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**Personal Data**

Born Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Citizenship American; Argentine; Italian

**EDUCATION**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Institution</b>
1984	Bachiller		Instituto San Francisco de Asis
1992	Licenciada	Psychology	Universidad Nacional de Buenos Aires
2000	Master of Arts	Psychology	Graduate School-City University of New York
2000	Master in Philosophy	Psychology	Graduate School-City University of New York
2003	Doctor in Philosophy	Psychology	Graduate School-City University of New York

**Postdoctoral Training**

2003-2004 Neuropsychology Supervisor: Lucia Kellar, Ph.D.  
Traumatic Brain Injury Unit, Department of Rehabilitation  
Medicine, Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University School of  
Medicine, New York

**Externships and Internship**

1997-1998 Neuropsychology Extern, Cognitive Neurosciences Division at the Sergievski  
Center, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University,  
New York. Supervisor: Yaakov Stern, Ph.D./ Richard Mayeux, M.D.  
1998 Neuropsychology Extern, Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, New York  
University Medical Center, New York. Supervisor: Kenneth Perrine, Ph.D.  
2001-2002 Intern in Psychology, Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University School  
of Medicine, New York. Supervisor: Lucia Kellar, Ph.D.

**Research Fellowships**

1987-1991 Fellowship, Secretary of Science and Technology,  
National University of Buenos Aires

### **Licensure and Certification**

2008 Licensed Psychologist  
California Board of Psychology  
License Number: 21985

2004 Licensed Psychologist,  
The University of the State of New York, Education Department,  
Office of Professions, License Number: 016078-1

1993 Licensed Psychologist,  
National Ministry of Health and Social Action, Buenos Aires, Argentina,  
License Number: 19.758

### **Academic Appointments**

1987-1992 Associate Professor of Neurophysiology, School of Psychology,  
National University of Buenos Aires

1990-1995 Assistant Professor of Neuropsychology, School of Psychology,  
National University of Buenos Aires

1992-1995 Tenured Professor of Neurophysiology, School of Psychology,  
National University of Buenos Aires

2005- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, New York University  
School of Medicine

2005-2008 Honorary Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Teachers College,  
Columbia University

### **Hospital Appointments**

1992-1995 Staff Psychologist, Service of Neuropsychology, Neurology Department,  
Eva Perón Hospital, Buenos Aires, Argentina

1993-1995 Psychology Consultant, Jose M. Penna Hospital-Municipality of the City of  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

2003-2006 Assistant Director Traumatic Brain Injury Unit, Department of Rehabilitation  
Medicine, Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University, New York

2006-2008 Staff Psychologist, Word Trade Center Healthcare Program, Bellevue  
Hospital Center

2008-2009 Staff Psychologist, Clinic for Learning and Attention Disorders, Child and  
Family Development Center, Saint John's Health Center, Santa Monica, Los  
Angeles

2009-present Staff Neuropsychologist, Department of Rehabilitation, Cedars-Sinai Medical  
Center, Los Angeles

## **Other Professional Positions and Visiting Appointments**

- 1987-1995 Staff Psychologist, A.P.I.N.E.P. (Association for Research and Treatment of Neurological and Psychological Disorders), Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1987-1995 Clinical Psychologist, Private Practice, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1995-1997 Research Assistant, Childhood Disorders Research Team, Department of Child Psychiatry, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York
- 1997-1998 Assistant Research Scientist, Department of Child Psychiatry, New York State Psychiatric Institute, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, New York
- 1998-1999 Assistant Research Scientist, Department of Biological Psychiatry, New York State Psychiatric Institute, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, New York
- 1999-2003 Research Scientist I, Department of Neuroscience, New York State Psychiatric Institute, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, New York
- 2003-2008 Neuropsychological Consultant, VAMC (Veterans Affairs Medical Center) for neuropsychological testing of dementia, traumatic brain injury, and post-traumatic stress disorder of veterans, New York, New York.

## **Awards and Honors**

- 1996-1997 University Fellowship Award, Graduate School and University Center, City University of New York, Neuropsychology Doctoral Program, New York
- 2006 Hispanic Health Leadership Award, National Hispanic Medical Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2007 Hispanic Health Advocacy Award, Association of Hispanic Health Care Executives, New York, NY
- 2009 Elected Honorary President, III International Conference of Hospital-Based Neuropsychology.

## **Major Committee Assignments**

- 1987-1995 Examinations Committee, Neurophysiology, School of Psychology, National University of Buenos Aires
- 1987-1995 Executive Committee, A.P.I.N.E.P. (Association for Research and Treatment of Neurological and Psychological Disorders), Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1993-2000 Advisory Committee on Forensic Services, Argentine Judiciary Association, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1993-1994 Learning Disabilities Consulting Group, Municipality of Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1994-1995 Center for Disabilities Advisory Group, National University of Buenos Aires, School of Psychology, Buenos Aires, Argentina

- 2003-2004 End of Life Committee, Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University School of Medicine, New York
- 2004-2007 Coordinator of Research Committee, Traumatic Brain Injury Unit, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University, New York
- 2005-2005- Advisor, Mental Health Consortium, Hispanic Federation  
Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Geriatric Latino Mental Health Task Force, New York
- 2005-2006- Member, NAMI-NYS and the Multicultural Outreach Task Force (MCTF)  
Member, Behavioral Task Force, Center for Policy and Advocacy of the Mental Health Associations of NYC and Westchester, New York
- 2006-2008 Advisory Committee, Suicide Prevention Program, New York State Office of Mental Health
- 2006-2008 Steering Committee, Hospital-Wide Emergency Preparedness for the City of New York, Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University School of Medicine
- 2007-2008 Advisory Board, Mental Health among Adolescents, Channel Thirteen, New York
- 2007- Organizing Committee, First Latino Mental Health Conference, Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University School of Medicine  
Coordinator: Geriatric Issues in Mental Health Among Latinos  
Panelist: The Impact of the Media on Hispanic Mental Health  
Chairman, First Latino Mental Health Conference, Awards Committee
- 2007- Co-Chair. Committee on Mental Health Disparities, Mental Health Associations of NYC and Westchester, New York State Office of Mental Health
- 2008- Member of the Scientific Committee, Eleventh International Conference of the SLAN-Latin-American Neuropsychological Society, Puebla, Mexico
- 2009- Keynote Speaker on Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury and Forensic Neuropsychology of Traumatic Brain Injury, Second International Conference of Hospital-Based Neuropsychology, Guadalajara, Mexico

**Memberships In Professional Societies**

- 1987-1995 Board Member, Argentine Society of Neuropsychology, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1987 Scientific Committee, First National Conference of the Argentine Society of Neuropsychology, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1989 Scientific Committee, First Latin-American Conference of Neuropsychology, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1991-1992 Charter Member by Invitation, Latin-American Society of Neuropsychology  
Scientific Committee, Fourth National Conference of the Argentine Society of Neuropsychology, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1994 Scientific Committee, Sixth National Conference of the Argentine Society of Neuropsychology, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1994- Active Member, International Neuropsychological Society

1995-2003- Active Member, American Psychological Association  
 Chair, International Liaison Committee, Latin-American Neuropsychological Society  
 2004- Active Member, Association of Hispanic Healthcare Executives  
 2004- Active Member, New York State Psychological Association  
 2005-2008 President, Association of Hispanic Mental Health Professionals  
 2009-2011 Secretary, Board of the Latin-American Society of Neuropsychology

### **Editorial Positions**

1993-1995 Editorial Board, Journal Acta Psiquiátrica y Psicológica de América Latina, Bueno Aires, Argentina  
 1989-1993 Ad Hoc Reviewer, Journal Acta Psiquiátrica y Psicológica de América Latina Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 2007-2009- Revisor, Revista Latinoamericana de Neuropsicología, SLAN  
 Revisor, Revista Argentina de Ciencias del Comportamiento, Córdoba, Argentina

### **Principal Clinical and Hospital Service Responsibilities**

1987-1995 Coordinator, Learning Disabilities Team, A.P.I.N.E.P. (Association for Research and Treatment of Neurological and Psychological Disorders), Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 1992-1995 Consultant, Learning Disabilities, Municipality of the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 2003-2007 Assistant Director, Coordination of Psychological Inpatient and Outpatient Services, Traumatic Brain Injury Unit, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University, New York

### **Major Administrative Responsibilities**

1992-1995 Coordinator, National and International Graduate Courses, A.P.I.N.E.P. (Association for Research and Treatment of Neurological and Psychological Disorders), Buenos Aires, Argentina

### **Teaching Experience**

1987-1989 Basic Neurophysiology, Weekly Lecturer as Associate Professor, 432 hours per year, Undergraduate Psychology Students, School of Psychology, National University of Buenos Aires  
 1989-1992 Basic Neurophysiology, Coordinator of Curriculum and Weekly Lecturer, 768 hours per year, Associate Professors and Undergraduate Psychology Students, School of Psychology, National University of Buenos Aires

- 1990-1995 Clinical Neuropsychology, Coordinator of Curriculum for Associate Professors and Weekly Lecturer, 288 hours per year, Associate Professors and Undergraduate Psychology Students, School of Psychology, National University of Buenos Aires
- 1992-1995 Basic Neurophysiology, Coordinator of Curriculum for Associate Professors and Committee Member of Written and Oral Examinations, 768 hours per year, Undergraduate Psychology Students, School of Psychology, National University of Buenos Aires
- 1994 Didactic Sessions in Psychological Assessment of Learning Disabilities, 8 hours, Undergraduate Psychology Students, School of Humanities, University of Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 1994 Conference Leader and Lecturer on Neuropsychology of Reading and Writing, IV Inter-American Conference on Childhood Learning, 20 hours, Graduate Students, Cali, Colombia
- 1994 Didactic Sessions in Neuropsychology of Learning, 6 hours, Graduate Students, Colombian School of Rehabilitation, Bogotá, Colombia
- 1994-1995 Weekly Lecturer, Seminar on Neuropsychology and Neurolinguistics, 108 hours per year, Graduate Students, School of Psychology, National University of Buenos Aires
- 2003-2008 Clinical Supervisor, APA Accredited Internship Program, Bellevue Hospital- Department of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine
- 2003-2008 Clinical Supervisor, Externship Program, Bellevue Hospital- Department of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine
- 2003- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine
- 2003 Invited Lecturer on Time Perception in Schizophrenia, 3 hours, Graduate Students and Professors, School of Psychology, National University of Buenos Aires
- 2003- Traumatic Brain Injury Seminars. Organizer and Lecturer of New Seminar Series for the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University, New York
- 2003- Invited Lecturer, Residents Series, Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University School of Medicine
- 2003- Invited Lecturer, Neuropsychological Assessment, Internship Program Department of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine
- 2003- Didactic Sessions and Case Discussion, Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP), New York University-Bellevue Hospital Center
- 2004- Invited Lecturer, Residents Series, Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University School of Medicine
- 2004- Invited Lecturer, Neuropsychological Assessment, Internship Program Department of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine
- 2005 Adjunct Professor and Supervisor, Course: Psychological Testing, Clinical Psychology Program, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, New York
- 2004- Invited Lecturer, Neuropsychological Assessment, Internship Program Department of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine
- 2005- Invited Lecturer, Residents Series, Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University School of Medicine
- 2005- Invited Lecturer, Neuropsychological Assessment, Internship Program Department of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine

- 2006 Reader, Dissertation Committee, Thesis “The Effect of Educational Attainment on Cognitive Performance and Recovery in Patients with Subarachnoid Hemorrhage” by Luba Nakhutina, Neuropsychology Program, City University of New York  
Reader, “The process of Letting Go During Two major Life Transitions: Experience of Immigration and Developing Autonomy of One’s Children” by Irina Volynsky, Clinical Psychology Program, City University of New York
- 2007 Invited Lecturer, Residents Series, Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University School of Medicine
- 2007 Juror, Award “Roch Lecours to the Best Scientific Presentation” Tenth Latin-American Conference of Neuropsychology (SLAN), Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2007 Clinical Supervisor, APA Accredited Internship Program, Child and Family Development Center, Saint John’s Health Center, Santa Monica, Los Angeles
- 2009 Juror, Award “Roch Lecours to the Best Scientific Presentation” Eleventh Latin-American Conference of Neuropsychology (SLAN), Puebla, México
- 2009 Scientific Committee, XI International Conference of the Latin American Neuropsychological Society, Puebla, Mexico

## Bibliography

### Original Reports

Bonafina, M. A., Newcorn, J. M., McKay, K. E., Koda, V. H., & Halperin, J. M. (2000) Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Reading Disabilities: A cluster analytic approach for distinguishing subgroups. Journal of Learning Disabilities, 33 (3), 297-307

### Reviews, Books and Book Chapters

Bonafina, M. A. (1994). Sobre el Dante, Freud y el psicoanálisis [Review of the book Psicoanálisis e historia (Psychoanalysis and history)]. Acta Psiquiátrica, 40 (1), pp. 84-85

Bonafina, M. A. (1995). Neuropsicología de la lectoescritura [Neuropsychology of reading and writing]. In G. Vidal, F. Lolas & M. Alarcon (Eds.), Enciclopedia Iberoamericana de Psiquiatría (Ibero-American Encyclopedia of Psychiatry) (1st. ed., Vol. 2, pp. 154-155). Buenos Aires: Editorial Médica Panamericana

Bonafina, M. A. (1995). 96 entries to Neuropsychology terms. In G. Vidal, F. Lolas & M. Alarcon (Eds.), Enciclopedia Iberoamericana de Psiquiatría (Ibero-American Encyclopedia of Psychiatry) (1st. ed., Vol. 1). Buenos Aires: Editorial Médica Panamericana

Bonafina, M.A. (2007). Neuropsicología Forense: El Rol del Neuropsicólogo en el Ambito Legal-Desafíos y Aplicaciones en la Práctica [Forensic Neuropsychology: The Role of the Neuropsychologist in the Legal Setting-Challenges and Applications

in Forensic Practice]. Handbook of Clinical Neuropsychology. In A.E. Fernandez & B. Marcopulos. In Publication.

### **Educationally Relevant Publications**

Bonafina, M.A. (1993). Mecanismos Atencionales: Bases Neurofisiológicas y Clínicas [Attentional Mechanisms: Neurophysiologic and Clinical Basis], Buenos Aires: Centro de Publicaciones, Facultad de Psicología de la Universidad de Buenos Aires

Bonafina, M.A. (1994). Neurofisiología del Aprendizaje: El Rol de la Plasticidad Neuronal [Neurophysiology of Learning: The Role of Neuronal Plasticity], Buenos Aires: Centro de Publicaciones, Facultad de Psicología de la Universidad de Buenos Aires

### **Books and Monographs**

Bonafina, M. A. (1990). Aprendizaje de la escritura en el niño. Errores regulares en la escritura automática [Learning of writing in children. Common errors in automatic writing] (Tech. Rep. No. 143). Buenos Aires, Argentina: National University of Buenos Aires, School of Psychology

Politis, D., Bonafina, M. A., & Ferreres, A. R. (1998). Rehabilitación neuropsicológica de un caso de asterognosia [Neuropsychological rehabilitation of a case of asterognosis]. VI Anuario de Investigaciones de la Facultad de Psicología de la Universidad de Buenos Aires (VI Annual Research Review of the School of Psychology of the University of Buenos Aires), pp. 372-382

Bonafina, M.A., Berman, D., Keilp, J., Perrine, K., Halperin, J.M. (2003) Time estimation in schizophrenia: Relationship to clinical and neuropsychological functioning. Unpublished doctoral dissertation. The City University of New York, New York.

### **Other including Non-Print Materials**

Bonafina, M.A. (2003, November 18). Traumatic brain injury: A neuropsychological Approach [Videotape]. (Available at the Traumatic Brain Injury Unit at Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University School of Medicine, Video Library)

Bonafina, M.A. (2004, May 12). Frontal Lobe Syndrome: One or Many? [Videotape]. (Available at the Traumatic Brain Injury Unit at Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University School of Medicine, Video Library)

## Proceedings of Meetings

Bonafina, M. A. (1989, June). Aprendizaje de la escritura en el niño. Errores regulares en la escritura automática [Learning of writing in children. Common errors in automatic writing]. Paper presented at the Twenty-Second Inter-American Conference of Psychology, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Ferreres, A. R., Politis, D., Bonafina, M. A., & Dubrovsky, S. (1989, October). Alexia y agrafia en un caso de afasia cruzada [Alexia and agraphia in a case of crossed aphasia]. Paper presented at the XXIX Argentine Conference of Neurology, Paraná, Argentina

Bonafina, M. A. (1993, November). Actividad visuomotora en el aprendizaje de los grafemas en la lectoescritura. Perspectivas en la didáctica y en el tratamiento neuropsicológico [Visual-motor activity in graphemes learning during reading and writing. Perspectives in education and in neuropsychological treatment]. Paper presented at the Third Latin-American Conference of Neuropsychology, Montevideo, Uruguay

Bonafina, M.A. (1995, February). Visual activity during global reading. Graphic variables that allow an optimum recognition of logograms. Poster presented at the XXII Annual INS Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Newcorn, J., McKay, K., Loeber, R., Bonafina, M.A., Sharma, V., Halperin, J.M. (1996, November). Emotionality and serotonergic function in aggressive and non-aggressive ADHD children. Poster presented at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Philadelphia, PA

Halperin, J.M., Mc.Kay, K., Newcorn, J., Himelstein, J., Donovan, A.M., Bonafina, M.A. (1997, February). Central noradrenergic function in ADHD boys with and without reading disabilities. Poster presented at the Twenty-Fifth Annual International Neuropsychological Society Conference, Orlando, FL.

Bonafina, M.A., Newcorn, J., Koda, V., Halperin, J.M. (1997, October). ADHD and reading disabilities: Cluster analytically derived subgroups. Poster presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Toronto, Canada

Marks, D.J., Newcorn, J.H., McKay, K.E., Koda, V., Himelstein, J., Schulz, K.P., Bonafina, M.A., Halperin, J.M. (1999, October). Childhood aggression: the interaction between biological risk and psychosocial adversity. Poster presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Denver, Co.

Bonafina, M.A., Berman, D., Keilp, J., Perrine, K., Halperin, J.M. (2003, October) Time estimation in schizophrenia: Relationship to clinical and neuropsychological

functioning. Paper presented at the Thirty-Third Annual International Neuropsychological Society Conference, Saint Louis, Mo.

Bonafina, M.A., Guimaraes-dos Santos, Cisneros, E. (2005, October). Traumatic Brain Injury Unit-Different Phases in the Rehabilitation Process. Symposium presented at the Ninth Latin-American Conference of Neuropsychology (SLAN), Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

Bonafina, M.A. Clinical Issues in Forensic Neuropsychology. (2007, November) Pre-Conference Course for the Tenth Latin-American Conference of Neuropsychology (SLAN), Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Bonafina, M.A. Forensic Neuropsychology: The Challenge among Hispanic Patients. (2009, October) Eight-hour Course for the II International Conference of Hospital-Based Clinical Neuropsychology. Guadalajara, México.

Bonafina, M.A. Hospital-Based Neuropsychological Evaluation.(2009, October) Conference for the II International Conference of Hospital-Based Clinical Neuropsychology., Guadalajara, México.

Bonafina, M.A. Hospital-Based Neuropsychological Evaluation.(2009, October) Magistral Conference for the II International Conference of Hospital-Based Clinical Neuropsychology., Guadalajara, México.

Bonafina, M.A. Traumatic Brain Injury Programs for Rehabilitation into the Community. (2009, October) Conference for the II International Conference of Hospital-Based Clinical Neuropsychology., Guadalajara, México.

Bonafina, M.A., Guimaraes-dos Santos, Cisneros, E. Traumatic Brain Injury-Different Phases in the Rehabilitation Process. (2009, October) XI International Conference of the Latin American Neuropsychological Society, Puebla, Mexico

Bonafina, M.A. Mental Status Exam in the Brain Injured Patient. (2010, March). I Conference on Current Clinical Applications in Psychology, Universidad Marista de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Bonafina, M.A. Basic Issues in Forensic Neuropsychology (2010, March). I Conference on Current Clinical Applications in Psychology, Universidad Marista de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico.

## **Other Activities**

Television Interviews for Educational Purposes (HITN-Hispanic Network of Public Television, Univision, New York One, WABC, Televisa-Mexico) on Depression among Hispanics; Post-Partum Depression in Latina Women; Inter-Generational Conflicts among Hispanics; Traumatic Brain Injury after Automobile Accidents; Alcohol Use and MVAs during the Holidays, Suicide Among Latina Teens, Bipolar Disorder, Mental Health Disparities and Underserved Populations in New York State, Impact of the Economic Crisis on Mental Health, Awareness of the Impact of Traumatic Brain Injury in the Society.

Radio Interviews for Educational Purposes (AM and FM- Radio La Mega, Radio Amor, Radio La Kalle within the Tri-State Area, and AM-KIQI and KATD within San Francisco, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Napa, Solano, Marin, and Sonoma) on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; the Impact of Traumatic Brain Injury among Hispanics, Suicide Among Young Latinas, Inter-Generational Differences Among Immigrants, Bipolar Disorder.

Newspaper Interviews for Educational Purposes (Daily News, La Hora Hispana, Salud Mental) on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder After 9/11, Suicide Among Young Latinas, Psychological Effects of Menopause: A Preventive Approach.

## **Expert Witness-Clients**

Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP  
Federal Defenders of New York, Inc.  
Flomenhaft & Cannata, LLP  
The Calwell Practice, PLLC  
Eiges, Goldblum, Feder & Melendez, LLP  
De Caro & Kaplen, LLP  
Jacobi & Meyers, LLP  
Tharpe & Howel  
Kensel & Associates  
Public Defenders of Orange County  
Public Defenders of Los Angeles County

## **Special Skills**

Native Fluency in Spanish  
Fluent in English  
French (functional speaking, oral comprehension and reading skills)

