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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

EL PASO, TX

**2017-** Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology

## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

IRVINE, CA

**2017** Ph.D in Developmental Psychology

Dual concentrations in Psychology and Law, and Quantitative Methods

**Dissertation Title:** *Adolescents' Susceptibility to Parental and Peer Influence*

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

FORT COLLINS, CO

**2011** Master of Science in Human Development and Family Studies

**Thesis Title:** *The Role of Parent and Peer Moral Values in Adolescent Risk Behavior*

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

WICHITA, KS

**2007** Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Magna Cum Laude

## EXTERNAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### UNDER REVIEW

**2021** National Institute of Justice Longitudinal Research on Delinquency and Crime (PI; \$2 million)

**2021** American Psychology-Law Society Early Career Professionals Grant-In-Aid (PI; \$5000)

**2021** American Psychology-Law Society Research to Enhance the Impact and Diversification of Psychology and Law Research – Small Grant (PI;\$ 5000) – invited to submit full proposal (one of six finalists selected)

### FUNDED

**2020** National Science Foundation RAPID Response Grant “RAPID: Collaborative Research: Understanding At-Risk Adolescents' and Parents' Daily Experiences During COVID-19” (PI; awarded \$114,000)

**2020** National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates Supplement “NSF REU Supplement: Adolescent Social Development During Incarceration” (PI; awarded \$28,350)

**2018** National Science Foundation Law & Social Sciences Grant recipient “Collaborative Proposal: Adolescent Social Development During Incarceration” (PI; awarded \$355,325)

**2018** American Psychological Foundation Visionary Grant recipient (PI; awarded \$20,000)

**2017** American Psychological Association Dissertation Research Grant in Developmental Psychology (awarded \$500)

**2017** American Psychology-Law Society Grant-in-Aid for Students MacArthur Award (awarded \$1,500)

### **NOT FUNDED**

- 2020** American Psychology-Law Society Research to Enhance the Impact and Diversification of Psychology and Law Research – Large Grant (PI; \$50,000; not funded but selected as top five finalist and invited for full submission)
- 2020** National Institute of Justice Longitudinal Research on Delinquency and Crime (not funded; PI; \$2 million)
- 2019** National Institute of Justice Longitudinal Research on Delinquency and Crime (not funded; PI; \$1 million)
- 2018** American Psychology-Law Society Research to Enhance the Impact and Diversification of Psychology and Law Research – Large Grant (PI; \$47,362; not funded but selected as top five finalist and invited for full submission)
- 2018** Society for Research in Child Development Small Grants Program (PI; \$7,000)
- 2018** William T. Grant Foundation Reducing Inequality (PI; \$599,702)

### **INTERNAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2021** University Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CURE) Development Program (PI; awarded \$10,000)
- 2020** UTEP Dean’s Speaker Series for Interdisciplinary Research (co-PI; awarded \$5,000)
- 2018** UTEP Center for Law and Border Studies award for graduate student research support (PI; awarded \$15,000)
- 2017** UC Irvine Spring Dissertation Data Collection Stipend (awarded \$1,000)
- 2017** UC Irvine Social Ecology Dean’s Dissertation Writing Fellowship (awarded tuition and stipend benefits for the Spring quarter)
- 2015** Microsemi Graduate Research Fellowship (awarded tuition and stipend benefits for one quarter)
- 2011** UC Irvine Graduate Opportunity Diversity Fellowship, 2011-2012 (awarded \$18,000)

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- 2021** UTEP College of Liberal Arts Career Enhancement Award (awarded \$5,000)
- 2018** UTEP College of Liberal Arts Grant Proposal Enhancement Award (awarded \$3,000)
- 2017** UC Irvine Dean’s Award for Community Engagement
- 2015** UC Irvine School of Social Ecology Graduate Mentor Award
- 2014** UC Irvine School of Social Ecology Graduate Mentor Award
- 2013** UC Irvine School of Social Ecology Graduate Mentor Award
- 2012** UC Irvine School of Social Ecology Graduate Mentor Award

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

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\*Denotes graduate student author under my mentorship

\*\* Denotes undergraduate student author under my mentorship

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. Cavanagh, C., \*Clough, I., & **Thomas, A. G.** (in press). Justice-involved and community adolescents' differential experiences during COVID19.
2. Fine, A. D., **Thomas, A. G.**, van Rooij, B., & Cauffman, E. (2020). Adolescents' obligation to obey the law: Age-graded changes and parental influences on legal socialization. *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40865-020-00134-8>
3. **Thomas, A. G.**, \*\*Ozbardakci, N., Fine, A., Steinberg, L., Frick, P. J., & Cauffman, E. (2018). Effects of physical and emotional maternal hostility on adolescents' depression and reoffending. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 28(2), 427-437. doi: 10.1111/jora.12345
4. Haddock, S., Zimmerman, T., **Thomas, A. G.**, Weiler, L., & Krafchik, J. (2017). Mentoring at-risk youth: A qualitative analysis of mentee experiences. *Journal of Youth Development*, 12(4), 61-80. doi: 10.5195/jyd.2017.496
5. Cauffman, E., Donley, S., & **Thomas, A. G.** (2017). Raising the age: Raising the Issues. *Criminology and Public Policy*, 16(1), 73-81. doi: 10.1111/1745-9133.12257  
\*Authors are listed alphabetically as all authors contributed equally.
6. Cauffman, E., Fine, A., **Thomas, A. G.**, & Monahan, K. C. (2017). Trajectories of violent behavior among females and males. *Child Development*, 88(1), 41-54. doi: 10.1111/cdev.12678
7. Cauffman, E., Monahan, K., & **Thomas, A. G.** (2015). Pathways to persistence: Female offending from 14 to 25. *Journal of Developmental and Lifecourse Criminology*, 1, 236-268. doi: 10.1007/s40865-015-0016-z
8. **Thomas, A. G.**, Monahan, K., Lukowski, A., & Cauffman, E. (2014). Sleep problems across development: A pathway to adolescent risk taking through working memory. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 44(2), 447-464. doi: 10.1007/s10964-014-0179-7.
9. **Thomas, A. G.**, & Cauffman, E. (2014). Youth sexting as child pornography? Developmental science supports less harsh sanctions for juvenile sexters. *New Criminal Law Review*, 17(4), 631-651. doi: 10.1525/nclr.2014.17.4.631

### BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Cauffman, E., Cavanagh, C., Donley, S., & **Thomas, A.** (2015). Adolescent development and juvenile justice. In A. Piquero (Ed.) *Handbook of Criminology*.

\*Authors are listed alphabetically as all authors contributed equally

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. **Thomas, A. G.**, & Cauffman, E. (invited to revise and resubmit). For better and for worse: Effects of maternal and peer influence on adolescents' risk behavior. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*.
2. **Thomas, A. G.**, \*Drozdova, A., \*Clough, I., & Fine, A. D. (under review). "It's not fair": Understanding compliance through adolescents' legal knowledge and perceptions of fairness.
3. Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (invited to revise and resubmit). Sleepless in the time of COVID19: An examination of factors affecting parental sleep during a pandemic.
4. Flannery, J., Cavanagh, C., Pfeifer, J., Nadel, H., Michalska, K., Mullins, J., Berger, E., Magís-Weinberg, L., Dahl, R., Ho, T., Teresi, G., Dvorsky, M., Breaux, R., Becker, S., Rose, A., Rote, W., Killoren, S., Campione-Barr, N., **Thomas, A. G.**, Telzer, E., Sweijisen, S., Crone, E., Church-Lang, J., Roy, A., Dennis-Tiwary, T., Dziura, S., & Redcay, E. (under review). Longitudinal change in mental health of adolescents during the COVID-19 pandemic: A collaborative analysis of 12 samples.
5. \*Clough, I., \*Drozdova, A., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (under review). Maturity of judgment and adolescents' adherence to CDC guidelines during COVID19.
6. \*Drozdova, A., & **Thomas, A. G.** (under review). Effort is half the battle: Maternal attachment as a moderator for parental solicitation and adolescent risk behavior.
7. Bergquist, B., Schmidt, A., & **Thomas, A. G.** (under review). Adverse childhood experiences and negative outcomes among justice-involved youth: The moderating effects of internal and external protective factors.
8. \*Drozdova, A., Volpert-Esmond, H., Cauffman, E., Steinberg, L., Frick, P., & **Thomas, A. G.** (under review). Arrest and drug use homophily in adolescent offenders' close friendship groups.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

**Thomas, A. G.**, Cavanagh, C., Fetterman, A., & \*Drozdova, A. (in preparation). A daily diary analysis of changes in adolescents' social relationships and emotional state during COVID-19.

**Thomas, A. G.**, Shulman, E., Clough, I., & Cavanagh, C. (in preparation). Actigraphy assessment and daily diary reports of adolescents' sleep before and across the coronavirus pandemic.

\*Clough, I., & **Thomas, A.** (in preparation). "The more you know: How adolescent defendant's age, gender, and psychosocial maturity influences mock jurors' perceptions"

\*Clough, I., \*Drozdova, A., Fetterman, A., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (in preparation). Media exposure and adolescents' psychological well-being across the COVID-19 pandemic: A daily diary analysis.

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

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### PAPERS

Cavanagh, C. & **Thomas, A.** (2020, November). *Gun violence and social status among Latinx adolescents* [Paper presentation]. American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.  
[NOTE: Conference canceled due to COVID-19]

**Thomas, A. G.**, Fetterman, A., & Cavanagh, C. (June, 2020). *Waking up on the wrong side of the cell: Exploring sleep quality among incarcerated and non-incarcerated adolescents* [Paper presentation]. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, Denver, CO.  
[Conference canceled due to COVID-19]

**Thomas, A. G.**, & Fine, A. (March, 2019). *Understanding deterrence through adolescents' legal knowledge and perceptions of fairness* [Paper presentation]. American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

**Thomas, A. G.** (April, 2018). *Maternal and peer influence on adolescents' risk behavior* [Paper presentation]. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

Cauffman, E., Fine, A., **Thomas, A. G.**, & Monahan, K. (March, 2016). *Trajectories of violent behavior among females* [Paper presentation]. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

**Thomas, A. G.**, & Cauffman, E. (March, 2015). *Depression and reoffending among serious delinquents across seven years* [Paper presentation]. Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

**Thomas, A. G.**, Monahan, K., Lukowski, A., & Cauffman, E. (March, 2014). *Sleep problems across development: A pathway to adolescent risk taking through executive function* [Paper presentation]. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.

Cauffman, E., Monahan, K., & **Thomas, A. G.** (March, 2014). *Pathways to persistence: Female offending from 14 to 25* [Paper presentation]. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.

**Thomas, A. G.**, Cauffman, E., Frick, P., & Steinberg, L. (March, 2014). *"I didn't do it": Examinations of first-time juvenile offenders' false guilty pleas"* [Paper presentation]. American Psychology-Law Society annual conference, New Orleans, LA.

Weiler, L., & **Thomas, A. G.** (May, 2013). *Is dropping out contagious? The influence of peers in adolescence* [Paper presentation]. Society for Prevention Research annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.

**Thomas, A. G.**, & Cauffman, E. (April, 2013). *A gene-by-environment approach to adolescent substance use: Examining the D4 dopamine-receptor gene (DRD4)*. [Paper presentation]. Society for Research in Child Development biennial meeting, Seattle, WA.

**Thomas, A. G.,** Cauffman, E., Frick, P. J., & Steinberg, L. (March, 2013). *Effects of probation officer monitoring on juvenile reoffending: Influence of justice system attitudes* [Paper presentation]. American Psychology-Law Society annual conference, Portland, OR.

**Thomas, A. G.,** & Youngblade, L. (March, 2012). *Parent and peer influences: Their role in predicting adolescent moral judgments and delinquency* [Paper presentation]. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Vancouver, CAN.

Youngblade, L., Barrett, K.C., Palermo, F., Bruce, A., Pearson, J., Miller, K., Zimmerman, E., Kelsea, M., **Thomas, A. G.,** & Linke, L. (November, 2010). *Improving healthcare literacy in Head Start families: Year 1 results of Project HOME (Healthcare Options Made Easy)* [Paper presentation]. 138<sup>th</sup> American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

Barrett, K.C., Youngblade, L., Palermo, F., Bruce, A., Pearson, J., Zimmerman, E., Wensink, J., Hahn, L., Kelsea, M., **Thomas, A. G.,** Linke, L., Miller, K., & Grant-Boyajian, H. (June, 2010). *First year evaluation of Project HOME (Healthcare Options Made Easy), An intervention to help Head Start families understand and better utilize the healthcare system.* [Paper presentation]. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Denver, CO.

#### **POSTERS**

*Note: Mentored student posters can be found in the section on Mentoring.*

**Thomas, A. G.,** Fetterman, A., & Cavanagh, C. (August, 2020). *Waking up on the wrong side of the cell: Exploring sleep quality among incarcerated and non-incarcerated adolescents* [Poster presentation]. American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, D.C. [Conference canceled due to COVID-19]

**Thomas, A. G.,** Haddock, S., Zimmerman, T., Weiler, L., Krafchick, J., & Rudisill, S. (March, 2012). *Adolescent first-time offenders' perspectives on the Campus Corps intervention program* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Vancouver, CAN.

**Thomas, A. G.,** Barrett, K.C., & Youngblade, L. (March, 2011). *Understanding the stress experienced by Head Start families: How unmet needs influence parenting efficacy in a diverse population* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Montreal, CAN.

Youngblade, L., Barrett, K.C., **Thomas, A. G.,** & Miller, K. (March, 2011). *Project HOME (Healthcare Options Made Easy): An intervention to improve access to children's medical homes for Head Start families* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Montreal, CAN.

Zimmerman, T., Haddock, S., Krafchick, J., Weiler, L., Richards, T., Youngblade, L., Chavez, E., Hurd, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (June, 2010). *Campus Corps: Service-learning college students mentoring at-risk youth* [Poster presentation]. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Denver, CO.

## PANELS

Doty, J., **Thomas, A. G.**, Docherty, M., & Muraco, J. (March 20, 2020). In A. D. Fine (Chair), *Navigating a difficult job market* [Panel discussion]. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. [Conference canceled due to COVID-19]

Prinstein, M., Telzer, E., Delay, D., & Laursen, B. (March, 2019). In **A. G. Thomas** (Chair), *Methodological challenges and future directions in studying social influence* [Roundtable discussion]. Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

## PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE IRVINE, CA  
**2011-17 Development, Disorder, & Delinquency Lab: Graduate Student Researcher**  
(Mentored by Elizabeth Cauffman, Ph.D.)

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY FORT COLLINS, CO  
**2010-11 Campus C.O.R.P.S: Graduate Student Researcher**  
(Mentored by Shelley Haddock, Ph.D., Jen Krafchick, Ph.D., & Toni Zimmerman, Ph.D.)

**2009-11 Project H.O.M.E: Graduate Student Researcher**  
(Mentored by Lise Youngblade, Ph.D., Karen Caplovitz Barrett, Ph.D., & Francisco Palermo, Ph.D.)

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY FORT COLLINS, CO  
**2006-2007 Child Development Lab**  
(Mentored by James Snyder, Ph.D.)

## TEACHING

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### **Courses taught**

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO EL PASO, TX  
\*Course evaluation ratings listed in parentheses (5-point scale)

Adolescent Development (undergraduate senior seminar)

*Fall 2017 (4.9/5), Spring 2018 (4.9/5), Fall 2018 (4.6/5), Fall 2019 (rated 4.8/5), Spring 2020 (4.7/5), Fall 2020 (4.7/5), Spring 2021 (4.5/5)*

Psychology & the Law (undergraduate, upper division)

*Fall 2018 (rated 4.7/5), Spring 2019 (4.6/5), Fall 2019 (rated 4.7/5), Spring 2020 (4.975/5), Summer 2020 (4.7/5), Fall 2020 (4.7/5), Spring 2021 (4.7/5)*

Juveniles in the Justice System (graduate)

*Spring 2019 (not eligible for eval)*

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY FORT COLLINS, CO  
Marriage and Family Relationships (undergraduate senior seminar)  
*Summer 2011*

## **MENTORSHIP**

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### **Committees served**

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

EL PASO, TX

**2021- PhD Dissertation committee chair**

Isabelle Clough, “Personal and familial immigration status influences on juveniles’ plea bargain decisions”

**2020-21 MA Thesis chair**

Anna Drozdova, “Here today, gone tomorrow: Impacts of friendship stability and homophily on justice-involved juveniles’ offending and substance use”

**2019-20 MA Thesis chair**

Isabelle Clough, “The more you know: How adolescent defendant’s age, gender, and psychosocial maturity influences mock jurors’ perceptions”

**2017-18 MA Thesis committee member**

Claudia Lopez, “Age at first offense as a predictor of recidivism among high-risk juvenile delinquents versus all juvenile delinquents”

**2017-18 PhD Dissertation committee member**

Jessica Carre, “Differentiating darkness: Decision-making differences among the Dark Triad”

### **Undergraduate Mentoring**

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

EL PASO, TX

**2021-22 Summer Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship mentor**

Claudia Cota “COVID-19: CDC guideline adherence and health risks”

**2020-21 Honors Thesis mentor**

Ashley Lindquist “COVID-19 impacts on college students’ academic motivation” (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021)

Mayra Solis “Does the apple fall far from the tree? Parental influence on adolescent offending” (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021)

Daniela Romero “U.S. college students’ mental health in the wake of COVID-19, presidential elections, and controversial ICE rulings” (Spring 2021)

**2019-20 Mentored Experiences in Research, Inquiry, and Creative Activity for Undergraduate Scholars (MERITUS) mentor**

Arielle Marquez “Examining the association between parent and peer relationship quality and delinquency among youth with callous-unemotional traits”

**2019 Honors thesis mentor**

Elizabeth Purser, “Relationships matter: How does the association with delinquent peers influence adolescents’ future outlook?” (Fall 2019)

Elizabeth Purser, “Examining legal socialization processes: Who influences adolescents’



legal knowledge and attitudes” (Spring 2019)

Mariana Cardenas Dominguez “Examining differences in Hispanic and non-Hispanic adolescents’ legal attitudes: Exploring differential processes of legal socialization” (Spring 2019)

**2018-19 MERITUS mentor**

Mariana Cardenas Dominguez “Examining differences in Hispanic and non-Hispanic adolescents’ legal attitudes: Exploring differential processes of legal socialization”

**2017-19 Campus Office of Undergraduate Research Initiative (COURI) Mentor**

Oversaw multiple teams of undergraduate researchers in developing an empirical research question and presentation of research findings at a university symposium.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

IRVINE, CA

**2014-15 Honors thesis mentor**

Nina Ozbardakci, “Whose hostility matters? An examination of hostility in adolescents’ social relationships”

**2013-14 Honors thesis mentor**

Hailley Hukill, “Examining depression and recidivism in a sample of serious adolescent offenders: The mediating mechanism of future perception”

**2011-17 Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Mentor**

Oversaw multiple teams of undergraduate researchers in developing an empirical research question. Assisted in teams’ securing of research funds, as well as application to, and presentations at, professional conferences.

**Mentored Grant Funding & Awards**

*(awarded to students for projects completed under my mentorship)*

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

EL PASO, TX

**2021 UTEP Summer Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship** *(an 8-week research fellowship for incoming doctoral students)*

Claudia Cota (\$5,000)

**2020 American Psychology-Law Society Grant in Aid for Students**

Isabelle Clough (\$1000)

**American Psychology-Law Society ACCESS Path to Psychology & Law Award**

Arielle Marquez (\$3000)

**UTEP Dodson Research Grant**

Isabelle Clough (\$1330)

**UTEP College of Liberal Arts Dodson Travel Award**

Anna Drozdova (\$350 Summer; \$245 Spring)

Isabelle Clough (\$350)

Kityara James (\$350)

Mariana Cardeñas Dominguez (\$248)

**UTEP Department of Psychology Research Endowment**

Isabelle Clough (\$420)

**UTEP Campus Office of Undergraduate Research Initiatives (COURI) Travel Award**

Mayra Solis (\$700)

Arielle Marquez (\$750)

**UTEP Department of Psychology Travel Grant**

Mariana Cardeñas Dominguez (\$433)

**2019**

**Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques Diversity Fellowship at the University of Michigan** (*each recipient received \$800 in travel, tuition for a \$2500 course, and 18 days/nights of housing*)

Elizabeth Purser

Adria Corral

Tiffany Vasquez

**Diana Natalicio Graduate Fellowship**

Anna Drozdova (\$3750)

**UTEP Mentored Experiences in Research, Inquiry, and Creativity for Undergraduate Scholars (MERITUS) Fellowship** (*funded one-year research fellowship*)

Arielle Marquez (approximately \$4800)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Best Undergraduate Paper Award, American Psychology-Law Society**

Elizabeth Purser

**American Psychology-Law Society ACCESS Path to Psychology & Law Award**

Elizabeth Purser (\$3000)

**UTEP College of Liberal Arts Dodson Travel Award**

Isabelle Clough (\$500 Spring; \$500 Summer)

Elizabeth Purser (\$300)

**UTEP Student Government Association Travel Award**

Isabelle Clough (\$50 Summer, \$200 Spring)

Elizabeth Purser (\$200)

**UT Austin Behavioral Health Graduate Fair Travel Award**

Daisy Guzman

## Arizona State University Graduate Tour Travel Award

Daisy Guzman

**2018**      **University of Texas at El Paso Mentored Experiences in Research, Inquiry, and Creativity for Undergraduate Scholars (MERITUS) Fellowship** (*funded one-year research fellowship*)

Mariana Cardeñas Dominguez (approximately \$4800)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

IRVINE, CA

**2017**      **Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) grant** (*2 groups funded*)

**2016**      **Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) grant** (*2 groups funded*)

**2015**      **UC Irvine Post-Baccalaureate Program in Psychology & Social Behavior Award**  
Diba Fallah

**2015**      **Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) grant** (*2 groups funded*)

**2014**      **Western Psychological Association Student Scholarship Award**

Romina Gill

**2014**      **Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) grant** (*2 groups funded*)

**2013**      **Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) grant**

**2012**      **Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) grant**

### Mentored Presentations

\*Denotes graduate student author under my mentorship

\*\* Denotes undergraduate student author under my mentorship

\*Drozдова, A. D., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (2020, October). *Stability amongst chaos: Family support moderates perceived life expectancy and self-reported offending*. Justice on the Border Virtual Conference.

\*Drozдова, A. D., Cavanagh, C., & Thomas, A. G. (2020, March). *When aspirations fall short: Pessimism as a moderator for violent offending in adolescence*. American Psychology-Law Society Conference, New Orleans, LA, United States.

\*Clough, I., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A.G.** (August, 2020). *Not a morning person: How adolescent sleep quality is associated with delinquency*. Poster accepted for presentation at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. [Conference held virtually due to COVID-19]

\*Drozдова, A., \*\*Miller, A., \*\*Marquez, A., \*\*Gomez, L., \*\*Solis, M., & **Thomas, A. G.** (August, 2020). *Mother knows best: Maternal trust moderates adolescents' resistance to maternal influence and deviant behavior*. Poster accepted for presentation at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. [Conference cancelled due to COVID-19]

\*Clough, I., \*\*Perez, G., \*Bennet, J., \*Perez, M. G., \*\*Romero, D., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (August, 2020). *If all your friends jumped off a bridge... How psychosocial maturity*

- moderates relationship between peer deviancy and delinquency.* Poster accepted for presentation at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. [Conference held virtually due to COVID-19]
- \*Drozdova, A., \*\*Miller, A., \*\*Marquez, A., \*\*Gomez, L., \*\*Solis, M., & **Thomas, A. G.** (June, 2020). *Mother knows best: Maternal trust moderates adolescents' resistance to maternal influence and deviant behavior.* Poster accepted for presentation at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, Denver, CO. [Conference cancelled due to COVID-19]
- \*\*Miller, A., \*Drozdova, A., \*\*Marquez, A., \*\*Gomez, L., \*\*Solis, M., & **Thomas, A. G.** (2020, May). Parental attachment matters: Maternal trust moderates resistance to maternal influence and youth risk behavior [Poster presentation]. Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, Chicago, IL. [NOTE: Conference cancelled due to COVID-19]
- \*\*Purser, E. M., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (March, 2020). *Relationships Matter: How does the Association with Delinquent Peers Influence Adolescents' Future Outlook?* Paper accepted for presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. [Conference canceled due to COVID19]
- \*Clough, I., \*\*Perez, G., \*Bennet, J., \*Perez, M. G., \*\*Romero, D., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (March, 2020). *Romantic partner deviancy and adolescent risk-taking.* Poster accepted for presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. [Conference canceled due to COVID19]
- \*Clough, I., \*\*Perez, G., \*Bennet, J., \*Perez, M. G., \*\*Romero, D., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (March, 2020). *If all your friends jumped off a bridge... How psychosocial maturity moderates relationship between peer deviancy and delinquency.* Poster accepted for presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. [Conference canceled due to COVID19]
- \*James, K., & **Thomas, A. G.** (March, 2020). *The link between maternal deviance and adolescent peer deviance.* Poster accepted for presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. [Conference canceled due to COVID19]
- \*Drozdova, A., & **Thomas, A. G.** (March, 2020). *When parental monitoring backfires: The influence of maternal alienation on parental monitoring and adolescent risk behavior.* Poster accepted for presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. [Conference canceled due to COVID19]
- \*Drozdova, A., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (March, 2020). *When aspirations fall short: Pessimism as a moderator for violent offending in adolescence.* Poster presentation at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- \*Clough, I., \*\*Perez, G., \*Bennet, J., \*Perez, M. G., \*\*Romero, D., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (March, 2020). *If all your friends jumped off a bridge... How psychosocial maturity moderates relationship between peer deviancy and delinquency.* Poster presentation at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- \*\*Cardeñas Dominguez, M., Fine, A. D., & **Thomas, A. G.** (March, 2020). *Comparing legal attitudes among Hispanic and non-Hispanic adolescents: Examining differential processes of legal socialization.* Poster presentation at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

- \*\*Purser, E.M., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (2020, March). *Relationships matter: How does the association with delinquent peers influence adolescents' future outlook?* [Poster presentation]. Society for Research in Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. [NOTE: Conference cancelled due to COVID-19]
- \*\*Purser, E. M., Cavanagh, C., & **Thomas, A. G.** (March, 2020). *Relationships matter: How does the association with delinquent peers influence adolescents' future outlook?* Paper presentation at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- \*\*Dominguez, M. C., Fine, A. D., & **Thomas, A. G.** (2019, April). *Examining differences in Hispanic and non-Hispanic adolescents' legal attitudes.* Poster session presented at the UTEP COURI Spring Symposium, El Paso, TX.
- \*Clough, I., Fine, A., & **Thomas, A. G.** (2019, March). *Influences of parents' and adolescents' perceptions of fairness of juvenile policies.* Poster session presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- \*\*Vasquez, T., \*\*Reyes, J., \*\*Moran, R. A., \*\*Pimentel, D., Fine, A. D., **Thomas, A. G.** (2019, March). *What are my legal rights? Parents' and adolescents' knowledge of legal rights?* Poster presentation at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- \*\*Purser, E. M., \*\*Reyes, J. A., \*\*Corral, A. R., \*\*Paz, H. C., Fine, A. D., & **Thomas, A. G.** (2019, March). *Association with delinquent peers: Influence on adolescents' perception of the law.* Poster session presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- \*\*Vasquez, T., \*\*Reyes, J., \*\*Perez, B., \*\*Moran, R., \*\*Misra, K., & **Thomas, A. G.** (2018, April). *What are my legal rights? Parents' and adolescents' knowledge of legal rights.* Poster session presented at the UTEP COURI Spring Symposium, El Paso, TX.
- \*\*Reyes, J. A., \*\*Purser, E., \*\*Hernandez, V., \*\*Viruet, A., & **Thomas, A. G.** (2018, April). *Association with delinquent peers: Influence on adolescents' rule orientation.* Poster session presented at the UTEP COURI Spring Symposium, El Paso, TX.
- \*\*Pascual, E., \*\*Bhakta, A., \*\*Padron, J., \*\*Wong, K., \*\*Sathy, J., **Thomas, A. G.**, & Cauffman, E. (June, 2017). *Cultural differences in parental monitoring during adolescence.* Poster presentation at the UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium, Irvine, CA.
- \*\*Marquez, C., \*\*Perez, B., \*\*Wu, T., \*\*Bdiawi, D., \*\*Benci-Woodward, L., \*\*Ozbardakci, N., **Thomas, A. G.**, & Cauffman, E. (June, 2017). *The role of self-esteem in adolescent susceptibility to peer pressure.* Poster presentation at the UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium, Irvine, CA.
- \*\*Benci-Woodward, L., \*\*Marquez, C., \*\*Perez, B., \*\*Wu, T., \*\*Bdiawi, D., \*\*Ozbardakci, N., **Thomas, A. G.**, & Cauffman, E. (May, 2017). *The role of self-esteem in adolescent susceptibility to peer pressure.* Poster presentation at the UCLA Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- \*\*Bahramian, S., \*\*Salgado, R., \*\*Morrison, B. M., \*\*Tejada, A., \*\*Jara, P., **Thomas, A. G.**, Mahler, A., & Cauffman, E. (May, 2015). *Does participation in extracurricular activities improve adolescents' resistance to peer influence? Examining the mediating role of social competency.* Poster presentation at the Association for Psychological Science annual convention, New York, NY.

- \*\*Ozbardakci, N., Thomas, A. G., & Cauffman, E. (May, 2015).** *Whose hostility matters? An examination of hostility in adolescents' social relationships.* Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association annual convention, Las Vegas, NV.
- \*\*Bahramian, S., \*\*Salgado, R., \*\*Morrison, B. M., \*\*Tejada, A., \*\*Jara, P., Thomas, A. G., Mahler, A., & Cauffman, E. (May, 2015).** *Examining the influence of social competency on adolescents' resistance to peer influence.* Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association annual convention, Las Vegas, NV.
- \*\*Hukill, H., Thomas, A. G., & Cauffman, E. (May, 2014).** *Depression and recidivism in serious adolescent offenders: The mediation of future perception.* Poster presentation at the Association for Psychological Science annual convention, San Francisco, CA.
- \*\*Ruiz, A., \*\*Vu, K., \*\*Borhani, Y., Thomas, A. G., & Cauffman, E. (May, 2014).** *The role of sensation seeking in hostile adolescent peer relationships.* Poster presentation at the Association for Psychological Science annual convention. San Francisco, CA.
- \*\*Hukill, H., Thomas, A. G., & Cauffman, E. (April, 2014).** *Future success beliefs: Predicting youths' desistance from crime.* Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association annual convention, Portland, OR.
- \*\*Vu, K., \*\*Borhani, Y., \*\*Ruiz, A., \*\*Midani, N., Thomas, A. G., & Cauffman, E. (April, 2014).** *Exploring adolescent sensation seeking and peer relationships.* Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association annual convention, Portland, OR.
- \*\*Ozbardakci, N., \*\*Chen, M., \*\*Fallah, D., \*\*Gill, R., Chen, E. E., Thomas, A. G., & Cauffman, E. (August, 2013).** *DRD4 and depression: Friends matter!* Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association annual convention, Honolulu, HI.
- \*\*Chen, M., \*\*Gill, R., \*\*Ozbardakci, N., Chen, E. E., Thomas, A. G., & Cauffman, E. (May, 2013).** *Exploring the effects of DRD4 on adolescent risk-taking propensity.* Oral presentation at the University of California, Irvine Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program conference, Irvine, CA.
- \*\*Gill, R., \*\*Fallah, D., \*\*Chen, M., \*\*Ozbardakci, Thomas, A. G., Chen, E. E., & Cauffman, E. (April, 2013).** *Involvement of DRD4 in depression.* Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association annual convention, Reno, NV.
- \*\*Acosta, L., \*\*Duell, N., Shulman, E. P., Thomas, A. G., & Cauffman, E. (August, 2012).** *Changes in risk judgment over time across developmental periods.* Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association annual convention. Orlando, FL.
- \*\*Duell, N., Thomas, A. G., Shulman, E. P., & Cauffman, E. (May, 2012).** *Risk judgment and past experience with risk behaviors: From adolescence to adulthood.* Oral presentation at the University of California, Irvine Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program conference, Irvine, CA.
- \*\*Acosta, L., \*\*Duell, N., Shulman, E. P., Thomas, A. G., & Cauffman, E. (April, 2012).** *Change over time in risk judgment among adolescents and adults.* Poster presentation at the Western Psychological Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA.

## **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

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### **NATIONAL**

#### AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGY-LAW SOCIETY

- 2019- Committee Member: Early Career Professionals (ECP) \*Three-year term**  
The committee is responsible for developing and maintaining programs that address needs typically encountered by ECPs.

#### SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON ADOLESCENCE

- 2020- Co-Chair: Media & Communications Committee \*Four-year term**  
**2018-2020 Committee Member: Media & Communications Committee**  
The committee serves to position SRA as a leading source of public information and interdisciplinary knowledge in areas related to adolescence and young adulthood.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDY OF SOCIAL ISSUES

- 2016-17 Peer Mentor**  
Served as a mentor to a graduate student peer. Responsibilities include communicating with mentee as needed and providing support to help her reach her professional goals.

### **INSTITUTIONAL**

#### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

EL PASO, TX

- 2021- Committee Member: University Liaison Committee, Psychology Department**  
**Faculty Search Committee Member: Legal Area, Psychology Department**
- 2020- Committee Member: Risk and Response Committee, Psychology Department**
- 2019- Social Media Director: Outreach Committee, Psychology Department**
- 2019-20 Alternate Member: Faculty Senate**  
**Committee Member: Strategic Planning Committee, Psychology Department**  
**Committee Member: Undergraduate Honors Awards Ceremony Committee, Psychology Department**
- 2018-19 Chair: Space Committee, Psychology Department**  
The committee serves to allocate and distribute building space among to meet departmental, faculty, student, and research needs.  
**Faculty Search Committee Member: Legal Area, Psychology Department**
- 2017-19 Departmental Liaison: UTEP Edge Program**

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

IRVINE, CA

- 2013-15 Coordinator: "Stats'n'Snacks" Program**  
Served as the coordinator for a student-led, campus-wide quarterly statistics workshop series.

## COMMUNITY

LETTERS TO A PRE-SCIENTIST ORGANIZATION

USA

### **2020-2021 Student-STEM scientist pen-pal**

This program pairs STEM scientists with middle school students to demystify STEM careers, humanize STEM professionals, inspire students to explore a future in STEM, and make STEM more equitable and accessible.

EL PASO HOUSING AUTHORITY

EL PASO, TX

### **2017-2018 Advisory Council Member for Offender Re-Entry Program**

Invited council member involved in planning, implementation, and evaluation of a community re-entry program for offenders.

EL PASO JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

EL PASO, TX

### **2017-2018 Advisory Board Member for the Raising the Age Working Group**

Invited council member involved in discussion and preparation for raising the age of juvenile court jurisdiction in the state of Texas.

EL PASO OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

EL PASO, TX

### **2017- Expert Witness**

Expert witness testifying on adolescent development and issues of juvenile transfer to criminal court and “raise the age” policies.

PROJECT HOPE ALLIANCE

IRVINE, CA

### **2014-16 Program Evaluator**

Conducted program evaluation of community organization serving homeless youth and families.

## **CAMPUS TALKS, GUEST LECTURES, OR COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

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Invited Speaker – The University of Texas at El Paso, Justice on the Border Conference  
*“Adolescents’ and parents’ knowledge of laws pertaining to minors’ sexual behavior: The role of perceived policy fairness on adolescents’ willingness to violate the law”* October 9, 2020

Guest Lecturer – University of Missouri, Adolescents and COVID-19 course in Human Development and Family Studies Department, July 2, 2020

Panelist – UTEP Research Forum *“COVID 19: El Paso’s response to COVID-19 and its Economic Impacts”* May 27, 2020 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v64L\\_iXddQY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v64L_iXddQY&feature=youtu.be)

Community presentation – Harmony School of Innovation High School, Forensic Psychology course, September 24, 2018

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES AND COVERAGE**

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June 3, 2020 Adolescents’ Daily Experiences with COVID19 Study featured on Michigan State University’s Campus Newsfeed <https://socialscience.msu.edu/news-events/news/2020-06-03-1.html>



May 5, 2020 Adolescents' Daily Experiences with COVID19 Study featured in the El Paso Herald-Post  
<https://elpasoheraldpost.com/utep-researcher-earns-114k-nsf-grant-for-covid-study/>

May 5, 2020 Featured on ABC7 El Paso Local news for recent receipt of NSF RAPID grant to study COVID19

<https://mms.tveyes.com/MediaCenterPlayer.aspx?u=aHR0cDovL211ZGhhY2VudGVyLnR2ZXllcy5jb20vZG93bmXvYWwRnYXRld2F5LmFzcHg/VXNlck1EPTY1NTkyMSZNREIEPTEzMTkxNTgxJk1EU2VIZD00MDk3JIR5cGU9TWVkaWE%3D>

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<https://mms.tveyes.com/MediaCenterPlayer.aspx?u=aHR0cDovL211ZGhhY2VudGVyLnR2ZXllcy5jb20vZG93bmXvYWwRnYXRld2F5LmFzcHg/VXNlck1EPTY1NTkyMSZNREIEPTEzMTkyNTUwJk1EU2VIZD05NDgzJIR5cGU9TWVkaWE%3D>

May 5, 2020 UTEP Campus Newsfeed featured article on the COVID19 study

<https://www.utep.edu/newsfeed/campus/utep-researcher-earns-nsf-grant-for-covid-study.html>

Broadcast Interview: ABC news June 22, 2019 <http://www.kvia.com/news/el-paso/child-psychologist-weighs-in-on-effects-of-family-separation-at-the-border/756242688>

## **REVIEWING**

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### **AD HOC REVIEWER**

Applied Developmental Science  
Criminal Justice and Behavior  
Journal of Adolescence  
Journal of Child and Family Studies  
Journal of Research on Adolescence  
Justice Evaluation Journal  
PLOS ONE  
Youth Justice

### **GRANT & AWARD REVIEWER**

National Science Foundation CAREER Award  
American Psychological Association Dissertation Research Award

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

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- 2021** The American Psychological Association (APA) Committee on Early Career Psychologists (CECP) Early Career Psychologists Leadership Development Workshop – July 24, 2021
- 2021** The University of Texas at El Paso Recovery Allyship Training – April 2021
- 2020** The University of Texas at El Paso Teaching Online Academy – September 2020
- 2020** The University of Texas at El Paso's Humanizing Online Education in the Time of COVID19 and Beyond Webinar – July 2020
- 2020** Diversity and Resiliency Institute of El Paso's Anti-Racism Virtual Training – June 2020

- 2020** Curran-Bauer Analytics Structural Equation Modeling Workshop – May 6-8, 2020 (online)
- 2019** APA Advanced Training Institute on Intensive Longitudinal Data Analyses – June 2019, Arizona State University
- 2018** Mental Health First Aid Training Course – December 2018, UTEP
- 2018** Stats Camp Statistical Training Workshop in Social Network Analysis – June 2018, Albuquerque, NM
- 2017** APA Advanced Training Institute on Longitudinal Structural Equation Modeling – May 30 to June 3, 2017 at Arizona State University

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- 2019-20** Association for Psychological Science
- 2015-17** The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- 2011-20** Society for Research in Child Development
- 2011-** American Psychology-Law Society
- 2010-** Society for Research on Adolescence
- 2010-** American Psychological Association