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Education

2019 – 2021	**M.A. in Criminology**	
	University of Maryland	
	Cum. GPA: 3.77	

2014 – 2018	**B.S. in Statistics**
	University of Texas at San Antonio
	Magna Cum Laude
	Major GPA: 3.73, Cum. GPA: 3.81

2014 – 2018	**B.A. in Psychology**
	University of Texas at San Antonio
	Magna Cum Laude
	Major GPA: 3.83, Cum. GPA: 3.81

2014 – 2018	**Minor in Criminal Justice**
	University of Texas at San Antonio
	Minor GPA: 4.0

Research Interests

During my undergraduate career, I worked on various projects in social psychology and criminology. My criminological research investigated the impact of common life-course predictors on juvenile delinquency and inmate behavior. As a graduate student, I am studying violent crime, mass shootings, and terrorism through an environmental/situational approach. Ultimately, my goal is to make meaningful contributions to violence prevention.

Scholarships & Fellowships

2019-Present	McNair Graduate Fellowship
	BSOS Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship
	Dean's Fellowship
2017-2018	Mellon Pathways Fellowship
	The Pepsi Scholarship
	The Jerry & Mary Keating Scholarship in Statistics
	The Rosemary Kowalski Scholarship in Statistics
	The R.M. Wenzlaff Endowed Memorial Scholarship in Psychology
2016-2018	McNair Undergraduate Fellowship

Honors & Awards

McNair Scholar	October 2016 – Present
UTSA Academy of Research Associate	May 2018 – December 2018
Mellon Fellow	September 2017 – December 2018
Honors Program	September 2015 – October 2018
President's List	Spring 2018
Dean's List	Spring 2016 – Fall 2017, Fall 2015
Honor Roll	Fall 2016, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Best in Show	UTSA Undergraduate Showcase	April 2017
1st Place| Trio Research Symposium	July 2017
2nd Place	COLFA Conference	March 2018
1st Place	FIU McNair Conference	October 2018

Research Experience

2020-Present
Master's Thesis: Routine Activity Theory and Mass Shootings
Advisor: Laura Dugan, Ph.D.
Reformulated existing theory to explain mass shooting fatalities | Identified appropriate methodology | Assessed various mass shooting databases | Composed a master's thesis proposal

2020-2021
Research Assistantship: Terrorism
Advisor: Gary LaFree, Ph.D.
Investigated and reported on literature relevant to policing after 9/11 | Audited countless studies and reports on the routine activity theory | Assisted in NSF proposal application

2019-2020
Research Assistantship: Target Selection
Advisor: Lauren Porter, Ph.D.
Assisted in various literature reviews involving environmental criminology and offender decision making | Examined and coded interview transcripts identifying methods of target selection using NVivo

Summer 2019
UP Partnership Data Analysis and Visualization Internship
Gathered data on college resource landscape using Qualtrics and secondary sources | Produced static and interactive statistical reports on Google data studio | Advanced company's data visualization strategies and coached others on new platforms

Summer 2018
UMD Summer Research Initiative: Collecting Adversities
Advisors: Sara Tahamont, Ph.D. & Lauren Porter, Ph.D.
Identified potential misconduct risk factors from the national Survey of Inmates in Federal Correctional Facilities (SIFCF) | Examined and synthesized existing prison adaptation literature | Cleaned and analyzed data using Stata | Created and presented research poster

Spring 2018	**Mellon Fellowship Program: Predictors of Delinquency** *Advisor: Dylan Jackson, Ph.D.* Reviewed and synthesized relevant life-course criminology literature | Identified potential mediator for parental involvement and deviance | Used SAS to clean and analyze data from the Monitoring the Future (MTF) study | Produced and presented research poster
Spring 2018	**Research: Multilevel Analysis of Identities and Identity Conflict** *Advisors: David Pillow, Ph.D. & Meghan Crabtree, Ph.D.* Reviewed participants' responses and built identity codebook | Oversaw three undergraduate assistants' identity coding | Assisted in analyzing data on SPSS | Composed methods section | Provided proofreading and feedback
Fall 2018	**Honors Thesis: Identity Conflict on Facebook** *Advisor: David Pillow, Ph.D.* Coordinated efforts in data collection using SONA | Cleaned and coded data using SPSS | Reviewed and synthesized identity conflict and social media literature | Composed undergraduate honors thesis
Summer 2017	**McNair Summer Research Experience: Fear of Negative Evaluation** *Advisor: David Pillow, Ph.D.* Conducted a literature review on impression management and social media use | Cleaned and analyzed data using SPSS | Used Excel and Publisher to graphically describe results | Created and presented research poster
Spring 2016	**Independent Study** Social Psych Lab Operationalized identity conflict strategies | Aided in item/survey creation | Facilitated in-person surveys

Publications

LaFree, G., & **Yanez, Y. A**. (In Press). Criminological Perspectives on Extremist Radicalization and Terrorist Acts. *In Handbook on Radicalisation and Countering Radicalisation.* Routledge.

Presentations

Yanez, Y. A., & Jackson, D. (2018, November). *Exploring the Effects of Parental Involvement, Academic Achievement, and Race on Deviance*. Poster presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Yanez, Y.A., Porter, L., Tahamont, S. (2018, October). *Collecting Adversity: Exploring the Life-Course as it Continues into Prison.* PowerPoint presented at FIU McNair Scholars Conference, Miami, Florida. *Awarded 1st place.*

Yanez, Y.A., Porter, L., Tahamont, S. (2018, July). *Collecting Adversity: Exploring the Life-Course as it Continues into Prison.* Poster presented at University of Maryland BSOS SRI Conference, College Park, MD.

Yanez, Y. A., Pillow, D., Crabtree, M. (2018, March*). Navigating the virtual world: The effects of identity conflict on Facebook stress*. Poster presented at the 18th Annual Spring COLFA Conference, San Antonio, TX. *Awarded 2nd place.*

Yanez, Y. A., & Pillow, D. (2017, April). *Fear of negative evaluation and its effects on Facebook anxiety*. Poster and PowerPoint presented at the 7th Annual Trio Research Symposium, San Antonio, TX. *Awarded 1st place.*

Yanez, Y. A., & Pillow, D. (2017, April). *Identity conflict on Facebook*. Poster presented at Undergraduate Showcase, San Antonio, TX. *Awarded Best in Show for Psychology*.

Stephens, O. L., Crabtree, M. A., Galvan, M., Kohler, J., Mohammed, Z. A., **Yanez, Y. A**., Someshwar, R. A., Kordab, S., Pillow, D. (2017, April). *Operationalizing purpose in life via a new four factor measure.* Poster presented at Southwestern Psychological Association Convention, San Antonio.

Yanez, Y. A., & Pillow, D. (2017, March). *Identity conflict on Facebook*. Poster presented at McNair National Conference, College Park, MD.

Hernandez, L., Galvan, M., Stephens, O., Kohler, J., **Yanez, Y. A**., Lopez, A., Crabtree, M., & Pillow, D. (2017, January). *Perceptions of narcissism, leadership strength, and likeability in 2016 POTUS candidates: It's all about that Donald.* Poster Presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology National Convention, San Antonio, TX.

Yanez, Y. A., Crabtree, M. A., & Pillow, D. (2016, November). *Social identity conflict on Facebook.* Poster presented at Signature Research Experience Lecture Series, San Antonio, TX.

Yanez, Y. A., Galvan, M., Lopez, A., Hernandez, L. H., Kohler, J., Stephens, O., Crabtree, M. A., & Pillow, D. R. (2016, April). *What are we really thinking? Perceived personality traits of presidential candidates for 2016.* Poster presented at Psychology Student Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Kohler, J., Lopez, A., Galvan, M., Hernandez, L. H, **Yanez, Y. A**., Stephens, O., Crabtree, M. A., & Pillow, D. R. (2016, April). *What are they really saying? Lexical analysis of presidential candidates of 2016.* Poster presented at Psychology Student Research Conference, San Antonio, TX

Yanez, Y. A. (2016, April). *Unmasking man's instinctual disposition: The effects of anonymity and insecurity on aggression.* Poster presented at Undergraduate Showcase, San Antonio, TX

Analytical Software

Proficient in Excel, Google Data Studio, SPSS, Stata, and Tableau
Experience with NVivo, R, SAS Enterprise Guide and SQLite

Languages

Native English and Spanish Speaker