

CURRICULUM VITAE
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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 2018
Minor: Education

Grants

In Progress

National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship 2023-Present
Project Title: *Intersectionality, Discriminatory Bullying, and School Safety*
Role: Principal Investigator

Completed

The University of Texas at Austin 2023-2024
College of Education, Texas Center for Equity Promotion
Graduate Student Scholar Award.
Role: Co-Principal Investigator

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

Non-research Miscellaneous Funding

The University of Texas at Austin
Longhorn Wellness Center
Velasquez, A.J. & Rodríguez Lemus, G (2024). Awarded the Mental Health Promotion Mini Grant for [*the Latinx Graduate Student association*]'s dedication to enhancing student well-being. (**Amount \$500**).

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.

Manuscripts (*in prep*)

Velasquez, A.J., Sherwood, S.H., Ioverno S., & Russell, S.T. (*in prep*). The role of Gay-Straight Alliances and Inclusive Teacher Training across the Transition from Middle to High School.

Velasquez, A.J., Sherwood, S.H., Russell, S.T. (*in prep*). Biased Based Bullying and School Safety Among Hispanic/Latinx youth: An Intersectional Approach.

Conference Presentations

Velasquez A.J., Sherwood, S.H., & Russell, Russell, S.T. (*under review*). Biased-Based Bullying and School Safety: An Intersectional Approach. Symposium submission to European Association for Research on Adolescence, Limassol, Cyprus.

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

The University of Texas at Austin, Dean's <i>Prestigious</i> Fellowship Supplement	2023-Present
Texas Center for Equity Promotion, Graduate Scholar Initiative	2023-Present
The University of Texas at Austin, Dean's Strategic Fellowship	2022-Present
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. 31st Annual Emerging Scholarship in Women's and Gender Studies Conference. *Moderator*, April 2024.

Velasquez A.J. Spring Research Symposium Graduate Student Lecture. Texas Center for Equity Promotion, April 2024.

Velasquez A.J. & Lopez B., First Generation, Queer BIPOC Panel. Multicultural Engagement Center, October 2024.

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 June 2022- *Present*
Summer Research/Graduate Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin
Principal Investigator: Stephen T. Russell, PhD

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: Tuppert 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