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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Academia

Position: Research Associate

Location: University of Texas at Austin

Advisor: Dr. Blackburn

Professional

Position: Bank Teller

Location: Wells Fargo

Manager: Jose Bermudez

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin (2020)

B.A. in Psychology

Forensic Science Certificate

GPA: 3.10

The University of Texas at San Antonio (2016 – 2017)

B.A. in Psychology

GPA: 3.90

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Forensic psychology, psychology and law, inequality, disparities in criminal justice system, race, divorce, deception, language, politics

SUBMISSIONS & SUBMISSIONS IN PREPARATION

Blackburn, K., McGlone, M., Metz, G., Chunara, A., Marion, J., & **Hernandez, R.** (2020). Sorry not sorry: Linguistic similarities and differences between full and partial public apologies.

Submission under consideration at *Communication Research Reports*.

Contribution: Manuscript preparation and secondary analysis

Marion, J., **Hernandez, R.**, Jumonville, G., Zewail, A., & Blackburn, K. (in preparation). Language of False Confessions: A Text Analysis of Legal Statements made by DNA Exonerates

Contribution: Co-principal investigator and collection of public records from various district attorney's offices

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021 Blackburn, K., McGlone, M., Metz, G., Chunara, A., Marion, J., & **Hernandez, R.** (2021, February). *Sorry not sorry: Linguistic similarities and differences between full and partial public apologies*.

Paper to be virtually presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology

Conference, Austin, TX

2021 Marion, J., **Hernandez, R.**, Jumonville, G., Zewail, A., & Blackburn, K. (2021, February). *Language of False Confessions: A Text Analysis of Legal Statements made by DNA Exonerees*. Project to be virtually presented at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Austin, TX

SCHOLARSHIPS & HONORS

Texas Excellence Grant; \$15,000 per year for 4 years
Longhorn License Plate Scholarship; \$1,128 for 4 years
Sorority and Fraternity Life Award for Service and Philanthropy
President's List (2017)
Dean's List (2016)

LAB EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Austin (2019 – Present)

Department of Psychology
Computers, Language, Individuals, & Modern Behavior Research Group
Research Assistant
Advisor: Dr. Kate Blackburn

- Building a corpus of false confession transcripts to analyze language patterns in exonerated cases
- Analyzing data, preparing manuscript, and collaborating with research team on group projects
- Presenting in conferences and leading a team of 4 researchers on forensic project

University of Texas at Austin (2019 – Present)

Department of Psychology
Laboratory of Multicultural Processes & Mental Health
Research Assistant
Advisor: Dr. Manuel Ramirez

- Interpreting current trends and data related to forensic psychology to 4 research assistants and head researcher
- Performing a multiculturalism survey and free-association task on 40+ participants and documenting findings
- Assisting in distributing intake forms to referred clients under Dr. Ramirez in his private practice

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wells Fargo (2019 – Present); Austin, TX

Bank Teller
Manager: Jose Bermudez

- Handling U.S. and foreign currency under limits of \$50,000 with attuned attentional detail
- Addressing clients' finances to ensure the optimal type of account to fit their financial needs

- Processing standard transactions including deposits, cashing, payments, balancing, and correcting discrepancies

Nothing Bundt Cakes (2017 – 2019); Austin, TX

Guest Service Representative

Manager: Melissa Gora

- Communicated and maintained high standards of customers service during high volume fast paced operations
- Multitasked in different areas of work to ensure satisfactory service for customers and management
- Achieved 15-25 hours per week while meeting the demands of a full-time student and an active member of UT

The General Public (Spring 2017); San Antonio, TX

Hostess

Manager: Mauricio Moreno

- Organized reservations to accommodate walk-in parties and existing reservations
- Provided excellent customer service when greeting guests and over the phone transactions
- Adapted in fast-paced environments to ensure efficiency and care of the guests

Lush Cosmetics (Fall 2016); San Antonio, TX

Sales Ambassador

Manager: Sontera Crabb

- Established rapport with customers to perform demonstrations of the products
- Consulted inventory reports, arranged merchandise, and maintained display
- Educated customers of the ingredients, purpose, and type of products at Lush

COMMUNITY IMPACT MEMBERSHIP

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. (2019 – Present); Austin, TX

An organization dedicated to community service to institutions of higher education and the community with an emphasis on the Hispanic/ Latinx population

Vice President, Publicity Chair, Expansion Chair, and New Member Educator Assistant

Advisor: Juliann Solis

- Assigned 8 chair positions and their respective committee members while supervising all projects of each chair
- Delegated tasks such as drafted budget proposals, coordinated with vendors and executive board, and organized special events
- Oversaw all publicity and recruitment efforts for organization

SERVICE

2018 – 2020

Dedicated over 80 hours of community service in the Austin area such as tutoring Spanish-speaking students, accompanying students safely home

	during late hours, creating events for the elderly, sorting through recyclables and trash, sending books to inmates, etc.
Spring 2020	Created a flyer for multicultural lab in an effort to increase lab participants
Spring 2019	Assisted in educating women the values of leadership and professionalism for organization through weekly meetings
Spring 2018	Coordinated Longhorn Leader's Day at UT Austin; an event for low income for middle and high school female students to promote higher education and woman empowerment through workshops like resume building, applying to college/ FAFSA, self-defense, mock interview, and mental health care

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc.
The International Honor Society in Psychology (Psi Chi)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
Texas Exes

RELEVANT COURSEWORK & SKILLS

Abnormal Psychology
Clinical Psychology
Psychopharmacology
Social Psychology and Law
Sociology of Criminal Justice
Forensic Science
Criminology
Social Psychology
Statistics and Research Design
LIWC
Data Collection
Data Analysis
Manuscript Preparation
Project Management
Common Operating Systems
Cash Drawer Maintenance
Knowledge of Financial Principles and Practices
Communication and Presentation Skills

References available upon request.