**Amanda Bernal**

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**EDUCATION**

**Master of Sciences** May 2021

*University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX*

Concentration: Social Psychology

**Bachelor of Arts** May 2019

*Austin College, Sherman, TX*

Major: Psychology

Minors: Mathematics and Education

Graduation with Honors

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistant** Aug 2019 – May 2021

*Dr. Heidi Kane, University of Texas at Dallas*

* Assisted with participant recruitment, ensuring participants meet inclusion requirements
* Maintained close communication with undergraduate research assistants – interviewed potential new research assistants, informed them of their lab assignments and roles, etc.,
* Coordinated transcription and LIWC prep assignments for undergraduate research assistants

**Thesis Student** Aug 2018 – May 2019

*Austin College*

• Examined how levels of external motivation to control prejudice can impact specific predictors of parental support of their child’s hypothetical romantic relationship

• Advisor: Dr. Matthew Findley

**Research Assistant** Aug 2017 - May 2018

*Dr. Matthew Findley, Austin College*

* Partook in data collection through the recruitment and running of participants
* Used SPSS for data analysis

• Examined whether depletion of self-control resources affected levels of gratitude expression

**Independent Study** Feb 2017 – May 2017

*Austin College*

* Examined the effects of conformity on memory recall

• Coordinated and conducted in-person lab studies

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Teacher, Huntington Learning Center** June 2020 – September 2021

* Tutored students K-12 on reading and math subjects
* Performed academic evaluations with prospective students to determine if they are on grade level
* Prepared initial conferences and interim reports for Center Director
* Coordinated in-center and online tutoring sessions

**Lab Instructor, Calculus I Lab** Aug 2018 – Dec 2018

*Department of Mathematics, Austin College*

• Prepared lectures designed to scaffold student understanding of mathematical concepts

• Graded course assignments

**Peer Tutor, Academic Skills Center** Aug 2017 – May 2019

*Austin College*

• Tutored students in Psychology, Spanish, or Mathematics courses

• Tutor Lead for Mathematics review sessions – organized Calculus I

review sessions for current students in the course

* Co-organized workshops, handouts, and other student resources

**MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Member of Phi Beta Kappa April 2019

Member of Psi Chi Honor Society April 2017

Recipient of The Charles Curtis McKinney Memorial Fellowship May 2018

President of Rotaract organization May 2017 – May 2019

**PRESENTATION**

**Oral Presentations**

• Bernal, A., Murugesan, N. & Findley, M. (2018, April). *Does self-control depletion affect gratitude expression among males?* Austin College Student Scholarship Conference, Sherman, TX.

* Findley, M., & Bernal, A. (2019, April). *The influence of racial prejudice on parental support of interracial romantic relationships.* Austin College Scholarship Conference, Sherman, TX.

**Poster Presentations**

• Mejia, K., Bernal, A., & MacFarlane, I. M. (2017, April). *Effects of conformity on memory recall.* Poster session presented at Austin College Student Scholarship Conference, Sherman, TX.

* Findley, M., & Bernal, A. (2019, April). *The influence of racial prejudice on parental support of interracial romantic relationships.* Poster session presented at Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA) Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
* Bernal, A., Kane, H. S., Austin, K., & Ackerman, R. A. (2021, February). *The effect of partner daily stress on self-disclosure and perceived partner responsiveness*. Poster session presented at Society for Personality and Social Psychology’s (SPSP) Annual Convention, Austin, TX.

**REFERENCES**

Heidi S. Kane, Ph.D.

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