

Yadira Gamez

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EDUCATION

University of Houston–Downtown (UHD), Houston, TX
Pursuing: B.A in English and B.S. in Psychology
Cumulative GPA: 3.97

May 2017

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dean’s List University College, UHD	Fall 2014 – Spring 2017
History Student of the Year History Department Annual Awards	Spring 2015
Best Organizer University Honors Program	Fall 2015
Academic Achievement Award University Honors Program	Spring 2015 – Spring 2016
Best Grandmentor Award University Honors Program	Spring 2017
Red Rose Scholarship UHD	Fall 2017 – Spring 2018
Be on Time Grant University College, UHD	Fall 2015 – Spring 2018
Distinguished Merit Scholarship	Fall 2014- Spring 2018
Student Retention Scholarship	Fall 2017
Engstrom Scholarship English Department	Spring 2017
Jones Scholarship UHD	Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
Honor Student of the Year University Honors Program	Spring 2016
Diversity Fellow Office of Graduate and Professional Studies	Fall 2018

SKILLS

Bilingual, English and Spanish
Proficient in Microsoft: Word, Excel & PowerPoint
Experience with Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter & Snapchat
Effective in Crisis Management
Experience Organizing Large Events
Effective Communicator
Experience Researching
Familiar with Different Forms of Writing
Experience with System Management

PUBLICATIONS

Turner, E.A., Plitt, C., Gamez, Y, & Godfrey, C. (manuscript in preparation). *Perceptions of stigma and racial difference in help-seeking among mothers: Through the lens of critical race theory.*

Turner, E.A, Gamez, Y, Haseeb, A. *Black children earn less over time than white children, why.* Houston Chronicle. 23 Apr. 2018.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Assistant | Psychology Department

Faculty mentor: Erlanger Turner, Ph.D.

Spring 2017 to Spring 2018

Race, Culture, and Mental Health Laboratory

University of Houston-Downtown, Department of Social Sciences, Houston, TX

- Recruited participants for studies on mental health use among African Americans and Latinos
- Assisted with data collection and data entry using SPSS
- Prepared and lead group discussions on peer-reviewed journal articles; wrote articles reviews using APA style
- Worked on manuscript for publication in Stigma and Health APA Journal
- Developed own research project looking at the relationship between ethnic identity and interracial friendships

Gator Chronicles | University Honors Program

Position: Co-Editor, Editor

August 2015- May 2017

-As Co-Editor I was the liaison between writers and the rest of the editors. I assisted writers in coming up with topic ideas and handled all submissions.

-As sole Editor I did everything I did as Co-Editor in addition to editing and posting all submissions

-<https://uhdgatorchronicles.wordpress.com/>

Director | American Literature to 1865

Fall 2015

Instructor: Dr. Micheal Dressman

- Edited play “The Contrast” by Royall Tyler to be performed in under an hour
- Successfully managed two performances of the play for a small audience

“10 For Us” Coordinator | University Honors Program

Fall 2018

- Organize activities and field trips for underclassmen
- Promote bonding and cohort formation among underclassmen
- Managed 15 activity hosts and 80 underclassmen

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS

CREATED

Gator Up! Financial Literacy Week | UHD, Houston, Texas

October 2015

UHDGeeks

- Saver Gator: Budgeting Your Money
- Nadir Gator: Facing Financial Difficulties
- Neighbor Gator: Moving Out
- Green for Gators: Scholarship Workshop
- Gators Give: Non-Profit Opportunities

Gator 411 | UHD, Houston, Texas

Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

AVID Tutors at UHD

- Information Processing
- Types of Study Aids
- Time Management
- Anxiety and Motivation
- Note Taking

PRESENTED

Humanities Education and Research Association | Chicago, Illinois March 2018

Presenter

“Cost of Family: White Trash Stereotype in Allison’s *Bastard out of Carolina*”

National Undergraduate Literature Conference | Ogden, Utah March 2017

Presenter

“Redefining Family in DeLillo’s *White Noise*”

University of Houston-Downtown Annual Gender Conference | Houston, Texas

Presenter

“Black and White: Finding Rena in *The House Behind the Cedars*” Spring 2017

“Who is to Blame: How Gender Roles Influence the Story of La Llorona” Spring 2017

“The Bromance: Male Relationships in Military Academies” Spring 2016

“Two Women: Literary Portraits of Women in *The Awakening* and ‘The Dead’” Spring 2016

“Women in the Military as Shown Through Young Adult Literature” Spring 2015

Student Research Conference | University of Houston-Downtown

Presenter

Spring 2017

“The Racial Differences in the Role of Religion and Spirituality on Decisions to Use Behavioral Health Treatment”

ATTENDED

Alpha Lambda Delta National Conference | Washington D.C, Virginia October 2016

- #Hashtags, Memes and Themes (UHD Chapter)
- Finding Your Inner Genius
- Infusing Emotional Intelligence into Your Personal Leadership Philosophy
- Leave the Judging to Judy: Embracing Differences

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Phi Kappa Phi | Honor Society

Position: Member

April 2015 – May 2017

Golden Key | International Honor Society

Position: Member

January 2016 – Spring 2018

Alpha Lambda Delta | National Honor Society for First Year Students

Position: President

January 2015 – May 2017

- Increased membership and developed a retention and involvement program
- Hosted events for members such as Moo Member Recognition, Yoda One for Me and Louisiana Relief Drive
- conducted a fundraiser to buy hygiene products for needy students in the area

Sigma Tau Delta | International English Honor Society

Position: Treasurer, Vice- President

January 2016 – Spring 2018

- Helped to establish honor society as a recognized student organization
- Hosted social events to increase member engagement and participation
- Increased member visibility and strengthened connections with university administration

National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Position: Founding Secretary

September 2015 –August 2017

- liaison between members and administration
- set up communication systems

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of Houston-Downtown | Houston, Texas

AVID Tutor, The Learning Connection

August 2015 – May 2016

- Hosted and developed workshops to help students be successful college students
- Collaborated with student organizations to create student programming.

Gator Peer Mentor, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

August 2016 -- May 2017

- Helped to ease the student transition from high school to college
- Hosted weekly events to assist students acclimate to the new environment
- Worked and coordinated with a Faculty Peer Mentor to help with any student concerns

ASAP Professional Home Health Care

Business Administrative Assistant, Billing Assistant

June 2014 – Present

- Help with the daily upkeep of the office
- Clerical work such as filing, faxing and organizing
- System management in particular VESTA
- Prepare billing every two weeks to ensure providers get paid as well as the company
- Accounts payable
- Insurance claims