

# Efren Velazquez

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## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D.</b>	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b>	<b>May, 2018</b>
	Health Psychology	
	Dissertation Title	<i>Examining two structural equation models to determine the effect of</i>
<b>M.S.</b>	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b>	<b>Dec., 2014</b>
	Psychology	
	Master Thesis Title	<i>Parent-adolescent communication about sexual topics, cultural</i>
<b>B.A.</b>	<b>Boise State University</b>	<b>May, 2012</b>
	Psychology	

**Languages Spoken:** Spanish, fluent, native language.  
English, fluent, secondary language

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA

Fall 2023	Present	Associate Professor	University of North Georgia Department of Psychological Science
Fall 2018	Spring 2023	Assistant Professor	University of North Georgia Department of Psychological Science

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## SCHOLARSHIP

### PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

*\*denotes undergraduate student*

Velazquez, E., Espinosa-Hernandez, G., Garth R. C., Williams, C. D., Romo, S., & Corona, (2023).

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**Velazquez, E.**, Garthe, R., Pope, M., Avila, M., Romo, S., Everhart, R. S., Jones, H. A., & Corona, R. (2021). The relationship between caregiver prompting behaviors, parenting practices, and adolescent tobacco use outcomes in Black families. *Journal of Child and Family Studies, 30*, 2003-2015. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-021-01995-3>

Espinosa-Hernandez, G., Mejia, A., **Velazquez, E.**, Garcia, D., Lombardi, K., & McCrimmon, J. (2021).



Chirinos, D. S., Marling, J., Brauer, V., ~~Velazquez, E.~~, & Assalone, A (2020, August) *Examining student level factors in the participation and navigation of honors classes and programs among underrepresented two-year college students.* Postpresentation at

**Velazquez, E.,** Easter, R., Elshaer, L., Barinas, J., Halfond, R., & Corona, R. (2015, May). *Maturation as a predictor of Latino mother-adolescent communication about sex.* Poster presentation at the Association for Psychological Science 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, New York, New York.

Pope, M., Garthe, R., **Velazquez, E.,** & Corona, R. (2015, March). *parent-adolescent communication about tobacco use within the context of parent smoking.* Poster presentation at the 2015 Society in Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Corona, R., Pope, M., Shaffer, C., Barinas, J., **Velazquez, E.** (2014, March). *Who is more likely to behavior.* Poster presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, Texas.

**Velazquez, E.,** Jadhav, N., Shaffer, C.M., Halfond, R.W., Corona, R. (2014, March). *Are Latino* Poster presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, Texas

**Velazquez, E.,** Soto, E., Clark, C., & Landrum, E. (



presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia.

**Velazquez, E.** (2010, April). *The influence of movies on college students drinking and smoking habits.* Poster presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Boise State Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Conference, Boise, Idaho.

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

*\*denotes undergraduate student*

Luna, X. \*, Gomez, G. \*, & Velazquez E. (2021, February).

## PROFESSIONAL INVITED PRESENTATIONS

**Velazquez, E. (2023).** Estudar, el estres, y empatía. Virtual presentation was given in Spanish to the UNG High School Equivalency Program (HEP) students.

**Velazquez, E. (2022).** Estudar y el estres. Virtual presentation was given in Spanish to the UNG High School Equivalency Program (HEP) students.

Hale, R., Meyers, A., & **Velazquez E. (2021).**  
Presentation given during the 2022 SoTL Faculty Academy.

**Velazquez, E. & Hale, R.** was given during the Georgia  
First-Gen 2021 Leadership Summit.

**Velazquez, E. (2021)** Como apoyar a tus estudiantes Presentation given during the  
fall 2021 *Café con Leche* event at UNG

**Velazquez, E., Bello Escobar, C., & Argueta, L. (2021).**  
was given during 2021 UNG LEADS Day.

**Velazquez, E. (2021)**  
was given at the March 2021 UNG Gainesville Psychology Club meeting.

**Velazquez, E., Luna, X.\*, & Gomez, G\*(2021).** How to best support Latinx students UNG.  
Presentation was given during the College of Education Professional Development series for  
faculty and staff.

**Velazquez, E** Video presentation for the fall 2020  
*Café con Leche* event at UNG.

**Velazquez E., & Ohrenburg, C. (2019)** mindset and n  
Presentation given during 2019 UNG LEADS Day.

**Velazquez, E. (2018).** Presentation given at the UNG  
Goizueta Scholars Program September session

## COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Velazquez, E. (2017, December). *Family communication and cultural values in Latinx culture*  
Community presentation at Christ the King Catholic Center, Bossier City, Louisiana

Velazquez, E. (2017, October). Picking a college and finding funding. Community presentation at  
Christ the King Catholic Center, Bossier City, Louisiana

## GRANTS

Affordable Learning Georgia Grant Submitted on October 2023 (Awaiting Decision)  
*Open Access Textbook for Studies in Diversity Issues Course*  
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Dr. Bryan Dawson)

Virginia Youth Tobacco Projects Small Grant 01/22/1306/30/14 \$26,790 total costs  
*African American parent-adolescent communication about tobacco use*  
Role: Co- Investigator (PI: Dr. Rosalie Corona)

## RESEARCH PROJECT



## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

### **Emerging Adult Sexting Association with Mental and Sexual Health (Summer 2019-Current)**

Role: Lead Investigator

Department of Psychological Science, University of North Georgia

Description: This study focuses on examining how perceived mental health and sexual health among college students differ based on whether they engage in sexting behavior or not.

### **Latinx Emerging Adult Culture and Health Study (Spring 2019-Current)**

Role: Lead Investigator

Department of Psychological Science, University of North Georgia

Description: This study focuses on examining how Latinx cultural values are associated with sexual health, mental health, and discrimination among Latinx emerging adults.

## **RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS**

### **Supporting High-Achieving Low-Income, First-Generation, and/or Students of Color at Two-Year**

**Development of Police Office Tactical Knowledge Inventory**  
Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant  
Department of Psychology, Boise State University

Aug 2010-Dec. 2010

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## **TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA (PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR)**

- Diversity 1503 Studies in Diversity Issues
- Psychology 1101: Introduction to General Psychology
- Psychology 2303: Human Growth and Development
- Psychology 2950: Independent Research in Psychology
- Psychology 3070K: Quantitative Methods
- Psychology 3103: Cross-Cultural Psychology
- Psychology 3150L: Social Psychology Lab
- Psychology 3306: Health Psychology
- Psychology 4404: Special Topics-Community Psychology

#### **VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY (2012-2018)**

- Health Psychology (Primary Instructor)
- Health Psychology Program Colloquium (Coordinator)
- Application of Statistics (Lab Instructor)
- Introductory to Psychology (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

#### **BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY (2007-2012)**

- Teaching Assistant
  - Advanced Statistics
  - Introduction to the Psychology Major
  - Adolescent Development

### **GUEST LECTURES**



SPSS  
AMOS  
MPlus

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

2023 Georgia FirstGen Under 40 Pioneer Honoree	Spring 2023
2022 Blue and Gold Awards: Outstanding Commitment to Diversity and Equity (Lambda Theta Phi)	Spring 2022
2021 UNG Diversity Champion Award (Faculty)	Fall 2021
2021 UNG CURCA Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award	Fall 2021
2021 Ann Matthews Purdy Outstanding UNG Full Time Faculty Member of the Year	Spring 2021

Boise States Alumni Association Top Ten Scholar Award

Spring 2012

Featured in *Student Ventures*, Boise States Explore Magazine 2012

Spring 2012

McNair Scholars Program

Aug 2010-May 2012

Boise State University

*Total awarded: \$2,800*

Summer 2011

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## **SERVICE**

### **CURCA**

- CURCA Faculty Fellow

(Fall 2021-Spring 2023)



- Advisor (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)
    - Supervise undergraduate students of Mexican descent who received a scholarship from the Georgia Mexican Consulate.
    - Engaged students in a community service project with Boy with a Ball organization
- University of North Georgia Lambda Theta Phi Faculty Advisor Fall 2021-Fall 2022
- UNG GEN 1 Mentoring Program
  - Nataly Mar Fall 2022-Spring 2023
  - Araceli Lopez Fall 2020-Spring 2022
- Undergraduate Research Assistants
  - Christian Dale Fall 2023-Present
  - Eduardo Velazquez Fall 2023-Present
  - Sabrina Boggs Fall 2023-Present
  - Nancy Shaffer Fall 2023-Present
  - Anna Diaz Summer 2022-Fall 2022
  - Valeria Jimenez Fall 2021-Spring 2022
  - Gema Gomez Summer 2020-Spring 2021
  - Jordon Loggins Spring 2019-Spring 2021
  - Carlie Burkett-Driver Fall 2019 Spring 2020
  - Alissa Adams Spring 2020
  - Dalia Cuevas Fall 2019
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## **UNG PANELS AND WORKSHOP**

- UNG College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)
  - 2022 CAMP Preview Day Parent Session  
Served as copresenter
  - 2022 CAMP Preview Day Faculty and Student Session  
Served as moderator and presenter
  - CAMP Faculty Panel  
Fall 2019 & Fall 2021
  - Study Skills Workshop  
Spring 2019 & Fall 2019
- UNG Nighthawk Preview Que Significa Ir a la
  - Spring 2022 Present
  - Served as the moderator
- UNG Open House Spanish Speaking Faculty Panel
  - Spring 2019 Fall 2021  
Served as the moderator in Fall 2021
- UNG New Faculty Orientation
  - Oconee Faculty Panel (Fall 2019)
- Lambda Theta Phi *Shades of Difference*
  - Participated in a panel to discuss racism
  - Fall 2019
- 2019 Migrant College Experience Day at UNG
  - Faculty panel
- McNair Scholars Program Colloquium
  - McNair Alumni Panel
  - Fall 2018

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

### **SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON ADOLESCENCE (SRA)**

- SRA 2022 Biennial Meeting (Fall 2021 & Fall 2023)
  - Dating and Romantic Relationships abstract reviewer

### **JOURNAL REVIEWER**

- *Global Public Health* (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
- *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology* (Abstract Reviewer)



- College Session Speaker  
Gave presentation

