

# Chrisanthi K.Bebis

*Curriculum Vitae*

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## Education

**Developmental Psychology, Ph.D.** 2025-2029 (Expected)|University of California, Riverside

- Working under the supervision of Dr. Misaki Natsuaki

**Human Development and Family Science, M.S.** 2023-2025 |University of Nevada, Reno

- Worked under the supervision of *Dr. Jen Mortensen* on examining the effects of early attachment insecurity and general life stress on caregiving behaviors.
- My M.S. Thesis: **The Effects of General Acute Stress and Attachment Insecurity on Perceptions of Infant Distress**
- GPA: 4.0/4.0

**Psychology, B.A.** 2019-2023 | University of Nevada, Reno

- Psychology Research Track; Minor in Human Development and Family Science
- GPA of 3.957/4.0
- Graduated *Cum Laude*

**Honors High School Diploma** 2015-2019 | Reno High School

- Member of the Honors Society, and elected Senior Class President

## Research Experience

- Graduate Research Assistant, Human Development and Family Science Lab (August 2023-May 2025) Advisor: *Dr. Jen Mortensen*
  - Collected and analyzed data, and wrote a Master's Thesis evaluating the effects of general life stress and attachment security on perceptions of infant distress.
  - Conducting a study examining the effects of early attachment styles on infant caregiving behaviors.
  - Findings presented at the Graduate Student Symposium at the University of Nevada, Reno (November 2023).
  - Findings presented at the National Conference on Early Childhood Education in Arlington, VA (June 2024).
- Graduate Research Assistant, Intersecting Identities and Relationships Study Research Lab (August 2024-May 2025) Advisor: *Dr. Sarah Mitchell*
  - Conducting qualitative data analysis on the impacts of intersectional identities.
  - Conducting qualitative interviews using the Descriptive Phenomenology approach.
  - Presented preliminary findings at the University of Nevada, Equity, Diversity, and Language Studies Poster Symposium (Feb 2025).
  - Presented preliminary research at the Graduate Student Symposium at the University of Nevada, Reno (October 2024).
  - Will present further findings at the National Council of Family Relations (NCFR) conference in Baltimore, Maryland (November 2025).
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- Piloted a new study using infant simulators to evaluate caretaking behaviors in a student population.
- Collected pilot data and performed preliminary analyses.
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, Cognition, Affect, and Psychopathology Lab (August 2021- May 2023) Advisor: *Dr. Mariann Weierich*
  - Qualitative data analysis to examine the effects of gender on hypervigilant behaviors.
  - Presented my findings at the Nevada Undergraduate Research Symposium (Fall, 2021).
  - Quantitative data analysis to examine the effects of race on hypervigilant behaviors.
  - Presented my findings at the Nevada Undergraduate Research Symposium (Spring, 2022).
  - Quantitative data analysis to examine resilience levels concerning the age of experienced trauma.
  - Presented findings at the Nevada Undergraduate Research Symposium (Spring, 2023).
  - Trained on Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 (CAPS-5) interviewing for trauma exposure.
  - Interviewed participants using CAPS-5 and collected salivary cortisol data.

### Scholarly Presentations

- Mortensen, J. A., **Bebis, C. K.**, Way, J., & Parrish, T. J., (2025, May) *Continuity of care practices and relationship-based and child outcomes in early head start*. Paper Symposium at the Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Conference, Minneapolis, MN. United States.
- Mithila, T. T., **Bebis, C. K.**, & Mitchell, S. N., (2024, October; 2025 February). *Fostering a sense of belonging and academic excellence on campus: The impacts of intersecting identities for LGBTQ students of color*.
  - ❖ Poster presented at the Graduate Student Symposium at the University of Nevada, Reno. United States.
  - ❖ Poster presented at the Diversity, Equity, and Language Poster Symposium at the University of Nevada, Reno. United States.
  - ❖ Poster will be presented at the LGBTQ Research Symposium (September 2025).
  - ❖ Poster will be presented at the NCFR Conference (November 2025)
- Mortensen, J. A., **Bebis, C. K.**, & Parrish, T. J., (2024, June). *Infant gender and skin color as predictors of adult perceptions of inconsolable infant emotions*. Poster presented at the National Research Conference on Early Childhood Education, Arlington, VA. United States.
- Parrish, T. J., Mortensen, J. A., & **Bebis, C. K.**, (2024, June). *Raising a baby robot: Learning more about adult perceptions of infants through the use of simulators*. Poster presented at the National Research Conference on Early Childhood Education, Arlington, VA. United States.
- **Bebis, C. K.**, Parrish, T., Mortensen, J., (2023, November). *Raising a baby robot: How we can learn more about attachment through infant simulators*. Poster presented at the Graduate Student Symposium at the University of Nevada, Reno. United States.
- **Bebis, C. K.**, Thomasson, M., Kleshchova, O., Reider, J., Fedorenko, E & Weierich, M.R.

(2023, May). *Developmental age at trauma and resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Symposium University of Nevada, Reno. United States.

- Holmes, B., **Bebis, C.K.**, Thomasson, M., Hutsler, J. J., Kleshchova, O., Weierich, M. R. (2023, May). *Exhibition of tend and befriend or fight-or-flight behaviors in perceived sexual minorities*. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Symposium at the University of Nevada, Reno. United States.

**Bebis, C.K.**, Putnam, A., Thomasson, M., Kleshchova, O., & Weierich, M.R. (2022, April). *Race-related differences in behavioral hypervigilance*. Presented at the Undergraduate Symposium at the University of Nevada, Reno. United States.

- **Bebis, C.K.**, Putnam, A., Thomasson, M., Kleshchova, O., & Weierich, M.R. (2021, December). *Gender differences in hypervigilant presentation*. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Symposium at the University of Nevada, Reno. United States.

### **Contributions to Literature**

- **Bebis, C.K.** (2025). Chapter 12 (Title of Chapter here). Stories from the field participant. In M. M. Burnham & E. L. Essa (Eds.), *Introduction to early childhood education* (9th ed.). Sage Publishing. Page numbers forthcoming.

### **Teaching Experience**

- Undergraduate Peer Teaching Assistant (Spring 2022-Fall 2022)
  - PSY 205 Behavioral Analysis, University of Nevada, Reno
  - Instructor: *Dr. Genevive DeBrenardis*
  - Responsibilities included grading weekly assignments, leading exam review sessions, and leading group meetings amongst other TAs and students in class.

### **Representative Coursework**

- EDRS 640: Educational Measurements and Statistics
- EDRS 700: Introduction to Educational Research
- HDFS 718: Research Methods of Social Psychology
- HDFS 720: Theories of Human Development
- HDFS 730: Theories of Family Science
- EDRS 740: Univariate Statistics in Educational Research
- HDFS 791: Internship
- HDFS 797: Thesis

### **Professional Memberships**

- Member of The Society for Research in Child Development (Since September 2024)
- Member of the National Council on Family Relations (Since August 2023)

### **Professional Workshops**

- Introduction to R Statistical Analysis at the University of Nevada, Reno (March 2023)
- Foundations in Advancing Belonging at the University of Nevada, Reno (September 2023)

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### **Professional Development**

- Featured in “Nevada Today” for my academic contributions to the Human Development Field at the University of Nevada, Reno (April 2025).
- Member of Women in STEM Sorority: Phi Sigma Rho (August 2021- May 2023).
- Elected Vice President of Psi Chi National Psychology Honors Society (Spring 2022-Spring 2023).
- Elected Phi Sigma Rho Recruitment Counselor and Chair of Recruitment Committee (Spring 2022-Fall 2022).

### **Certifications**

- CITI certified- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (2021-2025)
- CTE Certified- Career and Technical Education (2019-2025)
- FAB Certified- Foundations in Advancing Belonging (2023-2025)

### **Related Work Experience**

- **Student Staff Worker (September 2023- May 2023) | Child and Family Research Center/Early Head Start**
  - Worked with infants as a student staff teacher to foster motor skills and cognitive and socioemotional development.

### **Volunteer Experiences**

- **Community Service** | Saint Anthony’s Greek Festival (August 2015- September 2023)
  - Member of the Saint Anthony’s Greek Dance Group that performs annually at the Greek Festival fundraiser.
- **Volunteer** | Upward Bound Educational Program for First-Generation Students (March 2025)
  - Served on a panel, helping first-generation students navigate academic opportunities in university environments.
- **Volunteer** | Caughlin Ranch Elementary School (August 2019)
  - Assisted 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers with grading and organizing classroom activities.
- **Volunteer** | Eddy House (April 2022)
  - Helped sort out care products and clothes for homeless children and adolescents.
- **Mentor** | NevadaFit Mentor (August 2022)
  - Helped an incoming group of freshmen become acquainted with the University of Nevada, Reno, guiding them through classes and engagement, and helping them to feel welcome on campus.

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## **Honors and Awards**

### **External**

- Awarded the George A. Paterakis Graduate Scholarship (\$5,000) through the Youth Pancretan Association of America (competitive process for graduate students based on grades and GPA) (June 2025).
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- Awarded the *Eleftherios Venizelos Scholarship* (\$1,200) through the Youth Pancretan Association of America (competitive process for undergraduate students based on grades and GPA) (June 2023).

### **University of Nevada, Reno**

- Awarded the Graduate Student Association Travel Award (\$500) (March 2025).
- Nominated and Awarded The Outstanding Master's Student Award for the College of Education and Human Development (March 2025).
- Nominated by my Department (four nominees total) and awarded the *Dean's Merit Scholarship* (\$10,000) (October 2023).
- Recipient of the *Nevada Undergraduate Award* (\$5,000) (Fall 2021, Spring 2023)
- Dean's List (From Fall 2019-Spring 2023).
- Awarded *Millennium Scholarship* from Nevada Governor Guinn's Office (\$8,000) (2019-2023).

## **Methodological Skills**

- Basic knowledge of R and SPSS statistical analysis

## **Languages**

- Bilingual in English and Greek