

RUBI GONZALES

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

B.A. Psychology with minor in Criminal Justice, 2020
Summa Cum Laude

MANUSCRIPT

Alvarez, M.J., Fierro-Perez, R., **Gonzales, R.M.**, Bray, J. & Zárata, M.A. Under the skin: Psychophysiological Consequences of Racial Discrimination (revising for submission).

TECHNICAL REPORTS AND OTHER MEDIA

Gonzales, R., Alvarez, M.J., & Corral, G. (2018). We the people of El Paso: results of the 2017 El Paso Citizen Survey. University of Texas at El Paso and the City of El Paso.

Alvarez, M.J., Arriaga Pazos, F., **Gonzales, R.**, & Corral, G. (2018). 2017 UTEP Program to Educate and Retain Students in STEM Tracks (PERSIST): 2017-2018 Progress Evaluation Report. University of Texas at El Paso and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Legal Decision Lab Blog Posts: Can we really view police body cam videos subjectively?

PRESENTATIONS

2020 **Gonzales, R.M.**, Fierro-Perez, R., Bray, J., Alvarez, M.J., & Zárata, M.A. (2020, March). Is racism effecting my health? Poster presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in New Orleans, LA.

2019 **Gonzales, R.M.**, Bray, J., Fierro-Perez, R., Alvarez, M.J., & Zárata, M.A. (2019, August). Racism's effect on working memory and mental health. Poster presented at the COURI Symposium at the University of Texas – El Paso in El Paso, TX.

Fierro-Perez, R., **Gonzales, R.M.**, Alvarez, M.J., & Zárata, M.A. (2019, June). Is racism effecting my health? Poster presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues in San Diego, CA.

Gonzales, R.M., Alvarez, M.J., Fierro-Perez, R., & Zárate, M.A. (2019, April). Is racism effecting my health? Poster presented at the COURI Symposium at the University of Texas – El Paso in El Paso, TX.

Gonzales, R.M., Armenta, A.D., Alvarez, M.J., Fierro-Perez, R., & Zárate, M.A. (2019, February). Cultures in motion desire to stay in motion: Studying New York City resident’s reactions to stability. Poster presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in Portland, OR.

Fierro-Perez, R., **Gonzales, R.M.,** Alvarez, M.J., & Zárate, M.A. (2019, February). The effect of ethnic based prejudice on working memory and anxiety. Poster presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in Portland, OR.

2018 **Gonzales, R. M.,** Alvarez, M.J. & Corral. G. (2018, August). We the people of El Paso: Results of the 2017 El Paso citizen survey. Poster presented at the COURI Symposium at the University of Texas – El Paso in El Paso, TX.

AWARDS, GRANTS, HONORS

2020 Recipient of the American Psychology-Law Society Access Path (AP) Award, from Minority Affairs Committee, \$3,000

Recipient of the University of Texas at El Paso Student Government Association Appropriation Bill, \$250

2019 Recipient of the “Best undergraduate presentation” award at the COURI Symposium, \$100

2018-Present Recipient of the EPCF-A. Alan & Marie Z. Montrose Educational Fund, \$1,500

2017-2018 Recipient of the Texas Valedictorian scholarship, \$3,000

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Decision Laboratory- Lab Manager
Faculty Supervisor: Krystia Reed, J.D., PhD.

University of Texas-El Paso
October 2019-Present

Project: HONORS THESIS - Jury Decision Making in Criminal Trials

- Explored the role of judicial favoritism and its impact on jurors. Specifically, this study investigates whether jurors are influenced by perceived judicial favoritism following attorney objections. The judge may be perceived as favoring the Plaintiff, the Defense, or being neutral. (Spring – Fall 2020)

Project: Community Perceptions of Juvenile Solitary Confinement

- Explored people’s opinions on solitary confinement following COVID-19 quarantine and isolation. Investigated whether participants are influenced by the presence of a narrative when voting for a bill regarding solitary confinement of juveniles. Also investigated the impact of COVID-19 quarantine and isolation on participant decisions. (Summer 2020-Present)

Social Cognition Laboratory
Faculty Supervisor: Michael A. Zárate, Ph.D.

University of Texas - El Paso
January 2017– Present

Project: Is racism effecting my health?

- Investigates the association between in-group/outgroup discrimination, mental health, and working memory. We expect in-group discrimination will be positively correlated with higher self-reported levels of anger, shame, and anxiety. In-group discrimination will also decrease working memory (Fall 2019– Spring 2020)

Project: The effect of ethnic-based prejudice on stress and anxiety

- Experiment 1: Investigated the associations between resilience, ethnic-based discrimination, anxiety, and working memory. We expected resilience will impact anxiety, and working memory as serve as a potential protective factor (Summer – Fall 2018)
- Experiment 2: Investigates the association between ethnic-identity, stress, and eating behaviors. We expect increase levels of stress will be positively correlated with unhealthy food choices and high ethnic-identity will serve as a protective factor (Fall 2018– Fall 2019)

Project: Cultural Inertia in New York City

- Investigated attitudes toward immigration, immigrants, change, stability, and NYC culture, including businesses and the extent to which people will resist change when change is expected or continuous
- Interested in whether reactance occurs in individuals who are told that change will no longer occur in their community

Culture, Diversity, and Intergroup Relations Lab
Faculty Supervisor: Victoria Plaut, PhD

University of California-Berkeley
June 2020-Present

- Coding of qualitative data of COVID-19 study.
- Searching for news articles and synthesizing them in an organized GoogleSheets spreadsheet in collaboration with another undergraduate student.

Summer Undergraduate Research Program Assistantship
Supervisor: Joseph Ramos, Ph.D.

University of Texas - El Paso
June 2019-August 2019

Project: Is racism effecting my health?

- Preparing of project proposal and description for admittance into program.
- Received professional development through workshops and social activities with other undergraduate researchers.
- Drafted IRB and helped conceptualize my own study.
- Completed study during the summer and analyzed data for results.
- Presented findings at UTEP symposium.

Office of Research and Sponsored Projects
Supervisor: Guadalupe Corral, Ph.D.

University of Texas - El Paso
June 2018-August 2018

- Assist a team of staff and graduate students in the planning and conducting of research assessments/surveys.
- Provide support in collecting, analyzing data, and interpreting results
- Completed technical report for the City of El Paso discussing results of 2017 El Paso Citizen Survey.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Skills

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| • Experimental research design | Survey administration | • |
| • IRB crafting and creating | Quantitative and Qualitative data coding | • |
| • Literature Reviews | Library search tools (i.e. Psych Info) | • |
| • Running lab meetings | Qualtrics survey software | • |
| • Maintenance of lab websites | Mechanical Turk | • |
| • Adherence to ethical research standards | Data collection, data entry, data review | • |

Professional Skills

- Problem Solving, Critical thinking
- Time management and diligence
- Strong sense of teamwork
- Certified through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

Statistical Software

- Working knowledge of IBM SPSS® and SAS®

PROFESSIONAL AND LOCAL MEMBERSHIPS

2017 – Present	Student Member, Honors Society
2018- Present	National Society of Collegiate Scholars
2019-Present	Golden Key International Honour Society