**Elena Tapia**

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EDUCATION

**University of Maryland, College Park** Present

Doctoral Studentin Criminology & Criminal Justice

**University of North Carolina at Wilmington**  May 2022

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology with a Minor in Harp

*Summa Cum Laude*

WORK EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland** 2022-Present

College Park, Maryland

* Assessed student progress on assignments and overall performance in the course
* Held regularly scheduled office hours to aid and mentor students
* Maintained record of student grades and attendance

**Project Manager, Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network** 2022-Present

**Arnold Ventures Foundation**

Reducing Inequality in Criminal Justice through Improved Public Safety Policies

College Park, Maryland

* Create Request for Proposal (RFP) for the project
* Coordinate grant submissions, assist in applications and communicate with applicants
* Design and create website for Arnold Ventures
* Coordinate meetings and keep team on course with project deadlines

**Visitor Services Agent, Cameron Art Museum** 2021-2022

Wilmington, North Carolina

* Organized and managed visitor services desk by facilitating entry
* Assisted customers with navigation, ticket and membership sales, and information about exhibitions
* Administrated tours for schools, visitors, and special events

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**Presidents Fellowship** 2022-2027

**“**Presidents Fellowship”, $50,000

**Dean’s Graduate Scholarship** 2022-2027

**“**Dean’s Graduate Scholarship”, $25,000

**SOAR Scholarship** 2019-2022

“Ambassador Program”, $35,000

**Harnett County Association of Educational Office Professionals** 2014-2016

“Senior Scholarship”, $5,000

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**BSOS Research Resilience Hub Showcase** 2022-2023

Examining Risky Firearm Behaviors Among High-risk Gun Carriers in New York City

Dr. Rod Brunson, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

* Created and designed poster exhibiting the research on unsafe gun handling habits among male youth in New York City
* Presented at the BSOS Research Resilience Hub Showcase

**First Year Research Experience Program (FYRE)** 2019-2020

Anthropology Department, Dr. Eleanora A. Reber

University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC

* Faculty-mentored undergraduate research
* Assisted Dr. Reber in her pottery residue lab learning proper lab technique and research methodology
* Presented at Spring Showcase of Research and Creative Scholarship

**Northside Co-Op Project** 2019-2020 Sociology Department, Dr. Jill Waity

University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC

* Assisted the Northside Co-Op Project by researching the best methods to ensure a successful Co-Op
* Research was presented at a panel to the leaders of the Northside Co-Op project
* Helped to implement a Co-Op grocery store in a food desert in the local Wilmington area

PUBLICATIONS

**Aggression and Violent Behavior Meta-Analysis** Expected: Oct 2023

Dr. Rod Brunson & Dr. Maria Velez

Criminology Department, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

* Co-author for special issue of *Aggression and Violent Behavior* : Crime, Violence & Place
* Contributed to the research and writing of the publication
* Took on a team leader position by creating a timeline and managing the schedule

SERVICE

**Mi Casa Mentoring Program** 2019-2022

Centro Hispano

University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC

* Mentored high school students referred from Big Brothers/Big Sisters on the requirements to be successful future college students
* Worked together with my mentee and others in the group on several community service projects such as cleanup and rebuilding of the Wilmington area after hurricane Florence

**Soar Ambassador** 2019-2022

Soar Program Executive Board

University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC

* Member of the board identified to help lead the Soar service initiatives locally
* Served as the secretary of the Soar program and facilitated and organized meetings
* Assisted in the organization of several community service projects

**Plastic Ocean Project** 2019-2022

POP Member

University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC

* Committed to the community service project of beach cleanup in the Wilmington area
* Helped to recruit other members to the project
* Assisted in fundraising and communication with other local beach cleanup chapters

CERTIFICATIONS

**Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative** April 2021

* CITI Certification
* Human and Social/Behavior Research Course

SKILLS

**Data Analysis**

Stata (Beginning Proficiency)

REFERENCES

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