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Education

The University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D. Student in Human Development & Family Sciences	2022-present
The University of California at Riverside, B.A in Psychology Minor: Education	2018

Grants

In Progress

National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Project Title: <i>Intersectionality, Discriminatory Bullying, and School Safety</i> (Amount: \$147,000) Role: Principal Investigator <i>*Please note I do not accept nor respond to solicitations or inquiries regarding my NSF materials*</i>	2023-2027
The University of Texas at Austin College of Education, Texas Center for Equity Promotion (Amount: \$500) Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2023-2024

Completed

Chapman University Innovation in Diversity and Inclusion Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award (Amount: \$13,550) Project Title: <i>Gene-Environment Interplay on Cardiovascular Health: What's Race/Ethnicity Got to Do with It?</i> Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2021
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Publications

Velasquez, A. J., Douglas, J. A., Guo, F., & Robinette, J. W. (2022). In the eyes of the beholder: Race, place and health. *Frontiers in public health, 10*, 920637.
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2022.920637>

Guo, F., Bostean, G., Berardi, V., **Velasquez, A.J.**, & Robinette, J.W. (2022). Obesogenic Environment and Cardiovascular Disease: A Multiple Mediation Analysis Using National Data. *BMC Public Health*. doi: 10.1186/s12889-022-13100-4.

Velasquez, A. J., Douglas, J.A., Guo, F., & Robinette, J.W. (2021). What predicts how safe people feel in their neighborhoods and does it depend on functional status? *SSM - Population Health, 16*, 100927. doi: 10.1016/j.ssmph.2021.100927.

Conference Presentations

Velasquez, A. J., McCurdy A., Ioverno S., & Russell S. T. (2023, April) The role of Gay-Straight Alliances and Inclusive Teacher Training across the Transition from Middle to High School. Paper to be presented the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA.

Velasquez, A. J., Douglas, J. A., Guo, F., & Robinette, J. W. (2022, Nov). In the eyes of the beholder: Race, place and health. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Indianapolis, IN.

Velasquez, A.J., Guo, F., & Robinette, J.W. (2021, Nov). Crime and Perceived Neighborhood Safety Across Racial/Ethnic Groups. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Virtual Event.

Guo, F., **Velasquez, A.J.**, & Robinette, J.W. (2021, Oct). Interaction Between Neighborhood Crime and Polygenic Score on Type 2 Diabetes. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences Conference, Boulder, CO.

Guo, F., Bostean, G., Berardi, V., **Velasquez, A.J.**, & Robinette, J.W. (2021, May). Obesogenic Environment and Cardiovascular Disease: A Multiple Mediation Analysis Using National Data. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Virtual Event.

Velasquez, A.J., Douglas, J.A., & Robinette, J.W. (2021, May). What predicts how safe people feel in their neighborhoods and does it depend on functional status? Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Virtual Event.

Velasquez, A.J., De Dios, M., Coulombe, B.R., & Yates, T.M. (2019, May). Community violence exposure and delinquent behaviors in childhood: The mediating role of aggressive coping. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington D.C.

Velasquez, A.J., Coulombe, B.R. & Yates, T.M. (2019, March). Ethnic-racial discrimination and aggression in childhood: The mediating role of social support. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.

Honors & Distinctions

Texas Center for Equity Promotion, Graduate Scholar Initiative	2023
The University of Texas at Austin, Dean's Strategic Fellowship	2022
The Gerontological Society of America Behavioral and Social Sciences Carol A. Schulz Travel Award	2022
The Gerontological Society of America Behavioral and Social Sciences Student Registration Award	2021
Association for Psychological Science, Student Diversity Registration Award	2021
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Diversity in Psychology Weekend	2020
University of California-Riverside, Dean's Honors List for academic excellence.	2017-2018
Resident Advisor of the Quarter for outstanding service in both a student leadership role and academics	2018
Society for Research on Adolescence, Undergraduate Scholar (2018)	
Hispanic Fund Scholar, for academic excellence as an ethnic minority	2017

Guest Lecture(s) and Invited Panel(s)

Velasquez A.J. "Intersectionality: LGBTQ+ Health Disparities". HDF 305: Health & Development Across The Lifespan. Invited Guest Lecture. The University of Texas at Austin, February 2023.

Velasquez A.J. "Graduate School Panel." University Leadership Network. Invited Panel. The University of Texas at Austin, February 2023.

Research Experience

The SOGI: Health and Rights Lab

Summer Research/Graduate Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin

Principal Investigator: Stephen T. Russell, PhD

June 2022- Present

Context and Aging Research Lab (Paid Position) Mar 2020 – May 2022
Staff Research Assistant, Chapman University
Principal Investigator: Jennifer W. Robinette, PhD

Adversity and Adaptation Lab, Riverside, CA Jan 2017 – Sept 2019
Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of California, Riverside
Principal Investigator: Tuppett M. Yates, PhD

Personality and Identity Lab, Riverside, CA Sept 2016 – June 2017
Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of California, Riverside
Principal Investigator: William Dunlop, PhD

Employment

McKinley's Children Center, San Dimas CA Nov 2018 – Mar 2020
Treatment Counselor

UC Riverside Residential Department, Riverside, CA Sept 2017 – Sept 2018
Resident Advisor & Summer Lead Resident Advisor

Moreno Valley Unified School District, Moreno Valley, CA Oct 2015 – Apr 2017
Math & Reading Tutor, Towngate Elementary School

Volunteer Experience

Latinx Graduate Student Association, Austin, TX Aug 2023- *Present*
Co-Executive Director

Latinx Graduate Student Association, Austin, TX Sept 2022- July 2023
Committee of Communications

Chapman University, Orange, CA Sept 2020- May 2021
We CU! Mentorship Program

Cultural Awareness Project, Riverside, CA Jan 2018- Feb 2018
Trainee
solidarity and empathy, all of which are imperative to creating inclusive spaces for students on college campuses.

TRIO Scholars, Riverside, CA Oct 2017- June 2018
Student Support Services Peer Mentor

UC Riverside LGBT Resource Center, Riverside, CA Oct 2016- June 2018
Community Outreach Educator