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## Education

May 2018	Ph.D. in Psychology, University of Utah
May 2015	M.S. in Psychology, University of Utah
May 2013	M.F.A. in Studio Arts, University of Utah
May 2009	B.F.A. in Multimedia, Pacific Northwest College of Art

## Professional Experience

2019 - Current	Assistant Professor, Cognitive & Information Sciences, UC Merced
2018 - 2020	NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Northwestern University
2018 - 2019	Disaster Risk Management and Behavioral Science Consultant, World Bank
2011 - 2015	Adjunct Professor, University of Utah, Technology Education
2012 - 2013	Adjunct Professor, Stevens-Henager College, Graphic Design
2010 - 2012	Adjunct Professor, Provo College, Web Development
2010 - 2012	Adjunct Professor, Eagle Gate College, Web Development

## Externally Funded Grants

National Science Foundation, 1810498, Improving Equity in STEM via Visualization Literacy Cognition, \$138,000 (total), PI, 2018-20

Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery and NASA, 18-RRNES18-0008, Connecting Earth Observations to Decision Makers for Preparedness Actions, \$100,000 (total), Collaborator (PI Andrew Kruczkiewicz, Columbia), 2018-20

NASA, administered by Gordon Research Conferences: Visionary Research Grant, S15-178-05, Improving Trust in Uncertain Science, \$3,900, Co-PI with Steven Franconeri, Northwestern University and Hannah Fairfield, New York Times, 2018-20

## Internally Funded Grants

University of Utah Graduate Research Fellowship, \$24,000, 2017-18  
Martin Harris Hiatt Memorial Graduate Fellowship, for work with underrepresented populations, \$6,750, 2014

## Academic Honors

The Frederick T. Rhodewalt Award for Innovative Scholarship: \$1,000, 2018  
ETS Summer Pre-Doctoral Research Internship, Princeton: \$7,000, 2017  
University of Utah Psychology All-Around Commendation (research, mentorship, and service): 2017  
Carl Storm Underrepresented Minority Fellowship, Visualization in Science & Education: \$600, 2017  
Clayton Award for excellence in research with underrepresented populations: \$2,000, 2014  
Martin Harris Hiatt Memorial Graduate Fellowship, for excellence in research: \$6,750, 2017  
Best Poster Award, CSBS Research Day: \$500, 2017  
University of Utah Psychology Professional Development Award: \$500, 2016  
Summer Institute in Cognitive Neuroscience Fellowship: \$1,200, 2015  
University of Utah Psychology Commendation in Research: 2015  
Teaching Assistant Scholarship, Art and Art History Department University of Utah: \$9,620, 2011  
Multimedia Merit Grant, Pacific Northwest College of Art, OR: \$4,000, 2004

## Journal Articles

1. **Padilla, L.**, Castro, S., Quinan, P. S., Ruginski, I., & Creem-Regehr, S. H. (2019). Toward objective evaluation of working memory in visualizations: A case study using pupillometry and a dual-task paradigm. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*.
2. Quinan, P. S., **Padilla, L.**, Creem-Regehr, S. H., & Meyer, M. (2019). Examining implicit discretization in spectral schemes. *Computer Graphics Forum*.
3. Liu, L., **Padilla, L.**, Creem-Regehr, S., & House, D. (2018). Visualizing uncertain tropical cyclone predictions using representative samples from ensembles of forecast tracks. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 25(1), 882–891. doi:10.1109/TVCG.2018.2865193
4. **Padilla, L.**, Creem-Regehr, S., Hegarty, M., & Stefanucci, J. K. (2018). Decision making with visualizations: A cognitive framework across disciplines. *Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications*, 3(1), 29. doi:10.1186/s41235-018-0120-9
5. Liu, L., Boone, A. P., Ruginski, I. T., **Padilla, L.**, Hegarty, M., Creem-Regehr, S. H., ... House, D. (2017). Uncertainty visualization by representative sampling from prediction ensembles. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 23(9), 2165–2178.
6. **Padilla, L.**, Creem-Regehr, S. H., Stefanucci, J. K., & Cashdan, E. A. (2017). Sex differences in virtual navigation influenced by scale and navigation experience. *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 24(2), 582–590.
7. **Padilla, L.**, Quinan, P. S., Meyer, M., & Creem-Regehr, S. H. (2017). Evaluating the impact of binning 2D scalar fields. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 23(1), 431–440.
8. **Padilla, L.**, Ruginski, I. T., & Creem-Regehr, S. H. (2017). Effects of ensemble and summary displays on interpretations of geospatial uncertainty data. *Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications*, 2(1), 40.
9. Cashdan, E., Kramer, K. L., Davis, H. E., **Padilla, L.**, & Greaves, R. D. (2016). Mobility and navigation among the Yucatec Maya. *Human Nature*, 27(1), 35–50.
10. Ruginski, I. T., Boone, A. P., **Padilla, L.**, Liu, L., Heydari, N., Kramer, H. S., ... Creem-Regehr, S. H. (2016). Non-expert interpretations of hurricane forecast uncertainty visualizations. *Spatial Cognition & Computation*, 16(2), 154–172.
11. Vashro, L., **Padilla, L.**, & Cashdan, E. (2016). Sex differences in mobility and spatial cognition. *Human Nature*, 27(1), 16–34.
12. **Padilla, L.**, Hansen, G., Ruginski, I. T., Kramer, H. S., Thompson, W. B., & Creem-Regehr, S. H. (2015). The influence of different graphical displays on nonexpert decision making under uncertainty. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*, 21(1), 37.

## Book chapters

1. Kruczkiewicz, A. & **Padilla, L.** (2019). Moving from availability to use of flood risk and flood monitoring data to inform decision making for preparedness and response. In A. Kruczkiewicz (Ed.), *Global flood and drought prediction* (Chap. 3, pp. 40–65). Washington, DC: American Geophysical Union.

## Peer Reviewed Conference Proceedings

1. **Padilla, L.** (2018). A case for cognitive models in visualization research. *Proceedings of Workshop at Evaluation and Beyond - Methodological Approaches for Visualization (BELIV) at IEEE Information Visualization*.
2. Creem-Regehr, S. H., **Padilla, L.**, Stefanucci, J. K., & Cashdan, E. (2015a). Effects of spatial abilities, cue-types, and scale on spatial memory in virtual natural landscapes. *Cognitive Processing*, 16, S18–S18.
3. Quinan, S., **Padilla, L.**, Creem-Regehr, S., & Meyer, M. (2015). Towards ecological validity in evaluating uncertainty. *Proceedings of Workshop on Visualization for Decision Making Under Uncertainty, at IEEE Information Visualization*.

## Government Reports

1. **Padilla, L.**, Abella, J., Hsu, J., Perge, E., & Afif, Z. (2018). Using behavioral insights to improve Haiti disaster risk management. *The World Bank and the Government of Haiti, B-32*, 1–35.

## Other Publications

1. **Padilla, L.** (2016). Sex differences in virtual navigation influenced by visual factors and individual differences. *ProQuest Dissertations Theses Global*.
2. **Padilla, L.** (2013). The art of maps. *Western Humanities Review*, 67(1), 18.

## Invited Talks and Symposia

1. de Sherbinin, A. & **Padilla, L.** (2019). Data visualization and cognition: The challenge of future scenario development. Invited talk to be presented at the Forum on Scenarios for Climate and Societal Futures. Denver, CO.
2. Hullman, J., Kay, M., **Padilla, L.**, & Kirby, M. (2019). Better deciding through discretizing: The state of the art in uncertainty visualization. Invited symposium co-chair, Joint Statistical Meeting 2019. Denver, CO.
3. **Padilla, L.** (2018). Psychology of data visualization. Keynote presented at the Pac-12 Tableau User Group meeting, University of Utah. Salt Lake City, UT.
4. **Padilla, L.** (2018). Reasoning with meteorology displays. Invited talk presented at Columbia University. New York City, NY.
5. **Padilla, L.** (2018). Selecting the best satellite-derived risk tool: Mining the sky for decision-making. Panel talk presented at the 2018 Understanding Risk Forum. Mexico City, MX.
6. **Padilla, L.** (2018). Visualization biases and risk assessment. Session chair at the 2018 Understanding Risk Forum. Mexico City, MX.
7. **Padilla, L.** (2017). Reasoning with hurricane forecast visualizations. Invited talk presented at the University of Utah Dean's Research Leadership Luncheon. Salt Lake City, UT.
8. **Padilla, L.** (2017). Visualization decision making for UX designers. Invited talk presented at Adobe Systems. Lehi, UT.
9. **Padilla, L.**, Quinan, P. S., Meyer, M., & Creem-Regehr, S. (2016a). Evaluating the impact of binning 2D scalar fields. Invited talk presented at the Scientific Computing and Imaging Institute Visualization group meeting. Salt Lake City, UT.

## Talks

1. House, D., **Padilla, L.**, Liu, L., & Creem-Regehr, S. (2018). Visualizing uncertain tropical cyclone predictions using representative samples from ensembles of forecast tracks. Talk presented at IEEE Information Visualization. Berlin, DE.
2. **Padilla, L.**, Ruginski, I., & Creem-Regehr, S. (2017). Exploring decision biases with ensemble display visualizations. Talk presented at the 25th Annual Workshop on Object Perception, Attention, and Memory (OPAM). Vancouver, BC.
3. Bartholomew, B., **Padilla, L.**, & Cashdan, E. (2016). Mobility, risk-preference, and genetics. Talk presented at Undergraduate Research Symposium. Salt Lake City, UT.
4. Dixon, L., **Padilla, L.**, Stefanucci, J., Johnstone, A., Creem-Regehr, S., & Cashdan, E. (2016). A comparison of female gamers and non-gamers on spatial cognitive abilities. Talk presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Salt Lake City, UT.
5. **Padilla, L.**, Quinan, S., Meyer, M., & Creem-Regehr, S. (2016b). Evaluating the impact of binning 2D scalar fields. Talk presented at IEEE Information Visualization. Washington, DC.
6. Cashdan, E., Barhorst, E., **Padilla, L.**, Stefanucci, J., & Creem-Regehr, S. (2015). Sex differences in range size: When is travel worth the risk? Talk presented at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society Annual Meeting. Columbia University.
7. Creem-Regehr, S., **Padilla, L.**, Stefanucci, J., & Cashdan, E. (2015b). Effects of Spatial Abilities, Cue-Types, and Scale on Spatial Memory in Virtual Natural Landscape. Talk presented at the 6th International Conference on Spatial Cognition. Rome, ITA.

8. Quinan, P. S., **Padilla, L.**, Creem- Regehr, S., & Meyer, M. (2015). Towards Ecological Validity in Evaluating Uncertainty. Talk presented at the Workshop on Visualization for Decision Making Under Uncertainty at IEEE Information Visualization. Chicago, IL.
9. Ruginski, I., Boone, A., **Padilla, L.**, Kramer, H., Hegarty, M., Thompson, W., ... Creem-Regehr, S. (2015). Non-expert interpretations of hurricane forecast uncertainty visualizations. Talk presented at Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association. Boise, ID.
10. **Padilla, L.** (2014). Uncertainty computation workshop. Talk presented at the Computing Community Consortium (CCC). Baltimore, MD.

## Poster presentations

1. Dixon, L., Pointon, G., **Padilla, L.**, Stefanucci, J., Creem-Regehr, S., & Johnstone, A. (2017). Development of a new gaming questionnaire to assess the influence of game genre on spatial cognitive abilities in males and females. Poster presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association. Salt Lake City, UT.
2. **Padilla, L.**, Creem-Regehr, S., Hegarty, M., & Stefanucci, J. (2017). Decision making with visualizations: A selective review. Poster presented at the Visualization in Science and Education Gordon Research Conference. Lewiston, ME.
3. **Padilla, L.**, Ruginski, I., & Creem-Regehr, S. (2017). Exploring decision biases with ensemble display visualizations. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting - Psychonomic Society. Vancouver, BC.
4. Creem-Regehr, S., **Padilla, L.**, Stefanucci, J., & Cashdan, E. (2016). The influence of realistic textures and shading on mental rotation of 3D objects. Poster presented at Spatial Cognition 2016. Philadelphia, PA.
5. Dixon, L., **Padilla, L.**, Stefanucci, J., Creem-Regehr, S., & Johnstone, A. (2016). Relating video gaming and spatial cognition in women. Poster presented at Psychonomics 2016. Boston, MA.
6. Dixon, L., **Padilla, L.**, Stefanucci, J., Johnstone, A., Creem-Regehr, S., & Cashdan, E. (2016). A comparison of female gamers and non-gamers on spatial cognitive abilities. Poster presented at College of Social & Behavioral Science Student Research Day 2016. Salt Lake City, UT.
7. **Padilla, L.**, Bergmann, T., & Creem-Regehr, S. (2016). Uncertainty in Weather Forecast Phrasing. Poster presented at Psychonomics International 2016. Granda, Spain.
8. **Padilla, L.**, Creem- Regehr, S., Stefanucci, J., & Cashdan, E. (2015). Influence of instructions on female performance on a virtual Morris Water Maze. Poster presented at Psychonomics 2015. Chicago, IL.
9. **Padilla, L.**, Stefanucci, J., & Cashdan, E. (2015). Sex differences in virtual navigation influenced by scale, visual cue-types, spatial memory and lifetime mobility. Poster presented at Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Long Beach, CA.
10. Ruginski, I., Boone, A., **Padilla, L.**, Kramer, H., Hegarty, M., Thompson, W., ... Creem-Regehr, S. (2015). Understanding the cone of uncertainty: Non-expert interpretations of hurricane forecast uncertainty visualizations. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society. Pasadena, CA.
11. **Padilla, L.**, Creem-Regehr, S., Stefanucci, J., & Cashdan, E. (2014). Effects of spatial abilities cue types and scale on spatial memory in virtual natural landscape. Poster presented at Psychonomics 2014. Long Beach, CA.
12. **Padilla, L.**, Creem-Regehr, S., & Thompson, W. (2013). Uncertainty cognition of glyphs. Poster presented at the Center for Spatial Studies. Santa Barbara, CA.
13. **Padilla, L.**, Creem-Regehr, S., & Thompson, W. (2013). Understanding uncertainty visualizations. Poster presented at the International Spatial Cognition Summer Institute. Santa Barbara, CA.

## Teaching Experience in Psychology

### Courses:

PSY 3120-090 Cognitive Psych, University of Utah, *Summer 2018*

**Guest Lecturer:**

DMUY 4913 Climate and Design, New York University, *March 2019*  
 EESC GU5407 Applications in Climate + Society, Columbia University, *March 2019*  
 IEMS 365: Analytics for Social Good, Northwestern University, *January 2019*  
 EESC GU5407 Applications in Climate + Society, Columbia University, *March 2018*  
 PSY 2015: Skepticism and Scientific Thinking: Defense Against the Pseudosciences, University of Utah, *January 2018*  
 PSY 2010: Orientation to Psychology as a Science and Profession, University of Utah, *October 2016*  
 PSY 3150: Sensation and Perception, University of Utah, *January 2015*  
 PSY 3150: Sensation and Perception, University of Utah, *November 2014*  
 PSY 3960: Explorations Through Psychology and the Arts, University of Utah, *March 2013*

**Teaching Experience in Graphic Design****Courses Developed:**

Content Management Systems, University of Utah  
 Digital Photography, Stevens-Henager College  
 Design Studio, Provo College  
 Marketing and Branding for Designers, Provo College  
 Web Design 1 and 2, Provo College  
 Typography, Provo College

**Courses Taught:**

17 courses at four universities over a four-year period

**Mentorship**

Lisa Wilson, awards under mentorship: Navajo Nation Generating Station Scholar, SACNAS Student Travel Award, and Native American Summer Research Internship (NARI)  
 Natalia Abril, awards under mentorship: The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Award  
 Reuben Ryan Cano, awards under mentorship: Kaplan Scholarship  
 Brianna Bartholomew, awards under mentorship: The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Award  
 Lanie Dixon, awards under mentorship: The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Award

**Editorial Positions**

Guest Editor for *Frontiers in Information and Communication Technology (ICT)*. 2019

**Professional Activity**

Poster Chair, Spatial Cognition Conference, Tuebingen, 2018  
 Search Committee for the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Utah 2018  
 Founder: University of Utah Diversity Scholars Award, 2017 - 2018  
 The National Science Foundation, STEM Ambassador, 2017 - 2018  
 Diversity committee member, Department of Psychology, University of Utah, 2017 - 2018  
 Outreach Coordinator, Utah Women and Education Initiative, 2014 - 2018  
 Editorial services, Peters CRC Press Computer Graphics, Vision and Visualization, 2013

**Ad hoc reviewer**

IEEE Info Vis

## Diversity Outreach Talks

1. **Padilla, L.** (2014). Enhancing your spatial abilities and performance in STEM. Talk presented at the Utah Valley University 2014. Orem, UT.
2. **Padilla, L.** (2017). The art of science. Invited talk presented at Latinos in Action | Youth Leadership Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.
3. **Padilla, L.** (2018a). Overcoming obstacles as a minority in STEM. Invited talk presented at Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán (MEChA) Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.
4. **Padilla, L.** (2014). Spatial abilities training for girls. Invited talk presented at Expanding Your Horizons Conference. Orem, UT.
5. **Padilla, L.** (2018b). From rural to science. Invited talk presented at SUCCESS Academy. Cedar City, UT.

## Service

Founder and President: University of Utah Diversity Graduate School Application Advisory, 2015 - 2018

Vice President, SACNAS University of Utah Chapter, 2017 - 2018

Conference Workshop Leader: Expanding Your Horizons, Inspiring 6th - 10th Grade Girls to Love STEM!, Women's Success Center, 2014

Volunteer Conference Workshop Leader: Empowering Your Tomorrow, The Equity in Education Center at Utah Valley University, 2014

## Membership

Psychonomic Society

IEEE Computer Society

Women Tech Council

Association for Women in the Sciences (AWIS)

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)

## Press

University of Utah. (2017, September 25) Interpreting hurricane forecast displays is difficult for general public. [Press release]. Retrieved from <https://unews.utah.edu/interpreting-hurricane-forecast-displays-is-difficult-for-general-public/>

Watts, A. (2017, October 6). Claim: general public can't read hurricane forecast tracks. Retrieved from <https://wattsupwiththat.com/2017/10/06/claim-general-public-cant-read-hurricane-forecast-tracks/>

Lewandowsky, S. (2017, October 4). Preparing for Nate and Ophelia: how people process hurricane forecasts. Retrieved from <https://featuredcontent.psychonomic.org/preparing-for-nate-and-ophelia-how-people-process-hurricane-forecasts/>

Bartels, M. (2017, October 7). Hurricane Nate: no one knows how to read hurricane forecasts - here's why. Retrieved from <http://www.newsweek.com/hurricane-forecasts-can-be-confusing-heres-why-680119>