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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION:

2025 Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland – College Park (expected)

M.A., Criminal Justice, University of Massachusetts – Lowell

Thesis: Hostile Encounters—Exploring the Intersections of Immigration Status and

Experiences of Biased Treatment Against Latinos in the U.S.

Committee: Sheldon X. Zhang (chair), Pauline K. Brennan, Wilson R. Palacios

B.S., Criminal Justice, University of Massachusetts – Lowell,

Thesis: The Effects of Early Adversity on Adult Empathy Committee: Jill Portnoy (mentor), Wilson R. Palacios

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2022-present Research Assistant, Dr. Min Xie, University of Maryland – College Park

2021 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Criminology, Professor Jessica Morabito,

University of Maryland – College Park

2020-2021 Research Assistant, Dr. Sheldon X. Zhang, University of Massachusetts – Lowell

2019 Research Assistant, Dr. Jill Portnoy, University of Massachusetts – Lowell

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Immigration and crime, Latinx community, victimization, human trafficking, human smuggling

PUBLICATIONS

Dank, M., Farrell, A., Zhang, S., Hughes, A., Abeyta, S., Fanarraga, I., . . . Ortiz Solis,
 V. (2021). An Exploratory Study of Labor Trafficking Among U.S. Citizen Victims (Rep. No.

302157). Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

2021 "An Exploratory Study of Labor Trafficking Among U.S. Citizen Victims" Research

Assistant, University of Massachusetts - Lowell

Primary Responsibilities: Interview transcription and literature review on the experience of labor trafficking victims and social agencies working with victims.

2020 "Understanding and Measuring Bias Victimization Against Latinos", Research

Assistant, University of Massachusetts – Lowell

Primary Responsibilities: Interview transcription and translation from Spanish to

English on the bias victimization experienced by Latinos.

2019 "Health, Stress, and Behavior" Research Assistant, University of Massachusetts –

Lowell

Primary Responsibilities: Primary data collection and survey administration for physiological data, adverse life events, empathic abilities, and antisocial behaviors.

Research dissemination at the student symposium.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS:

2019 Student Research & Community Engagement Symposium, Student Research & Community Engagement Symposium, University of Massachusetts – Lowell, April 2019, "Early Life Adversity and Adult Subtypes of Empathy", advised by Dr. Jill Portnoy

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

University of Maryland – College Park

2023-2024 The Graduate School's Exceptional Recruitment Fellowship

2021-2023 Diversity Recruitment Fellowship

2021-2023 Dean's Fellowship

University of Massachusetts - Lowell

2021 Outstanding Graduate Student in Criminal Justice

2020 FAHSS Dean's Discretionary Award

2020 Provost Student Success

2020 LIRA Scholarship

2020 Chancellor Jacqueline F. Moloney Endowed Scholarship Fund

2020 Amy Finn Human Spirit Award

2020 Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award

2020 The Trustee's Key

2018-2019 Charles Carroll Scholarship Endowment Fund Award

2017-2020 Dean's List