Marden J. Umanzor, M.A.

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Education

Ph.D. Student, Educational Leadership (In Progress)
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa
Expected Completion: May 2030

M.A., Psychological Research
Texas State University, San Marcos, TX — August 2025
Thesis: *Attitudes Toward Undocumented Immigrants: Influences of Political Ideology, Media Bias Exposure, Race/Ethnicity, and Ethnocultural Empathy*

B.A., Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*
Texas State University, San Marcos, TX — May 2023

Academic Appointments

Lecturer, Department of Psychology
Texas State University — Spring 2026–Present

- Instructor of record for PSY 1300 (Introduction to Psychology)
- Responsible for course design, instruction, assessment, and student support

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Publications

Umanzor, M. J., Reyna Guerrero, D. J., Osborne, R. E., McField, A. A., & Oberle, C. D. (2024). Attitudes on affirmative action targeted to help Black and Hispanic individuals: The roles of knowledge, race, and perceived discrimination. *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*. https://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12428

Umanzor, M. J., & Oberle, C. D. (under review).
Attitudes toward undocumented immigrants: Influences of political ideology, media bias exposure, race/ethnicity, and ethnocultural empathy.
Manuscript submitted for publication to the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

Conference & Invited Presentations

Umanzor, M. J., Reyna Guerrero, D. J., Osborne, R. E., McField, A. A., & Oberle, C. D. (2024). Impact of race on perceived discrimination and affirmative action attitudes. Poster presented at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX.

Brown, J. G., Shiva, T. A., **Umanzor, M. J**., Reyna Guerrero, D. J., & Oberle, C. D. (2024). Prosocial behaviors: Associations with mental health, discrimination, race, and gender. Poster presented at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX.

Umanzor, M. J., Reyna Guerrero, D. J., Osborne, R. E., McField, A. A., & Oberle, C. D. (2024). Factors influencing affirmative action attitudes. Invited presentation, Texas State University Department of Psychology Colloquium Series, San Marcos, TX.

Research Interests

Educational equity; ethnocultural empathy; bias reduction toward minority and English-language learner (ELL) students; quantitative research methods; intergroup attitudes; political ideology and media effects.

Professional Experience

- Substitute Teacher, IDEA Public Schools, San Antonio, TX
- Teacher Assistant (English & Spanish), Secondary Education, Paris, France
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas State University

Honors & Awards

Academic Excellence Award — Texas State University (2023, 2024)
Dean’s List — Texas State University

Languages

English (fluent)
Spanish (fluent)
French (fluent)
Italian (conversational)
