo, mundos nuevos*. <https://doi.org/10.4000/nuevomundo.83956>

López-López, W., Correa-Chica, A., Sierra-Puentes, M., Castañeda, J., **Fernández, G.**, Durán, M., & Castro, P. (2020). Children's Conceptualizations of Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Peacebuilding in the Context of Armed Conflict. En: Balvin, N., & Christie, D. (eds) *Children and Peace. Peace Psychology Book Series*. Springer, Cham.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW / IN PREPARATION

Pan, S., **Fernández-Miranda, G.**, Arciniegas, M., Garnier, L., Hu, J., Mangano, A., Tejada, D., & Salvador, C. (Under review). Can we all just get along? Cultural variation in predictors of conflict resolution in the workplace. *Journal of Applied Psychology*.

Fernández-Miranda, G., Faul, L., & De Brigard, F. (In preparation). How Forgiveness and Event Severity Impact the Centrality of a Wrongdoing to One's Identity.

Fernandez-Miranda, G., Abitbol, P., Amaya, S., & De Brigard, F (In preparation). Cognitive Neuroscience in the Field: Challenges in Understanding the Cognitive Mechanisms Behind Forgiveness Among Victims of the Armed Conflict in Colombia.

Fernández-Miranda, G., & Aronowitz, S. The Dynamics of Collective Memory Reappraisals (In preparation).

Pan, S., **Fernández-Miranda, G.**, & Salvador, C. (In preparation). Emotional Responses to Conflicts Across Cultures: A Comparison of Latin Americans, Chinese, and European Americans.

De Brigard, F. & **Fernández-Miranda, G.**, (In preparation). Group forgiveness and transactive memory.

ESSAYS FOR POPULAR AUDIENCES / NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

De Brigard, F., & **Fernández-Miranda, G.** (2024). What we remember and what we forget when we forgive. *The Memory Palace*. September 10th, 2024. [Link](#)

TALKS

Fernández-Miranda, G., Faul, L., Abitbol, P., Amaya, S., & De Brigard, F. Una exploración neurocientífica a la memoria reconstructiva en víctimas del conflicto armado en Montes de María. *NeuroPaç IV, Bogotá, Colombia*. November 21st, 2025.

Fernández-Miranda, G., Abitbol, P., Amaya, S., & De Brigard, F. Mental health challenges in conducting cognitive neuroscience research with victims of the armed conflict in Colombia. *Duke Global Mental Health Center, Durham, NC*. October 7th, 2025.

Fernández-Miranda, G., Abitbol, P., Amaya, S., & De Brigard, F. Cognitive Neuroscience in the Field: Challenges in Understanding the Cognitive Mechanisms Behind Forgiveness Among Victims of the Armed Conflict in Colombia. *Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Kildare, Ireland*. June 11-14, 2025.

Fernández-Miranda, G. Identificación de emociones a partir de marcadores fisiológicos: una aproximación a la memoria reconstructiva. *Invited talk for Semillero de Memoria Histórica, Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar, Cartagena, Colombia*. October, 21st, 2024.

Fernández-Miranda, G., Faul, L., Murray, S., Amaya, S., & De Brigard, F. Remembering forgiven wrongs: the role of interpersonal closeness and severity. *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Grenoble, France*. July 2-5, 2024.

De Brigard, F., & **Fernández-Miranda, G.** An interdisciplinary exploration of the connections between memory, emotion, and forgiveness. *Memory, Forgiveness, and Emotion Workshop. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. May 5-4, 2024.*

De Brigard, F., & **Fernández-Miranda, G.** Memory and Forgiveness. *Moral Psychology Research Group. Duke University, Durham, NC. April 5-6, 2024.*

Fernández-Miranda, G. Understanding memory and forgiveness in the context of Transitional Justice in Montes de María, Colombia: a cognitive neuroscience approach. *Violence and Peace focused on Colombia conference, Leipzig, Germany. December 14-15, 2023.*

Fernández-Miranda, G. Cómo crear mi historia: soñar en grande e imaginar los detalles. *Invited talk for Semillero de Memoria Histórica, Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar, Cartagena, Colombia. August, 24th, 2023.*

Fernández-Miranda, G., & Aronowitz, S. Collective Memory and Reappraisals. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Invited Joint Session on Collective Memory, Louisville, KY. March 9-11, 2023; International Memory Reading Group WiP (online). June 12th, 2023.*

Fernández-Miranda, G., Stanley, M., Faul, L., Murray, S., & De Brigard, F. Forgetting and forgiving: How forgiveness impacts autobiographical memories of past wrongdoings. *3rd Joint meeting Society for Philosophy and Psychology - European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Milan, Italy. July 19-22, 2022; Invited talk for the Memory and Imagination Lab, The University of British Columbia (online). December 1st, 2022.*

Bermúdez, J.P., Berthelette, S., Anaya, A., **Fernández-Miranda, G.,** & Rodríguez, D. Positive and Negative Self-Control. *3rd Joint meeting Society for Philosophy and Psychology – European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Milan, Italy. July 19-22, 2022.*

Fernández-Miranda, G., Urriago-Rayo, J.S., Akle, V., Noguera, E., Mejía, N. & Amaya, S., & Jiménez-Leal, W. Grit and Fatigue in Health Workers during COVID-19 pandemic. *II Symposium of Neurosciences, Universidad de los Andes (online). November 6th, 2020.*

Fernández-Miranda, G., & Aranguren-Romero, J.P. Searching and not finding. Frustration in forensic anthropologists. *XV Congress of the Latin-American Association of Forensic Anthropology, Puno, Perú. October 21-25, 2019; Colombian Congress of Psychology, Barranquilla, Colombia. September 13-16, 2019.*

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Fernández-Miranda, G., Faul, L., Abitbol, P., Amaya, S., LaBar, K., & De Brigard, F. Phenomenological and physiological differences between forgiven and not forgiven remembered wrongdoings in samples from Colombia and the United States. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Vancouver, BC, Canada. March 7-10, 2026.*

Fernández-Miranda, G., Faul, L., & De Brigard, F. How Forgiveness and Event Severity Impact the Centrality of a Wrongdoing to One's Identity. *Preconference on Justice and Morality, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Chicago, IL. Feb 26-28, 2026.*

Fernández-Miranda, G., Faul, L., Howard, C., Socia, A., Miceli, K., LaBar, K & De Brigard., F. Phenomenological and biophysiological differences between forgiven and not forgiven remembered wrongdoings. *Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Boston, MA. March 29 - April 1, 2025.*

Pan, X., **Fernández-Miranda, G.,** Arciniegas, M., Garnier, L., Hu, J. Y., Ma, J., Magnano, L., Tejada, D., Salvador, C. Understanding Conflict Resolution Strategies across Three Cultures: A Comparison between Latin Americans, Chinese and European Americans. *Association for Psychological Science, Washington, D.C. May 22-25, 2025.*

Fernández-Miranda, G., Faul, L., Murray, S., Amaya, S., & De Brigard, F. Remembering forgiven wrongs: the role of interpersonal closeness and severity. *Society for Philosophy and Psychology, West Lafayette, IN. June 19-22, 2024; Duke Global Mental Health Center, Durham, NC. October 8th, 2024.*

Fernández-Miranda, G., O'Neill, K., Kushnir, T., & De Brigard, F. The influence of perceived control on forgiveness. *Preconference on Justice and Morality, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA. Feb 22-25, 2023.*

MEDIA COVERAGE

Newman, K. M., Suttie, J., Reynolds Lewis, K., Hopper, E., Simon-Thomas, E. R., & Smith, J. A. (2025, December 17). *The top 10 insights from the “Science of a meaningful life” in 2025.* Greater Good Magazine. [Link](#)

Barksdale, N. (2025, October 14). *Does forgiveness lead to forgetting?* John Templeton Foundation. [Link](#)

Psychology Today. (2025, August 27). *The emotional benefits of forgiveness.* [Link](#)

Psicología al día. (2025, August 28). *Los beneficios emocionales del perdón.* [Link](#)

PsyPost. (2025, July 30). *Scientists shed light on how forgiveness does — and doesn’t — reshape memories.* [Link](#)

Cooper, D. (Host). (2025, July 2). *What’s In Your Bedside Drawer?* [Audio podcast episode]. In *The Last Show With David Cooper.* NPR. *Featured guest: Gabriela Fernández-Miranda*

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

December 2025	Graduate Grant Award sponsored by the Charles Lafitte Foundation Program. “Reframing harms: evaluating the effect of reappraising autobiographical memories of wrongdoings on forgiveness”. <i>Duke University.</i> (\$5.000)
December 2025	SARMAC Collaborative Grant 2025 (\$2000). <i>Society for Applied Research in Memory And Cognition.</i>
December 2025	Charles Lafitte Foundation Travel Graduate Award (\$1.500). <i>Duke University.</i>
April 2025	Summer Research Fellowship for Ph.D. Students in Third Year and Beyond (\$14.850). <i>Graduate School, Duke University.</i>
	Charles Lafitte Foundation Travel Graduate Award (\$1.600). <i>Duke University.</i>
June 2024	Charles Lafitte Foundation Travel Graduate Award (\$1.500). <i>Duke University.</i>
December 2023	Violence and Peace focused on Colombia workshop. <i>Leipzig University.</i>
Summer 2023	Self-control in context Fellowship (\$1.500). <i>Universidad Externado de Colombia. (funded by JTF)</i>
Sep 2022 – Dec 2022	Moral Narratives Workshop Fellowship (\$500). <i>Princeton University (funded by JTF)</i>
Aug 2022 – July 2023	Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellowship (\$3.000). <i>Duke University, Kenan Institute for Ethics</i>
Summer 2022	Summer Research Fellowship (\$12.600). <i>Graduate School, Duke University.</i>
December 2022	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Microaward. <i>Duke University, Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG).</i> (\$1.000)
December 2021	Graduate Grant Award sponsored by the Charles Lafitte Foundation Program. “Memory and Future thinking: Imagining as a strategy to change emotions associated to memories of negative events”. <i>Duke University.</i> (\$5.000)
December 2019	Thesis with distinction. “Searching and not finding. Frustration in forensic anthropologists who search for the remains of victims of forced disappearance in Colombia”. <i>Universidad de los Andes</i>
June 2019	ICRC Grant for Forensic Studies (\$250). <i>International Committee of the Red Cross</i>

Jan 2019 – Dec 2019	Writing Center Fellowship. <i>Universidad de los Andes, Writing Center</i>
Jan 2018 – Dec 2018	Academic Excellence Scholarship. <i>Universidad de los Andes, Faculty of Social Sciences</i>
March 2017	“Orden al Mérito Académico Javeriano” recognition (High honors). <i>Pontificia Universidad Javeriana</i>
November 2015	“Mejor Saber Pro*” recognition (best standardized undergraduate test). <i>Colombian Ministry of Education</i>

TRAINING

January 2025	Medical Neuroscience. <i>Duke University School of Medicine. Duke University</i>
August 2022	Graduate TA Training. <i>Psychology and Neuroscience department. Duke University</i>
May 2022	Science and Research Communication. <i>Duke Graduate Academy. Duke University</i>
March 2022	Entering Mentoring workshop. <i>Center of Cognitive Neuroscience. Duke University</i>
Jan 2019 – Dec 2019	Writing Center Teaching Training. <i>Writing Center. Universidad de los Andes</i>

MENTORSHIP

2025 - present	Anjou Sharma , Duke University <i>Forgiveness and psychophysiology of emotions</i>
2025 - present	Gabriella Rivadeneira , Duke University <i>Forgiveness and psychophysiology of emotions</i>
2025 - present	Daniel Robelo , Duke University <i>Forgiveness and psychophysiology of emotions</i>
2024	Annika Socia , Duke University <i>Forgiveness and psychophysiology of emotions</i>
2023	Srinjoyi Lahiri , Duke University <i>Natural language and text analysis</i>
2022 – present	Shelsey Álvarez , Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar <i>Forgiveness, autobiographical memory, and psychophysiology of emotions</i>
2022 – 2025	Ángela Villadiego , Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar <i>Forgiveness, autobiographical memory, and psychophysiology of emotions</i>
2022 – 2025	Daniela Valdelamar , Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar <i>Forgiveness, autobiographical memory, and psychophysiology of emotions</i>
2022— 2025	Alejandra Peñaata , Universidad de los Andes <i>Forgiveness and autobiographical memory</i>
2022 – 2023	Kaylee Miceli , Duke University <i>Forgiveness, autobiographical memory, and psychophysiology of emotions</i>
2021 – present	María José Martínez , Universidad de los Andes <i>Forgiveness and autobiographical memory</i>
2021 – present	Juan Diego Rodríguez , Pontificia Universidad Javeriana <i>Social Neuroscience and Forgiveness</i>
2021-2022	Mario Fernández , Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz <i>Forgiveness and Transitional Justice</i>

RESEARCH/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2026	Teaching Assistant. <i>Decision Science</i> . Dr. Nitisha Desai, <i>Duke</i>
Spring 2023	Teaching Assistant. <i>Social Psychology</i> . Dr. Sarah Gaither, <i>Duke</i>
Fall 2022	Teaching Assistant. <i>Psychology of Imagination</i> . Dr. Tamar Kushnir, <i>Duke</i>
Feb 2020 – Aug 2021	Lab Manager. <i>Moral Judgments and Emotions Lab</i> , <i>Universidad de los Andes</i> Project coordinator. <i>LATAM Free Will, Agency, and Responsibility project</i> , <i>Universidad de los Andes</i>
Jan 2019 – Dec 2019	Teaching Assistant. <i>Writing Center</i> , <i>Universidad de los Andes</i>
Nov 2014 – Dec 2018	Teamwork facilitator. <i>Kadoma – Catalyst Global</i>
Feb 2015 – Nov 2016	Clinical and Social Psychology intern. <i>Pontificia Universidad Javeriana</i>
Jan 2013 – June 2015	Academic Monitor. <i>Pontificia Universidad Javeriana</i> Introduction to Psychology (four periods), Inferential Statistics (two periods), and Clinical Psychology (one period).

SKILLS

Programming	R, MATLAB
Data collection	Laboratory based methods: Behavioral, Psychophysiology using BIOPAC (EDA, EMG, HR, RSP) Outside of the laboratory methods: In depth interviews, ethnography Population: online samples, university and community samples, rural samples in Colombia, victims of traumatic events
Data analysis	Quantitative, Qualitative, Cross-cultural comparisons
Languages	Spanish (native), English (fluent)

SERVICE

2022-2023	Department of Psychology and Neuroscience Anti-Racism Community Virtual Office Hours for Graduate applications advising
2022-2023	Duke Psychology and Neuroscience Panelist, Graduate School Information Session

AFILIATIONS (PAST & PRESENT)

Duke Global Mental Health Center
Cognitive Neuroscience Society
Psychonomic Society
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Society Philosophy and Psychology
European Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
