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<b>Work</b>	<b>Doctoral Research Associate</b> Vice Provost Office of Academic Affairs The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso Texas	August 2024 – Present
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	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Department of Computer Science The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas	August 2020 – May 2023
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<b>Education</b>	<b>Ph.D., Interdisciplinary Health Sciences</b> The University of Texas at El Paso.	August 2023 – Present
	<b>M.S., Computer Science</b> The University of Texas at El Paso	August 2020 – May 2023
	<i>Computer Science Leveling Coursework</i>	August 2018 – May 2020
	<b>Master's in Business Administration</b> The University of Texas at El Paso	August 2016 – May 2018
	<b>B.A., Psychology, concentration in Social Psychology</b> The University of Texas at El Paso	August 2011 – May 2015
<b>Skills</b>	<b>Technical Skills</b>	Survey and Scale Design, Focus Groups, Data Preparation and Analysis, AI modeling, Mobile App & Web Development.
	<b>Programming Languages</b>	Python, R, Java, C/C++, HTML/CSS, javascript.
	<b>Programs</b>	R Studio, VSCode, Adobe Creative Suite, MS Power Suite, MS Office Suite, Canva
<b>Languages</b>	<b>English</b>	(Native)
	<b>Spanish</b>	(Native)

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## Publications & Presentations

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**Contreras, J.M.,** Lara, P. (Under review) Exploring the factor structure of a preliminary measure of cultural responsiveness towards the transgender population for graduate SLP students. [Conference presentation]. 2026 Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, United States.

**Contreras, J. M.** (2026) "Implementing the UCLA Voice Synthesizer as a jsPsych Plugin for Web-Based Voice Perception Research". *190<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Acoustical Society of America*.

**Contreras, J.M.,** Lara, P. (2025, November 20-22) Towards a measure of SLP students' cultural responsiveness with the transgender population. [Conference presentation]. 2025 Convention, Washington, D.C., United States.

Merritt, B., & **Contreras, J. M.** (2025). Centering Transgender Voices at the US-Mexico "Borderlands": A Call to Action. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 1-13.

**Contreras, J.M.,** Lara, P. (2024, December 5-7). Exploring Cultural Responsiveness in Gender-Affirming Voice Therapy [Conference presentation]. 2024 Convention, Seattle, WA, United States.

**Contreras, J. M.,** Merritt, B. (2024) "Fundamental frequency patterns across gender, task, and language in Spanish-English bilinguals". *186<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Acoustical Society of America*.

**Contreras, J.,** Gonzalez, S., Segura, A., Vega, J., Lavretsky, P., & Ceberio, M. (2022) Standardizing the Process of Waterfowl Species Identification using Neural Networks. The 27th Joint NMSU/UTEP Workshop.

Ward, N.G., **Contreras, J.,** and Lehnert-LeHouillier, H. (2021) Patterns of Interactional Prosody in Youth with and without Autism. *INSAR 2021*

**Contreras, J.,** M. Ceberio, M., and V. Kreinovich, V. (2021) Why Dilated Convolutional Neural Networks: A Proof of Their Optimality, *Entropy*, 2021, Vol. 23, Paper 767.

**Contreras, J.,** Zapata, F., Kosheleva, O., Kreinovich, V., & Ceberio, M. (2020, September). Let us use negative examples in regression-type problems too. In 2020 24th International Conference Information Visualisation (IV) (pp. 296-300). IEEE. **(Best Paper Award)**

Smith, N. A., Camacho, A. C., Escobedo, E. J., **Contreras, J. M.,** Mondragon, O., Villanueva-Rosales, N., ... & Larios, V. M. (2020, September). A safety index for smart mobility using real-time crowdsourced data. In 2020 IEEE International Smart Cities Conference (ISC2) (pp. 1-8). IEEE