

# Eva A. García Ferrés

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## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b> , Psychology University of Florida	2023 – Present
<b>M.S.</b> , Psychology University of Florida Thesis: “When negative evaluations of the status quo do not align with intentions to challenge it”	2021 – 2023
<b>M.A.</b> , Psychology New York University Thesis: “A first look at counterfactual thinking and system justification in responding to police violence”	2018 – 2020
<b>B.A.</b> , Psychology <b>Minors</b> , Politics & Philosophy Ithaca College Thesis: “If only I were thinner: Counterfactual thinking, body image and health”	2014 – 2018
<b>Specialized Programs</b> Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Florida	July 2024

## GRANTS

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**Funder:** The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
**Title:** When we maintain bad systems: Social status, hopelessness, and inaction  
**Dates:** 08/19/2022 – 08/31/2023  
**Amount:** \$1,000

**Funder:** New York University Graduate school of Arts & Science  
**Title:** A first look at counterfactual thinking and system justification in responding to police violence  
**Dates:** 11/01/2019 – 05/01/2020  
**Amount:** \$500

## AWARDS

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Graduate Student Council (GSC) Travel Award  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) 2023 Graduate Travel Award  
University of Florida Foundation Scholarship  
New York University Master’s Service Award

## PUBLICATIONS

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**García Ferrés, E. A.**, van Berkel, L., Baldwin, M., & Lammers, J. (2024). Temporal comparisons shape system justification processes. *Political Psychology* (in press).

**García Ferrés, E. A., & DePalma, M. T.** (2023). Counterfactual thinking may attenuate polarization of COVID-19 prevention behavior. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass*, e12891. Doi: 10.1111/spc3.12891

**García Ferrés, E. A.** (2021). “If only I were thinner.” Counterfactual thinking, body image and health. *Journal of Psychological Inquiry*, 25(1), 16-23.

## MANUSCRIPTS

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**García Ferrés, E. A. & Goudarzi, S.** The neoliberal construction of disaffected consent. *Manuscript in Preparation.*

## ACADEMIC TALKS

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**García Ferrés, E. A., Smith, C. T., & Lammers, J.** *Liberals’ group preferences depend on target groups’ socio-economic power.* Talk accepted at the 2024 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

**García Ferrés, E. A., & Smith, C. T.** *Wanting change, but not inclined to pursue it? Exploring the concept of disaffected consent in the context of U.S. neoliberalism.* Talk presented at the 2024 SPSP Political Psychology Preconference, San Diego, CA.

**García Ferrés, E. A., & Smith, C. T.** *Instrumental action balances constructive disruption better than symbolic climate action.* Talk presented at the 2023 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Conference, Denver, CO.

**García Ferrés, E. A., Baldwin, M., van Berkel, L., & Lammers, J.** (2021, October). *A temporal comparison approach to ideological system justification.* Talk presented at the 44th Annual Conference of the Society of Southeast Social Psychologists, Virtual Conference.

## SELECTED POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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**García Ferrés, E. A., Smith, C. T., Lammers, J.** (2024, February). *Liberals’ and conservatives’ differential affinity for group power(lessness).* Poster presented at the 2024 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, California

**García Ferrés, E. A., Smith, C. T.** (2023, February). *Rejecting utopia: Pessimistic fatalists label current economic inequality harmful but express anti-utopian attitudes.* Poster presented at the 2023 Political Psychology Pre-Conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta.

**García Ferrés, E. A., Keefer, L. A., & Baldwin, M.** (2023, February). *Differentiating evaluative and motivational underpinnings of system justification.* Poster presented at the 2023 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, Atlanta.

**García Ferrés, E. A., & Baldwin, M.** (2022, June). *When we legitimize bad systems: Distinguishing tacit and bolstering forms of system justification.* Social Psychology of the Future Mini-Conference. Virtual.

**García Ferrés, E. A., & DePalma, M. T.** (2022, February). *Counterfactual thinking: A potential cognitive tool to counter polarization of COVID-19 prevention.* Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Francisco.

- García Ferrés, E. A. & DePalma, M. T.** (2021, March). *Americans could have done better: Political orientation predicts pandemic-specific counterfactual thoughts and prevention attitudes*. Poster presented at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Eastern Psychological Association. Virtual Conference.
- García Ferrés, E. A.** (2019, April). *Thinking of alternatives to the status quo: Merging counterfactual thinking and system justification theory*. Poster presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual MA Psychology Research Conference. New York, NY
- García Ferrés, E. A., & DePalma, M. T.** (2018, April). *Malleability, controllability, and the self-conscious emotions in a health context*. Poster presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Eastern Psychological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- García Ferrés, E. A., & DePalma, M. T.** (2017, November). *Relating different causal attributions and the self-conscious emotions to health*. Poster presented at the Summer Scholars Research Exhibition for Ithaca College's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Ithaca, NY.
- García Ferrés, E. A.,** Ayvazian, V., Tracy, M., Brodsky, N., Branneman, M., O'Brien, C., Needle, K., Rich, L., Gromen, K., Weaver, M., Bentley, B., Langdon, J., & DePalma, M. T. (2017, March). *An investigation of implicit personality theories and mechanisms of coping*. Poster presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Social Psychology, UF January 2024 – May 2024  
 Research Methods, UF May 2024 – June 2024

### **Graduate Instructor**

General Psychology, UF August 2023 – Present

### **Graduate Research Assistant**

Attitudes and Political Cognition Lab, UF August 2021- August 2023

### **Teaching Assistant**

Master's Research Methods & Design Course, NYU September 2019 – May 2020  
 Introduction to Psychology, Ithaca College September 2017 – December 2017

### **Undergraduate Research Scholar**

Summer Research Scholars Program, Ithaca College May 2017 – August 2017  
 DANA Internship Program, Ithaca College May 2016 – August 2016

## **GUEST LECTURES**

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Introduction to Exploratory Factor Analysis November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
 Ithaca College (Virtual Lecture)

## **SERVICE**

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**Ad Hoc Reviewer**

*British Journal of Social Psychology (BJSP); Social Psychological and Personality Science (SPPS); Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin (PSPB); Motivation and Emotion (MOEM); Social and Personality Psychology Compass (SPPC); Global Environmental Psychology (GEP)*

### **Mentored Undergraduate Student Research**

Gande, S., Mohanty, J., Acosta, G., Asmar, S., & **García Ferrés, E. A.** (2024, April). *Perceiving the aggressor: Evaluating relationships between power, morality, and cultural standing*. Psychology Graduate Student Organization (PGSO) Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Florida.

Childs, M. A., Guffey, L. J., & **García Ferrés, E. A.** (2023, April). *Resigned or supportive of the status quo? Differences between system justification and pessimistic fatalism with regard to life satisfaction*. Psychology Graduate Student Organization (PGSO) Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Florida.

Perez, I., Moral, M., Ware, A., Liermo, M., Mion, G., **García Ferrés, E. A.**, & Alaukik, A. (2023, April). *Memes and climate change beliefs: How exposure to subversive humor affects perceptions of harm*. Psychology Graduate Student Organization (PGSO) Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Florida.

Pierce, R., **García Ferrés, E. A.**, Baldwin, M. (2022, June). *Uncertainty avoidance and evaluations of system information*. Talk presented at the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) McNair Conference. Virtual.

Pierce, R., **García Ferrés, E. A.**, Baldwin, M. (2022, March). *Examining justifications of unfair systems*. Poster presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual University of Florida's Undergraduate Research Symposium. Gainesville, FL

### **Labor Organizing and Community Outreach**

May 2022 – Present

- Led protests against employee precarity, loss of affordable housing, and state attacks on academic freedom.
- Created a Hardship Assistance Fund to help graduate assistant union members facing extreme financial burden, with specific funds for LGBTQ+, immigrant/international, and disabled graduate assistants.
- Organized and hosted a fundraiser for the Hardship Assistance Fund.
- Organized and participated in campaigns to increase union membership and member participation.

### **PGSO Representative**

September 2022 – August 2023

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

American Psychological Association (APA)