

Layla Santana
Curriculum vitae

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Aging Studies, 2023- Current
University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, United States of America.

Graduate Certificate in Gerontology 01/2017-12/2018
Educational Development Institute (IDE) College, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil

B.S. in Occupational Therapy, 08/2009- 07/2015
Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE), Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil

Undergraduate Exchange Program, 09/2012-12/2013
Non-seeking degree student, Brock University, Psychology Department, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

08/2024 –Current

Graduate Instructional Assistant
Aging Studies Department, University of South Florida, Tampa, United States of America.
Course: The Life Cycle

08/2023 –07/2024

Teacher Assistant
Aging Studies Department, University of South Florida, Tampa, United States of America.
Courses: Psychology of Aging and The Life Cycle

03/2022-07/2023

Member of the technical and organizing team at UFPE
Project: To Love Yourself is Living: Attention to Freshmen students of the Occupational Therapy Program

- o Activities: Give lectures about the work of the occupational therapist abroad. In addition to assisting on the academic journey.
- o Undergraduate level Department of Occupational Therapy, Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil.

2017-2021

Thesis Defense Committee Member at UFPE
Undergraduate level Department of Occupational Therapy, Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil.

09/2013-12/2013

Gold Volunteer Level/Student Leader
SNAP (Supporting Neurodiversity through Adaptive Programming), Kinesiology Department, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

o Objective: Develop and improve performance and movement competency through play and sport while providing a developmentally appropriate environment that encourages achievement and nurtures dignity.

05/2013

Job Shadowing with an Occupational Therapist
Niagara Children's Center, St.Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

02/2012 – 06/2012

Teacher Assistant
Course: Public Health Social Medicine School Department, Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil.

02/2013 – 06/2015

Occupational Therapy intern

- o Place: Occupational Therapy Outpatient Clinic at Clinical Hospital, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.
- o Psychosocial Care Center for Alcohol and Other Drugs, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.
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07/2024Current

Funded project by: NIA (R01)

Graduate Research Assistant

Reading to Connect: A Social Reading Intervention

Activities Graduate Assistant

Advisor/PI: P.I: Fan Yang, PhD;

Co-P.I. : Hongdao Meng, MD, MPH, PhD; Janelle Applequist, PhD; and
William Monaco, OD, PhD

06/2018-12/2018

Music with older adults

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Respiratory diseases

Research Assistant

Activities Crosssectional study. Proposing estimate the prevalence of respiratory diseases and their risk factors in children under 5 years of age who lived in areas with and without Health Care coverage.

Advisor/PI: Dr. Sérgio Cunha at Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.

Funded by: CNPq

PUBLICATIONS

Santana, L. K. F. F. et al; "Does Social Activity Participation Moderate the Relationship between Age and Cognition? Evidence from a National Cross Sectional Study of the Health and Retirement Study (Manuscript under preparation)

Santana, L. K. F. F. et al; "Social Activity Participation: Longitudinal Analysis of the Health and Retirement Study (Manuscript under preparation)"
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