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EXPERIENCE

2023, Incoming **BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY**
Assistant Professor of Psychology; C. Graydon and Mary E. Rogers Fellow

2021 - 2023 **WILLIAMS COLLEGE**
Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology

2016 - 2018 **YALE LAW SCHOOL**
Doctoral Research Assistant
The Justice Collaboratory
PIs: Tom Tyler, Ph.D. & Tracey Meares, J.D.

2014 - 2016 **NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**
Post baccalaureate IRTA
Research Fellow
National Institute of Mental Health
PI: Francis McMahon, M.D.

EDUCATION

2016-2021 **JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**
Ph.D. Psychology
Committee: Saul Kassin [Chair], Deryn Strange, Steven Penrod, Emily Balcetus, Vanessa Edkins

[First Place Dissertation Award](#) from the American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS; APA Div 41)

2016-2018 **JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**
M.A. Psychology
Committee: Deryn Strange [Chair], Jennifer Dysart, Charles Stone

2010-2014 **WILLIAMS COLLEGE**
B.A. Psychology | B.A. German cum laude

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

FELLOWSHIPS

2023-2027 **Bucknell University C. Graydon and Mary E. Rogers Faculty Fellowship**

2016 - 2021 **National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship (Grant # 1646736), \$138,000**

2016 **Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention**

NATIONAL GRANTS

2021 **AP-LS Grant-in-Aid, \$1500**

2020 **SPSP Heritage Dissertation Award, \$2000**

2019 **AP-LS Grant-in-Aid, \$1000**

2019 **AP-LS Grant-in-Aid, Co-PI: Kristyn Jones, \$1000**

2018 **AP-LS Grant-in-Aid, \$1000**

INTERNAL GRANTS

- 2022-23 DRFC**, Williams College, \$8000
- 2021 Early Research Initiative Catalyst Grant**, CUNY, \$1500
- 2020 Doctoral Student Research Grant**, CUNY, \$750
- 2018 PSC-CUNY Grant # 61162-00**, Co-PI: Deryn Strange, \$3500
- 2018 Doctoral Student Research Grant**, CUNY (not funded), \$2020
- 2018 Doctoral Student Council Grant**, CUNY, "Diversity in Psych Recruitment Day"
- 2018 Lynch Grant**, John Jay (not funded), \$2980
- 2017 PSC-CUNY Grant # 60410-0048**, Co-PI: Saul Kassin, \$3496
- 2012 Robert G. Wilmers Jr. Language Study Grant**, Williams College, \$5000

AWARDS & HONORS

INTERNAL

- 2022 Creative Writing Endeavors Roundtable Award**, Williams College, \$500
- 2022 Teaching Roundtable Award**, Williams College, \$500
- 2020 Graduate Student Travel Award**, John Jay College, \$1,023
- 2019 Graduate Student Travel Award**, John Jay College, \$155
- 2019 Conference Presentation Support for PhD Students**, CUNY, \$300
- 2018 3rd Annual Conference Presentation Travel Award**, CUNY, \$500
- 2017 Graduate Student Travel Award**, John Jay College, \$318
- 2012 Class of 1960 Psychology Scholar**, Williams College

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

- 2022 1st Place Dissertation Award**, AP-LS, \$1000
- 2022 Dissertation Award Finalist**, SPSSI
- 2020 Heritage Dissertation Award**, SPSP
- 2020 Graduate Registration Award**, SPSP
- 2020 Diversity Graduate Registration Award**, SPSP
- 2019 1st Place Presentation Award**, European Association of Psychology & Law
- 2019 Outstanding Student Paper Award**, AP-LS, \$200
- 2012 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship**, \$1,000

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED

- Cardenas, S.A.** (accepted). Charged up and anchored down: A test of two pathways to judgmental and decisional anchoring biases in plea negotiations. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/7s4vz>
- 2022** Kassin, S.M., **Cardenas, S.A.**, Meterko, V., & Barksdale, F. (2022). Prosecutorial misconduct: Assessment of perspectives from the bench. *Court Review*. <https://osf.io/cdvbh>
- Cardenas, S.A.**, Crozier, W.E., & Strange, D. (2022). The effect of erroneous alibis. In M. Kienzle & J. Behl (Eds.) *Alibis and Corroborators: Psychological, Criminological, and Legal Perspectives*. New York, NY: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-95663-9_9

- 2020** **Cardenas, S.A.**, Crozier, W.E., & Strange, D. (2020). Right place, wrong time: The limitations of mental reinstatement of context on alibi-elicitation. *Psychology, Crime, and Law*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1068316X.2020.1798424>
- 2018** Balcetis, E., & **Cardenas, S.A.** (2018). Visual experience in self and social judgment: How a biased majority claim a superior minority. *Self & Identity*. 18(4), 363-377. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15298868.2018.1466724>
- 2016** **Cardenas, S.A.**, Kassem, L., Brotman, M.A., Leibenluft, E., & McMahon, F.J. (2016). Neurocognitive functioning in euthymic patients with bipolar disorder and unaffected relatives: A review of the literature. *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews*, 69, 193-215. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neubiorev.2016.08.002>
- ▲ Gill, K.E., **Cardenas, S.A.**, & Kassem, L., Schulze, T. G., & McMahon, F. J. (2016). Symptom profiles and illness course among Anabaptist and Non-Anabaptist adults with major mood disorders. *International Journal of Bipolar Disorders*, 4(1), 21. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40345-016-0062-4>
- 2015** Stroud, C. B., Hershenberg, R., **Cardenas, S.A.**, Greiter, E., & Richmond, M. (2015). U.S. college students' sexual activity: The unique and interactive effects of emotion regulation difficulties and attachment style. *International Journal of Sexual Health*, 28(1), 37-49. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19317611.2015.1073824>

REVISE & RESUBMIT/UNDER REVIEW

Cardenas, S.A., Sanchez, P.Y., & ▲ Linares, R., Kassin, S.M. (Revise & Resubmit). The "partial innocence" effect: False guilty pleas to partially unethical behaviors. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/nr5bv>

Cardenas, S.A., Jones, K.A., Granot, Y., & Balcetis, E. (submitted). Within striking distance: Appraisals of civilian threat bias distance perception in police recorded encounters.

IN PREP

▲ Garcia, L., Savitsky, K., **Cardenas, S.A.**, Cone, J., Fein, S. Doing right by doing wrong: Breaking rules in the name of justice. (data analyzed, manuscript in progress)

Cardenas, S.A., ▲ Lindeman, S. & ▲ Draper, E.M. Impoverished Cognition? The direct and indirect influences of poverty on guilty pleas. (data collection in progress)

Cardenas, S.A., Crozier, W.E., ▲ Crisp, D., & Strange, D. Guilt presumptive context, and not alibi recall accuracy, biases alibi believability. (data collection in progress)

Cardenas, S.A., ▲ Alexander, A., & Strange, D. Life or death in plain sight: Emotional evidence biases capital sentencing decisions via increased negative affect, not biased recall of trial facts. (data analyzed, manuscript in progress)

Cardenas, S.A., ▲ Patel, K., & Strange, D. Expectations of social support decrease immediate negative affective response and amplification of false traumatic memories. (data analyzed, manuscript in progress)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

▲ indicates mentored student co-authors.

* indicates joint first authorship

CHAired SYMPOSIA

2021 **Cardenas, S.A.** & *Jones, K.A. (co-chair) (February 2021) Social Psychological Processes that Bias Evaluations of Police Use of Force. Symposium virtually presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP).

- **Invited to be included in SPSP's Anti-Racism Intervention Resources [Presentation Video]**

2020 **Cardenas, S.A.** (March 2020) A plea you can't refuse: Evaluating psychological and structural predictors of plea decisions. Symposium presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology & Law Society Conference (AP-LS), New Orleans, LA. Discussant: Allison Redlich.

PAPERS

2022 **Cardenas, S. A.**, *Jones, K.A., ▲Stoker, M., Granot, Y., & Balcetis, E. (July 2022) Motivated distance perception: The effect of threat and identification with the police on perceived proximity in recorded police-civilian altercations. Paper presented remotely in symposium "Effects of Perceptions of Force on Legal Legitimacy and Decision-Making" at the 2022 Annual Global Meeting on Law & Society Association (CRN 54 Law, Society, and Psychological Science), Lisbon, Portugal.

Cardenas, S. A. (March 2022) Anchoring in numeric sentencing judgments: Selective and motivated information processing strategies. Paper presented at AP-LS, Denver, CO.

2021 **Cardenas, S. A.** & Kassin, S. M. (August 2021) Charged up and anchored down: Trial sentences bias sentencing preferences and plea decisions. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the European Association of Psychology and Law (EAPL), virtual.

Cardenas, S. A., Jones, K.A., & Balcetis, E. (February 2021) Within striking distance: Perceived threat biases distance perceptions in officer use of force footage. Paper presented in Symposium "Social Psychological Processes that Bias Evaluations of Police Use of Force" at SPSP.

2020 **Cardenas, S.A.**, Sanchez, P.Y., & Kassin, S. M. (March 2020) Incidental feelings of guilt predict false guilty pleas for partially innocent people. Paper presented in symposium, "A plea you can't refuse: Evaluating psychological and structural predictors of plea decisions" at AP-LS, New Orleans, LA.

*Jones, K.A., **Cardenas, S.A.**, & Balcetis, E. (March 2020). At a distance: The effect of threat on people's perceptions of distance in police recorded encounters. Paper presented in symposium, "Visual Evidence" at AP-LS, New Orleans, LA.

- 2020** **Cardenas, S.A.**, Sanchez, P.Y., & Kassin, S. M. (February 2020) Incidental feelings of guilt, not shame, predict false guilty pleas for partially innocent people. Paper presented at the Justice and Morality Pre-conference of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- 2019** **Cardenas, S.A.**, Sanchez, P.Y., & Kassin, S. M. (July 2019) When bad things happen to (partially) good people: The plea bargain decision-making of 'partially innocent' defendants. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the EAPL, Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

- **First Place EAPL Best Student Presentation Award Winner**

*Jones, K.A, **Cardenas, S.A.**, Balcetis, E. & Granot, Y. (June 2019) We're on the same team so I know where you stand: Vicarious threat biases distance perception. Paper presented in symposium, "Emerging issues: Body-worn cameras elicit cognitive concerns" at the Meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (SARMAC), Cape Cod, MA.

- **First Place SARMAC Best Paper Award Winner**

Cardenas, S.A., Crozier, W. E., & Strange, D. (June 2019) Here today, gone next week: The limitations of reinstating the context for alibi memories. Paper presented at SARMAC, Cape Cod, MA.

Crozier, W. E., **Cardenas, S.A.**, ▲Merriwether, E., & Strange, D. (June 2019) Beyond believability: Observer's credibility and memory quality ratings for mock crime alibis. Paper presented at SARMAC, Cape Cod, MA.

Cardenas, S.A., Crozier, W. E., & Strange, D. (March 2019) Right place, wrong time: The limitations of mental reinstatement of context for alibi elicitation. Paper presented at AP-LS, Portland, OR.

- **First Place Outstanding AP-LS Student Paper Winner**

- 2018** **Cardenas, S.A.**, Crozier, W. E., & Strange, D. (March 2018) Improving alibi generation by asking the right questions and visualizing the right responses. Paper presented in symposium, "Why memory matters: Errors (and solutions) in criminal investigations" (Discussant: Daniel Reisberg) at AP-LS, Memphis, TN.

SELECTED POSTERS PRESENTATIONS

- 2022** **Cardenas, S. A.**, Kassin, S. M., Meterko, V., & Barksdale, F. (March 2022) Prosecutorial misconduct: Assessment of perspectives from the bench. Poster presented at AP-LS, Denver, CO.

Cardenas, S. A., Jones, K.A., Granot, Y., Balcetis, E., & ▲Stoker, M. (February 2022) Motivated distance perception: The effect of threat and identification with the police on perceived proximity in recorded police-civilian altercations. Poster presented in the Emotion Preconference at SPSP.

- 2019** **Cardenas, S.A.,** ▲ Alexander, A., & Strange, D. (March 2019) Life or death in plain sight: The role of emotional evidence on juror emotions, decision-making, & memory. Poster presented at AP-LS, Portland, OR.
- 2018** **Cardenas, S.A.,** Crozier, W. E., & Strange, D. (November 2018) Picture this: The influence of schematic processing and mental context reinstatement on alibi generation. Poster presented at the Psychonomic Society, New Orleans, LA; 2019 North Carolina Cognition Conference, Raleigh, NC; and the 2019 Graduate Center Psychology Research Day, New York, NY.
- 2018** ▲ Alexander, A., **Cardenas, S.A.,** & Strange, D. (May 2018) Brace for impact: The influence of visual and verbal victim impact evidence in a capital trial. Poster presented at the Annual Master's Student Research Conference, New York, NY.
- **2nd Place Poster Presentation Winner**
- Earlier** **Cardenas, S.A.,** Hawariat, G., & McMahon, F.J. (April 2016). The heritability of mood disorders in a genetic isolate. Poster presented at the NIH Post-baccalaureate Poster Day, Bethesda, MD.
- Cardenas, S.A.,** Kassem, L., Brotman, M.A., & McMahon, F.J. (September 2015). Neurocognitive functioning in euthymic bipolar patients and unaffected at-risk relatives: A review of the literature. Poster presented at the NIMH Intramural Research Program (DIRP) Fellows' Scientific Training Day, Leesburg, VA.
- ▲ Gill, K., **Cardenas, S.A.,** Kassem, L., & McMahon, F.J. (August 2015). The face of major mood disorders among anabaptist and non-anabaptist adult populations. Poster presented at the NIH Summer Poster Day, Bethesda, MD.
- Stroud, C.B., Hershenberg, R., **Cardenas, S.A.,** Greiter, E.A., Stenquist, N. & Richmond, M. (November 2013). Depressive symptoms and young adults' sexual experiences: Evidence for attachment as a moderator. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Nashville, TN.

INVITED TALKS

- 2022** **Williams College,** Department of Psychology
Mount Holyoke College, Department of Psychology and Education
Skidmore College, Department of Psychology
Oberlin College, Psychology Department
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Department of Psychology
Loyola University Chicago, Department of Psychology
Bucknell University, Psychology Department
Stonehill College, Psychology Department
Wheaton College, Department of Psychology
Merrimack College, Department of Psychology
New York University, Social Perception, Action & Motivation Lab (virtual)
Williams College, Summer Science Lunch Talk Series

- 2020** Williams College, Department of Psychology
American Psychology - Law Society Student Committee
- 2019** The Graduate Center, CUNY, Teaching lecture for 10th Annual Pedagogy Day
"The Four Pillars of a Racially Diverse City"
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Guest Lecture
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COURSES TAUGHT

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

- WILLIAMS COLLEGE** **PSYC 402 Blessings and Blunders of Human Memory (F22)**
Student-led seminar course (12 students) [[Syllabus](#)]
- PSYC 404 Bias & Discrimination: Sources and Consequences (F21)**
Student-led seminar course (14 students) [[Syllabus](#)]
- PSYC 349 Psychology and Law (S22)**
Seminar course with empirical lab component (10 students) [[Syllabus](#)]
- PSYC 101 Introductory Psychology (F21, S22, F22)**
Team-taught lecture course with a lab (170+ students) [[Lab](#)]
- JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE** **PSYC 200 Cognitive Psychology (F20)**
Lecture course (36 students) [[Syllabus](#)]
- PSYC 221 Social Psychology (F19, 2 sections)**
Co-taught lecture course (35 and 37 students)
- PSYC 311 Research Methods in Psychology (Summer 2019)**
Co-taught lecture course with empirical lab component (13 students)

OTHER SELECTED TEACHING POSITIONS

- PSYC 311 Research Methods in Psychology (F18, F19, S19, S20)**
Laboratory Instructor. Designed and taught for 1.5 hrs per week the lab section of a larger course.
- PSYC 200 Cognitive Psychology (F17, F20, S21)**
Graduate Teaching Assistant.
- CUNY Teaching and Learning Center (S18)**
Non-Teaching Adjunct.
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RESEARCH MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- FALL 2022** **thesis advisor** for Williams undergraduate student [Rosalba Linares]
Title: "Do Stereotype-Inconsistent Alibis Bias Evaluations of Alibi Providers and Case Development?"
- **Roche Fellowship Research Grant (\$1,500)**

thesis advisor for Williams undergraduate student [Destiny Crisp]
Title: "Does A Guilty Presumptive Context Bias Alibi Case Assessment?"
- **Roche Fellowship Research Grant (\$1,500)**

thesis advisor for Williams undergraduate student [Brooke Flagler]
Title: "Do Incidental Feelings of Guilt Lead to Self-Incrimination?"
- **Roche Fellowship Research Grant (\$1,000)**

SUMMER 2022 **mentor** for 5 Williams undergraduate research assistants [Rosalba Linares, Sarah Lindeman, Destiny Crisp, Devika Goel, Brooke Flagler]

AY 21/22 **thesis reader** for Williams undergraduate [Allison Li]
Title: "Examining the Relationship between Mind Perception and Mental Health Stigma"

thesis reader for Williams undergraduate [Leslie Garcia]
Title: "Doing Right By Doing Wrong: The Psychology of Breaking Rules In The Name Of Justice"

mentor for 7 Williams undergraduate research assistants [Rosalba Linares, Emma Draper, McKenzie Stoker, Sarah Lindeman, Destiny Crisp, Sophie Haase, Devika Goel]

SPRING 2021 **mentor** for 12 JJAY undergraduate and master's research assistants [Merusha Mukherjee, Janna Jensen, Kristen Akin, Yi-Chen, David Sokol, Marrayah Borcena, Min Jeong Kim, Olivia Winton, Klaudia Zuraw, Nikki Prascak, Jonathan Dixon, Briana Irwin]

FALL 2020 **mentor** for 1 Williams College and 9 JJAY research assistants [Simran Sohal; Devon Kaat, Yi-Chen, David Sokol, Marrayah Borcena, Min Jeong Kim, Olivia Winton, Klaudia Zuraw, Nikki Prascak, Jon Dixon]

AY 18/19 **mentor** for 7 JJAY undergraduate and master's research assistants [Dominique Riviera, Devon Kaat; Eric Korzun, Elena Christofi, Angelo Luongo, Lucrezia Rizzeli, Ella Merriwether]

SUMMER 2018 **mentor** for 1 high school student and 4 JJAY research assistants [Eloise Freitag; Valeria Ramirez, Dominique Rivera, Kimberly Echevarria, Ella Merriwether]

AY 17/18 **co-thesis advisor** for JJAY master's student thesis [Auset Alexander] Title: "Brace for Impact: The Effect of Victim Impact Evidence on Juror Memory Distortion and Sentencing Decisions in Capital Trials."

mentor for 1 high school student and 8 JJAY research assistants [Eloise Freitag; Ella Merriwether, Angelo Luongo, Lucrezia Rizzeli, Helen Gavrilov, Carissa Stump, Gio Bobadilla, James Gensel, Emily Laubert]

AY 16/17 **co-thesis advisor** for NYU master's student thesis [Karina Patel]
Title: "Effects of Pre-traumatic Stress Reactions and Social Support on Adult PTSD Symptoms."

2017-2021 **Graduate Student Mentor** (1st Year PhD Students), John Jay College

2016-2021 **NSF GRFP Peer Consultant**

2013-2015 **Peer Mentor**, First Generation Peer Program, Williams College

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

SPRING '22 Rosalba Linares

WINTER '22 **"The Psychology of Partial Innocence"**

Emma Draper

"Elicitation and Measurement of Emotions"

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

2023	Ad Hoc Reviewer , Journal of Empirical Legal Studies Ad Hoc Reviewer , Criminal Justice and Behavior
2022-PRESENT	Dissertations Awards Committee Member , AP-LS
2021	Ad Hoc Reviewer , SPSP Conference Submissions
2020-PRESENT	Committee Member , BIPOC Action for Support and Engagement (BASE)
2020-2021	Campus Representative Coordinator , AP-LS Student Committee
2019-PRESENT	Ad Hoc Reviewer , Psychology, Crime & Law
2019-2020	Secretary , AP-LS Student Committee
2017-2019	Social Chair , Student Caucus, SARMAC
2017, 2019-20	Ad Hoc Reviewer , AP-LS Conference Submissions
2018-2019	Co-Chair , John Jay College Doctoral Student Council
2018	Event Organizer , “Diversity in Psychology Recruitment Day” [Itinerary]
2017-2018	Diversity Chair , John Jay College Doctoral Student Council
2017	Alumni Panelist for Fellowships Workshop , Williams College
2015	Judge , STEP-UP Research Symposium, NIH
2012	Alumni Panelist for “College Forum,” Hialeah Senior High School

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Personality and Social Psychology (APA Div 8)
American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div 41)
Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
European Association of Psychology and Law
Society for the Teaching of Psychology (APA Div 2)