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## Education

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### The University of Texas at Austin (2020-current)

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Elements of Computing Program certificate

### Collin County Community College (2018-2020)

## Manuscripts in Progress

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Blackburn, K., Srinivasan, L., & Leyva-Montiel, G. (in progress). "Those were the days": Exploring nostalgia in people's travel memories through verb usage

## Conference Presentations and Submissions

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Leyva-Montiel, G. (2021). *"Those were the days": Exploring nostalgia in people's travel memories through verb usage*. Undergraduate poster to be presented virtually at 2021 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference.

Leyva-Montiel, G. (August 2020). *"Usage of auxiliary verbs in writing reflects psychological states during COVID-19 quarantine"*. Poster presented virtually for final SURE internship session showcasing participant research projects

## Honors, Awards, and Scholarships

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2018-2020 Collin College President's Honor List

2018 Frisco Education Foundation Scholarship Program

## Professional Appointments

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### Undergraduate Research Assistant

2020-Present | The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Psychology

- Examined linguistic data from online communities using text analysis software
- Co-authored research papers

### Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant

June 2020- August 2020 | The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Psychology

- Accepted into the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) as an intern in the Pennebaker Language Lab
- Conducted 2 months of fulltime research under the mentorship of Dr. James Pennebaker and graduate student Ashwini Ashokkumar

- Developed research proposal and analyzed linguistic data collected worldwide during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Presented findings in final virtual conference

### **Undergraduate Research Assistant**

2019- 2020 | Collin College, Plano, TX

- Worked with 4 other Psi Beta student members to conduct and analyze data collected by the Southwestern Psychological Association on communication competence.
- Mentored by Psi Beta Advisor

### **Accounting Administrator**

2018- 2020 | L&S Mechanical, Richardson, TX

- Collaborated with accountants to organize systems for payment collections and record keeping
- Digitized records for easy updating
- Trained new employees in the accounting sector

### **Service**

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| 2020 | Helped update CLIMB Research Group lab website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2020 | Psi Beta Dog Days of Finals Event Volunteer at Collin College: Therapy dogs were brought on campus during the week of finals for consenting students to pet and destress during finals week. Answered student questions concerning counseling services offered at Collin College. |
| 2019 | Voluntary Teacher Aide at J.W. and Ruth Christie Elementary School: Helped prepare interactive activities and engage students in a bilingual classroom environment                                                                                                                |

### **Professional Membership**

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Southwestern Psychological Association  
 Phi Theta Kappa  
 Psi Beta

### **Technical Skills**

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Contextualizer  
 EZPZTXT  
 Meaning Extraction Helper (MEH)  
 R; RStudio  
 Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC)  
 POS Tagger