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Education

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| 2022 – 2024 | Ph.D. in Criminology
University of Maryland
Cum. GPA: 3.75 |
| 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 studied violent crime, mass shootings, and terrorism. Ultimately, my goal is to make meaningful contributions to violence prevention.

Scholarships & Fellowships

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| 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 |

Selected Honors & Awards

McNair Scholar	October 2016 - Present
Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award	Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
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
2 nd Place BSOS 3MT Competition	March 2023
1 st Place FIU McNair Conference	October 2018
2 nd Place COLFA Conference	March 2018
1 st Place Trio Research Symposium	July 2017
Best in Show UTSA Undergraduate Showcase	April 2017

Teaching Experience

2023-2024	<p>Teaching Assistant: Causes and Consequences of Terrorism <i>Teacher: Gary LaFree, Ph.D.</i> Proctored exams Met with students and assisted them with major projects using PowerPoint and Excel Gathered and shared Terrorism data for students to use Graded exams</p>
2022-2023	<p>Class Mentor: Psychology of Mental Illness and Addiction <i>Teacher: Alisha Ali, Ph.D.</i> Held virtual weekly meetings with Chinese high school students Lectured on topics supplementing teacher’s sessions Facilitated group activities Graded essays and exams</p>

Research Experience

2020-2024	<p>Research Assistantship: Terrorism <i>Advisor: Gary LaFree, Ph.D.</i> 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</p>
2019-2023	<p>Research Assistantship: Target Selection <i>Advisor: Lauren Porter, Ph.D.</i> Assisted in various literature reviews involving environmental criminology and offender decision making Examined and coded interview transcripts identifying methods of target selection using NVivo</p>

- 2020-2021 **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
- 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 An. 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 SRE: 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. (2024). Criminological Perspectives on Extremist Radicalization and Terrorist Acts. *In Handbook on Radicalisation and Countering Radicalisation*. Routledge.

LaFree, G., Jiang, B., & Yanez, Y. (2023). Comparing the determinants of worldwide homicide and terrorism. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*.

Presentations

Yanez, Y.A. (2024, June). Branches of the same tree? A comparative analysis of mass shooting and homicide offenders. Slides presented at the Stockholm Criminology Symposium, Stockholm, SE.

Yanez, Y.A. (2021, November). Mitigating Mass Shooting Severity: *A Reconstruction and Application of the Routine Activity Theory*. Poster presented at the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

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, R, SPSS, Stata, and Tableau
Experience with NVivo, SAS Enterprise Guide and SQLite

Languages

Native English and Spanish Speaker