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#### ACADEMIC FORMATION

- **Ph.D. Student** in *Social Sciences: Psychology and Social Sciences* at University of Genova Genova, Italy (2024 ongoing)
  - Supervisor: Prof.ssa Laura Traverso
- **Master's degree** in *Developmental and Educational Psychology* at University of Padova Padova, Italy (2021 2023)

Thesis: "What if I don't know what to do?": Investigating the correlation between autistic traits, social anxiety, and its moderation by theory of mind in Italian children and youth

- Supervisor: Prof.ssa Irene Cristina Mammarella
- Grade: 110 cum laude
- **Bachelor's degree** in *Clinical Psychology* at Federal University of Minas Gerais Belo Horizonte, Brazil (2014 2019)
  - Single five-year cycle
  - Registration with the Brazilian Psychology Council: CRP 04/58676
- **International Academic Mobility** at Universidade do Minho Braga, Portugal (2017/09 2018/03)
- **High school** at the Centro Federal de Educação Tecnológica de Minas Gerais Araxá, Brazil (2009 2011)

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

## Honourable Mention for the work presented at the 47° Annual Meeting – Brazil (2017)

- Promoter: Brazilian Psychology Society
- Work presented: Preliminary analysis of the convergencies between digital and paper and pen evaluations for visual motor skills.

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### "Luiz Marcellino de Oliveira" Award – Brazil (2017)

• Promoter: Brazilian Psychology Society

• Work presented: *Preliminary evidence for the validity of the criteria used in the "Neuropsychological Evaluation Test for Children – TENI"*, oral presentation in the *Master Category*.

#### **Grant: Extension initiation scholarship (2019)**

• 6-month scholarship to contribute to the development of the parental guidance program at the *Laboratory of Study and Extension in Autism and Development (LEAD).* 

### **Grant: International Academic Mobility (2017-2018)**

• Competitive scholarship for a 6-month exchange program at the University of Minho in Braga, Portugal.

## **Grant: Scientific initiation scholarship (2017)**

• 5-month scholarship to contribute to the project Study on the professional and academic trajectories of graduates of the Postgraduate Program in Psychology at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (PPGPsi/UFMG)

#### ACADEMIC RELATED EXPERIENCE

## Laboratory of Study and Extension in Autism and Development (LEAD) – Federal University of Minas Gerais (2018 - 2021)

• Project: Early and Intensive Intervention for Children on the Autism Spectrum

## $Health\ Assessment\ and\ Intervention\ Laboratory\ (LAVIS)-Federal\ University\ of\ Minas\ Gerais\ (2016\ -\ 2018)$

• Project: Psychometric Studies of the Child Neuropsychological Assessment Test (TENI) for the Brazilian population

# Transdisciplinary Group of Studies on Career and Alumni of UFMG (ALUMNI) – Federal University of Minas Gerais (2017 - 2017)

• Project: Study on the professional and academic trajectories of graduates of the Postgraduate Program in Psychology at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (PPGPsi/UFMG)

### Cognitive Processes Laboratory (LabCog) – Federal University of Minas Gerais (2015 - 2016)

• Project: Construction and evaluation of initial psychometric properties of the Inventory of Negative and Positive Automatic Thoughts for Adolescents (IPANPA)

#### TEACHING RELATED EXPERIENCES

#### Study group on Psychopharmacology – Federal University of Minas Gerais (2018 - 2018)

• Planning and organizing a study group that was recognized by the university as a 30-hour course

## Professor Assistant in the course Applied Behavior Analysis II – Federal University of Minas Gerais (2017 - 2017)

#### VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

#### Servizio Civile Universale – Italy (2022 - 2023)

Association: AliSolidali ODV Alisolidali ODV, located in Padova (PD, Italy), is an association that provides support to families of children in socioeconomic vulnerability. Its activities include educational support for elementary school children, the provision of food and personal hygiene materials, and assistance in the relationship between families and schools. The association assists children and young people referred by local authorities, both Italian and immigrant, or children from the neighborhood.

## Laboratory of Study and Extension in Autism and Development (LEAD) – Federal University of Minas Gerais (2019 - 2021)

• Project: *PI project* – Parental guidance for family members of children with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder

#### **WORKING RELATED EXPERIENCES**

#### Substitute teacher (2023 - 2024)

- Employer: Scuola dell'Infanzia San Pio X
- Activities: Accompanying and carrying out didactic activities with pre-school children

### Clinical psychologist (2019 - ongoing)

- Employer: Centro de Desenvolvimento Origami
- Activities until November 2021
- Evaluation of developmental and behavioral skills in toddlers and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or those suspected of having ASD, utilizing a range of instruments tailored to each child's needs.
- Provision of clinical guidance to families and therapists implementing the intervention plan.
- Promotion and facilitation of collaboration and integration among the interdisciplinary team of professionals working with the assisted children, ensuring holistic support and coordinated development monitoring.
- Activities after December 2021 (after moving to Italy)
- Biweekly participation in team meetings to discuss cases, provide feedback to interns, address their questions, and review session videos recorded on a clinic-created platform that safeguards family privacy.
- Periodically led of meetings for the *Origami Development Center*'s study group to discuss recent topics in ASD research.

Tutor *Studenti Internazionali* (2023 - 2024) and ambassador in the University of Padova's *Unibuddy* program (2024 - ongoing)

- Employer: Global Engagement Office (University of Padova)
- Activities: Assisting international students with administrative procedures, addressing inquiries, accompanying them to the University and public offices as needed, and facilitating their integration into university life.

### Clinical psychologist (2019 - 2021)

- Employer: Clinica TIMI *Intervenção Precoce, Intensiva e Multidisciplinar*
- Activities
- Conducting interventions for children diagnosed with ASD, utilizing the *Early Start Denver Model* and *Applied Behavior Analysis*, tailored to each child's age and needs
- Weekly supervision by psychologists certified by the *UC Davis Mind Institute* (USA) and the *Els for Autism Foundation* (USA)

### Developmental evaluation of newborns and babies (2018 - 2019)

- Employer: Faculty of Medicine Federal University of Minas Gerais
- Activities
- Consultancy realized for an international team evaluating toddlers and newborns using the Bayley-III Scales of Infant and Toddler Development, in partnership with the Health Assessment and Intervention Laboratory (LAVIS UFMG)

#### **INTERNSHIPS AND EXTRA COURSES**

## **Internship in Early Intervention in Autism (2018 - 2019)**

- Employer: Federal University of Minas Gerais
- Activities
- Internship in clinic intervention with children diagnosed with ASD coming from socioeconomically disadvantaged households.
- The activities encompassed the assessment and intervention (utilizing the *Early Start Denver Model*) of children, along with the creation and implementation of a parental guidance program intended for expansion to the Brazilian Public Health Care System

## Curricular Traineeship in Behavioural Therapy (2018 - 2019)

- Employer: Applied Psychology Services (SPA)
- Activities
- Conducting psychotherapeutic intervention with teenagers and adults using a behavioral approach
- Weekly supervision by professors of the Federal University of Minas Gerais

#### RH – Consultoria Júnior UFMG (2015 - 2016)

- Employer: RH Consultoria Júnio UFMG, a junior company specialized in consultancy in the area of Human Resources.
- Activities
- As a *Marketing Advisor*, experience with customer interaction, negotiation, social responsibility, brand awareness, and adeptly managing social media, website ad placements.
- As a *Human Resources Advisor*, experience with people management, conflict mediation, climate surveys and performance evaluations.

- As a *Human Resources consultant*, experience in ministering workshops and training, recruitment and selection services, and climate surveys for external companies.

## Course – Introduction to the application of the Verbal Behaviour Milestones Assessment and Placement Program (2018)

Promoter: Federal University of Minas Gerais

• Course load: 100 hours

## Course – Social Abilities and Emotional Regulation for Children diagnosed with ASD (2019)

• Promoter: Clínica Trampolim

• Course load: 20 hours

## Course – Handling Inappropriate Behaviour (2019)

• Promoter: Instituto Farol

• Course load: 8 hours

## **Course – Parental training course (2019)**

• Promoter: Instituto Farol

• Course load: 8 hours

### **Course – Early Start Denver Model: Introductory (2018)**

• Promoter: UC Davis Mind Institute (USA)

• Course load: 9 hours

## Course – Handling Challenging Behaviours in school (2018)

• Promoter: Federal University of Minas Gerais

• Course load: 4 hours

### Course – Effect of Psychopharmaceuticals on the Central Nervous System (2018)

• Promoter: Brazilian Society for the Progress of Science (Brazil)

• Course load: 12 hours

#### **Course – Cognitive conceptualization in Clinical Practice (2017)**

• Promoter: Espaço Integrar (Brazil)

• Course load: 12 hours

#### SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER COLABORATIONS

## **Presentation – INSAR: International Meeting of Autism Research – Chile (2019)**

• Title: Looking for alternatives for ASD public health policies in Brazil: a case study of parental training

• Authors: Nogueira, M.L.M.; Soares, L.F.; Vieira, B.C.M.

#### Presentation – XXII Extension Meeting of Federal University of Minas Gerais – Brazil (2019)

- Title: *Project PI Early and Intensive intervention on child with ASD*
- Authors: Vieira, B.C.M.; Nogueira, M.L.M.

#### Presentation – Week of Knowledge UFMG – Brazil (2019)

- Title: *PMG Monitoring of the Psychology Department*
- Authors: Lage, A.A.; Vieira, B.C.M.; et al.

#### Presentation – Week of Knowledge UFMG – Brazil (2017)

- Title: Validity of a digital cognitive assessment test to predict children's school performance
- Authors: Galvão, H.A.; Vieira, B.C.M.; Costa, M.V.; Ferreira Jr., L.A.; Rodrigues, W.S.; Pires, L.R.

### Presentation – Week of Knowledge UFMG – Brazil (2017)

- Title: Preliminary Evidence of construct Validity of the Children Neuropsychological Assessment Test (TENI) for Children from Minas Gerais
- Authors: Ferreira Jr, L.A.; Vieira, B.C.M.; Costa, M.V.; Rodrigues, W.S.; Fialho, M.B; Alves, M.M.

#### Presentation – 47° Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Psychology Society – Brazil (2017)

- Title: Preliminary analysis of the convergencies between the digital and paper and pen evaluations for visual motor skills.
- Authors: Rodrigues, W.S.; Alves, M.M.; Costa, M.V.; Fialho, M.B.; Vieira, B.C.M. Ferreira Jr., L.A.

### **Presentation – 47° Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Psychology Society – Brazil (2017)**

- Title: Analysis of the convergencies between the digital and traditional evaluations for the assessment of cognitive functions in children
- Authors: Ferreira Jr., L.A.; Vieira, B.C.M.; Rodrigues, W.S.; Costa, M.V.; Fialho, M.B.

## **Presentation – 47° Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Psychology Society – Brazil (2017)**

- Title: Preliminary Evidence of the Validity of the criteria used in the Children Neuropsychological Assessment Test (TENI) for Children from Minas Gerais
- Authors: Fialho, M.B.; Vieira, B.C.M.; Ferreira Jr., L.A.; Rodrigues, W.S.; Alves, M.M.

### Presentation – 8° Brazilian Congress for Psychological Evaluation – Brazil (2017)

- Title: Preliminary Evidence of the Validity of the Children Neuropsychological Assessment Test (TENI) for Children from Minas Gerais
- Authors: Costa, M.V.; Fialho, M.B.; Ferreira Jr., L.A.; Anselmo, F.R.A.; Rocha, I.S.; Vieira, B.C.M.; Galvao, H.A.; Silva, O.A.G.; Rodrigues, W.S.; et alt.

## Collaboration in the promotion of the 69th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for the Progress of Science (SBPC) – Brazil (2017)

Promoter: Brazilian Society for the Progress of Science (SBPC)

## Collaboration in the promotion of the VII Meeting for Psychological Assessments in Minas Gerais & V Latin American Congress for Psychological Assessments – Brazil (2017)

Promoter: SAPSI - MG (Brazil)

# Guest speaker at the open week of the Master's program in Developmental and Educational Psychology – Italy (2024)

Promoter: University of Padova

### Guest speaker – First immersive week in health assessment and intervention – Brazil (2018)

- Promoter: Health Assessment and Intervention Laboratory (LAVIS) Federal University of Minas Gerais
- Activities: participating as a lecturer in the event *First immersive week in health assessment and intervention*, discussing the theme *Who we are and what we need to know about undergraduate research*

## **Guest speaker – Training of public speaking – Brazil (2016)**

- Promoter: RH Consultoria Junior UFMG
- Activities: participating as a lecturer in the *Training of Public Speaking* for Companies, given by RH Consultoria Junior (Junior Enterprise) to multiple Companies in Belo Horizonte.

#### RESEARCH SKILLS

## Languages

• Portuguese: native speaker

• English: C1 level

• Italian: C1 level (speaking and listening); B2 level (writing)

#### **Softwares**

- Office Suite (advanced level)
- R Programming (intermediate level)
- SPSS (intermediate level)