

## Mendes selected to receive 2020 SESP Career Trajectory Award

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Wendy Berry Mendes, PhD <sup>[1]</sup>

Sarlo/Ekman Endowed Chair in the Study of Human Emotion Wendy Berry Mendes, PhD <sup>[2]</sup>, has been selected by the Society of Experimental Social Psychology as the 2020 recipient of its Career Trajectory Award <sup>[3]</sup>. Bestowed annually since 2006, the award recognizes uniquely creative and influential scholarly productivity in the early-to-mid stages of a researcher's career.

Mendes, joined the faculty at UCSF in 2010, is the director of the Emotion, Health, and Psychophysiology Lab <sup>[4]</sup>. Her research focus lies at the intersection of social, personality, and biological psychology and primarily concerns questions regarding embodiment: how emotions, thoughts, and intentions are experienced in the body and how bodily responses shape and influence thoughts, behaviors, and emotions. Some of her current research areas include coping with stigma and discrimination, dyadic intergroup interactions, affect contagion, mind-body relations across the life course, influence of emotional labeling on emotional experience, and the effects of stress on decision-making.

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