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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy, Social Work**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Dissertation Title:* A Geography of Service Delivery: On the role of mental health service structure in community senior services and Puerto Rican Older Adults

**Certificate in Business Administration, College of Business;**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Master of Social Work, Community Mental Health;**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology;**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

**Associate of Science, Organizational Leadership and Supervision**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

**CURRENT POSITION**

2009 - Present Assistant Professor, School of Social Work and Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

**GRANT AWARDS AND CONTRACTS**

**Awarded/Funded**

Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Reaching Latino Dementia Caregivers: Evaluation of a translated version of the Savvy Caregiver Program Manual*. Pilot study - School of Social Work, Michigan State University, \$4,260 - 2015-2016.

Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Relationship of Filial Support and Functional Status with Depressive Symptoms among Puerto Rican Older Adults*. Peal J. Aldrich Endowment in Aging Related Research and Education, \$9,668.00, 2014-2015.

- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *From the Margins to the Core: Latino Auto Worker's in the Nation's Auto Industry*. Motor Cities Heritage Area, \$5,500.00, 2014.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Research Experience in Structural and Functional Neural Biology for Undergraduates*. National Science Foundation, \$384,098.00, 2014-2017.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Latinos 2025 – Positioning for a Stronger Michigan*. Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, \$77,755.00, 2013-2015.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Consultant with State of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging). *Creating Confident Caregivers, Savvy Caregiver Program*, \$3,000.00, 2013-2014.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Mental Health Perceptions and the Information Age Among Puerto Rican Older Adults/ Mapping Mental Health for Latinos in Michigan*. \$2000 (Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative) College of Social Science, Michigan State University. 2013-2014.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Mental Health Perceptions and the Information Age among Puerto Rican Older Adults*. Pilot study - School of Social Work and Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University, \$4,506 - 2012-2013.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Increasing Training of Hispanic Neuroscientists at Michigan State University*. National Institutes of Health Supplement K-12 Neuroscience Workshop Training, \$33,902, 2013-2014.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Viewing Mental Health: Examining the influence of mental health messages in telenovelas among Latino older adults*. \$3000 (Dean's Assistantship) College of Social Science, Michigan State University, 2012-2013.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Technology and You Survey*. State of Michigan Offices for Services to the Aging. 2012-2014.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Increasing Hispanic Representation in Neuroscience*. National Institutes of Health R25 Supplement. \$62,500, 2010-2012.

### **Under Review**

- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Culturally Grounding Mental Health Literacy*. Retirement Research Foundation. \$87,195, 2015-2017.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *A Community Engaged, CTSA hub at Michigan State University*. National Institutes of Health. \$4,000,000.00.

### **In Preparation**

- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Savvy Latinos: Cultural Adaptation of a Dementia Caregiver Support Program*. National Institutes of Health. (National Institutes of Health R01)
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Integrating Mental Health Awareness in Gerontological Environments (IMAGE): An interactive intervention for older Puerto Ricans*. (Agency for Health Research and Quality).
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Family Matters at the End of Life: Decision-making structures about life-sustaining orders among Mexican American older adults and their families*.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Vélez Ortiz, D., Martinez, R. O., & Espino, D. V. (in press). Framing Effects of Questions on End-of-Life Decisions among Latino Older Adults. *Social Work in Health Care*.
- Horner, P., Martinez, R., Vélez Ortiz, D., Kayitsinga, J., Acosta, S. (in press) Adapting a Nutrition Education Intervention for Latinos. *Journal of Education and Human Development*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2014). Mental Health Services Structure: The Case of Older Puerto Ricans in Senior Centers. *Journal of Social Services Research*. doi: 10.1080/01488376.2014.977987
- Cho, H., Kim, I., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2014). Factors Associated with Mental Health Service Use among Latino and Asian Americans. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 50:960-967. doi: 10.1007/s10597-014-9719-6
- Cho, H., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Parra Cardona, R. (2014). Prevalence of intimate partner violence and associated risk factors among Latinos/as: An exploratory study with three Latino sub-populations. *Violence Against Women*, 20, 1041-1058. doi: 10.1177/1077801214549636
- Hughes, A. K., Woodward, A., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2013). Chronic illness intrusion: Role impairment and time out of role in ethnically diverse older adults. *The Gerontologist* doi:10.1093/geront/gnt041
- Hughes A, Vélez Ortiz, D., & Horner, P. (2012). Academic, Professional, and Community Outcomes of a Faculty-Mentored BASW Research Experience. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*. 17, 133-147
- Vélez Ortiz, D., Sosulski, M.R., & Sherwood, D.A. (2012). Competently Mixing: Does a clinical practice cultural competence framework fit in mixed methods research?. *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, 6, 348-363. doi: 10.1177/1558689812445196
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2012). The Case of an Outpatient Mental Health Clinic within a Senior Service Organization. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 55, 503-518. doi: 10.1080/01634372.2012.673539
- Vélez Ortiz, D., Cross, S.L., & Day, A. (2012). Insightful learning of life's lessons with older adult guests in the classroom. *Educational Gerontology: An International Journal*, 38, 868-880. doi: 10.1080/03601277.2012.660844
- Hughes, A., Horner, P., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2012). Being the Diversity Hire: Three Stories of Successful Academic Job Searches. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 48, 595-612. doi: 10.5175/JSWE.2012.201000101
- Larrison, C.R., Vélez-Ortiz, D., Hernandez, P., Piedra, L. & Goldberg, A. (2010). Brokering culture: Can ad hoc interpreters fill the language service gap at community health centers?. *Social Work in Public Health*, 25 (3&4), 387- 407. doi: 10.1080/19371910903241009
- Vélez Ortiz, D., & Cole S. A. (2008). Culture, Place of Origin and Service for Latino Older Adult Immigrants: The case of Puerto Ricans. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 51(3-4), 300-314. doi: 10.1080/01634370802039627

### Other Publications

- Martinez, R., Kayitsinga, J., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Horner, P. (2015). *Latinos 2025: A Needs Assessment of Latino Communities in Southeast Michigan*. East Lansing, MI: Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., Kayitsinga, J., Martinez, R.O., Horner, P., & Acosta, S. (2014). *Meatloaf to Tacos: An Evaluation Pilot Study of a Cultural Adaptation for a Community-based Nutritional Education Program with Latino Families*. *The Julian Samora Research Institute E-Series*, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2014). *Latino Civic Engagement in Michigan*. *NEXO, Fall 2014*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2014). *Ethnicity and Aging*. In Krajewski-Jaime, E. R. Editor. *Aging: Ethnicity and Gender Issues* (21pp). Champaign, IL: Common Ground Publishing.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., & Zepeda, I. (2014). *Watching Mental Health: Influence of mental health messages in telenovelas among Latino older adults*. *NEXO, Spring 2014*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2013). Book Review of *The Politics of Race in Latino Communities: Walking the Color Line* Atiya kai Stokes-Brown. New York: Routledge Press. *NEXO, Fall 2013*.
- Martinez, R.O., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Espino, D. (2013). *Framing Effects on End-of-Life Preference among Latino Elders*. *NEXO, Spring 2013*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2012). Book Review of *Cultures of Migration: The Global Nature of Contemporary Mobility* by Jeffrey H. Cohen and Ibrahim Sirkeci. Austin: University of Texas Press. *NEXO, Fall 2012*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2012). Book Review of *Inside Assisted Living: The search for home*. J. Kevin Eckert, Paula C. Carder, Anne Christine Frankowski, and Erin G. Roth. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009. Published in the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 55, 1-3.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2011). Book Review of *Transborder Lives: Indigenous Oaxacans in Mexico, California, and Oregon* by Stephen L. Durham. N.C.: Duke University Press. *NEXO, Fall 2011*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., Green, J. C. (2006). Book Review of *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches (2nd edition)*. John W. Creswell. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2003. *Qualitative Research Journal*, December 2006 Issue.

### **Manuscripts Under Review and In Preparation**

#### ***Under review***

- Barrera, I, Vélez Ortiz, D., & Camacho, L. M. (under review). *Provider's Perspectives on Mental Health Treatments for Mexican Americans in the Southwest: Cross-border issues*. *Social Work in Mental Health Journal*.
- Honer, P.S., Hughes, A.K., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (under review). *Social Work Scholars and Undergraduate Research Opportunities*. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*.

#### ***In preparation***

Vélez Ortiz, D. (in preparation). Culture, Gender, and Depression: Puerto Rican Older Adult's Experiences with Depression. *Social Work in Mental Health*.

Vélez Ortiz, D. (in preparation). Viewing Mental Health: Examining the influence of mental health messages in telenovelas among Latino older adults. *Journal of Community & Applied Social Psychology*.

Vélez Ortiz, D., Woodward, A., & Hughes, A. K. (in preparation). Social ties, age effects, and self-identification of mental health services needs among Latino older adults. *International Journal of Culture and Mental Health*.

Vélez Ortiz, D., Klein, S., & Hession, S. (in preparation). Mapping Access to Mental Health in Vulnerable Communities. *Journal of the Society for Social Work Research*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Presentations

Vélez Ortiz, D. (June 2015). Latino Civic Engagement. Cambio de Colores Conference – Oral Presentation.

Vélez Ortiz, D. (March 2015). Culture, Gender, and Depression: Puerto Rican Older Adult's Experiences with Depression. UAB Health Disparities Symposium- Oral Presentation.

Vélez Ortiz, D. & Zepeda, I. (October, 2013). Viewing Mental Health: Examining the influence of mental health messages in telenovelas among Latino older adults. University of Michigan Health Services Social Work Research Symposium- Poster Presentation.

Vélez-Ortiz, D., Woodward, A., & Hughes, A. K. (January, 2012). Social ties, age, and self-identification of mental health services needs among Latino older adults. Society for Social Work Research- Oral presentation.

Vélez Ortiz, D. (October, 2011). Mental health services structure and mental health perceptions among Puerto Rican older adults in senior centers: A comparative mixed methods study. Critical Issues in Latino Mental Health conference - Oral presentation.

Hughes, A. K., Vélez-Ortiz, D., & Woodward, A. (November, 2011). Chronic Illness and Functional Role Impairment in Older Adults: Examining Racial/Ethnic Differences. Gerontological Society of America- Oral presentation.

Vélez-Ortiz, D., Woodward, A., & Hughes, A. K. (November, 2011). Social ties, age effects, and self-identification of mental health services needs among Latino older adults. Gerontological Society of America- Oral presentation

Vélez Ortiz, D. (October, 2011). Mental health services structure and mental health perceptions among Puerto Rican older adults in senior centers: A comparative mixed methods study. American Public Health Association- Oral presentation.

Martinez, R.O., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Espino, D. (January 2011). Framing Effects of Questions on End-of-Life Decisions among Latino Older Adults. Society for Social Work Research – Oral presentation.

Martinez, R.O., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Espino, D. (November 2010). Framing Effects of Questions on End-of-Life Decisions among Latino Older Adults. Gerontological Society of America – Paper presentation.

- Vélez Ortiz, D., & Horner, P (October 2010). *Evaluating a health education program for obese Latino/a children*. Council on Social Work Education – Oral presentation.
- Horner, P, Vélez Ortiz, D., & Tello Buntin, J. (May 2010). *Latinos Substance Abuse and Mental Health: A Literature Review*. *Cambio de Colores: Latinos and immigrants in Midwestern Communities*– Oral presentation.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (November 2009). *On the role of mental health service structure in community senior services for Puerto Rican older adults* . American Public Health Association - Oral presentation.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (June 2009). *The Role of Mental Health Service Structure in Community Senior Centers*. American Association for Retired People - Poster presentation.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2008). *The Case of an Outpatient Mental Health Clinic within a Multi-Cultural Senior Service Organization*. Gerontological Society of America- Poster presentation.
- Korang-Okrah, R., Leon, M. P., Moorthi, G., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2008). *Postmodern Challenges to Social Work Education: Rethinking Theories and methodologies – Cultural Competence and Mixed Methods*. Council on Social Work Education- Oral presentation.
- Larrison, C.L., & Vélez-Ortiz, D. (2007). *Brokering Culture: Where do medical interpreters fit into community health centers?* American Public Health Association - Oral presentation.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2007). *Technical Assistance Workshop – grant writing workshop and research presentation*. National Institutes on Aging - Oral presentation
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2006). *Mental Health Services and Latino Older Adults*. Latino Social Worker Organization - Poster presentation.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., & Cole, S. A. (2006). *Culture, Place of Origin and Service for Latino Older Adults: The case of Puerto Rican older adults*. Council for Social Work Education – Gero-Ed - Poster presentation.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., & Cole, S. A. (2006). *A Service Model for Latino Older Adult Immigrants*. National Hispanic Council on Aging - Poster presentation.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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| 2015      | Abstract nominated for Charles Barkley Health Disparities Investigator Award. UAB Health Disparities Symposium.            |
| 2013      | Council on Social Work Education APM - Honorable mention for published article on the Journal of Social Work Education.    |
| 2006-2009 | Council on Social Work Education / National Institutes of Mental Health - Mental Health Doctoral Fellowship.               |
| 2008      | Research Minority Fellow. Dissertation Travel Grant Fellow - Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. |

- 2008 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Social Work – Dissertation Travel Award.
- 2004 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate College MSW commencement speaker for the School of Social Work.

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Mental health services for adult and older adult Latino populations  
 Immigration and minorities  
 Organizational factors in service provision  
 Health technology applications  
 Diversity in higher education

### **TEACHING AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

#### **Courses Taught**

- “Introduction to Research Methods I,” School of Social Work, Michigan State University
- “Essential Research Tools for Social Work Practice,” School of Social Work, Michigan State University
- “Social Welfare Policy,” School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- “Introduction to Social Work,” School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

#### **Training Activities**

- 2014 The Iceman’s Guide to Competitive Advantage in NIH R01 Grant Writing. Presented by Tom Hollon, Ph.D.
- 2014 Write Winning Grants. Presented by John D. Robertson, Ph.D
- 2014 Lilly Teaching Seminar, Classroom Management
- 2014 CSTAT Sample Size Analysis for Preparation of Grant Applications
- 2014 The 26th Annual Geriatric Symposium: Community-based Solutions for Managing Dementia
- 2013-Present Early Career Reviewer (ECR) program at the Center for Scientific Review (CSR), National Institutes of Health
- 2012 - 2013 Practice of Clinical Research Certificate, National Institutes of Health
- 2012 Graduate College, Introduction to Graduate Education at MSU, Michigan State University: Faculty
- 2012 American Psychological Association Advanced Training Institute on Research Methods with Diverse Racial and Ethnic Groups, Michigan State University: Faculty
- 2012 CSTAT Introduction to Cell Phones and Telephone Surveys, Michigan State University

- 2012 CSTAT Introductory and Intermediate Structural Equation Modeling, Michigan State University
- 2011 Atlas.TI data analysis software webinar
- 2011 Aging 2.0 Conference – Technology, Trends and Transitions. Case Western Reserve University
- 2010-11 Institute on Aging and Social Work. NIH funded - competitive advanced training in aging research methods and grant-writing for Social Work faculty nation-wide
- 2009-2011 Coffee Breaks: funding research program. Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Michigan State University
- 2009 Write Winning Grants. Grant-writing workshop delivered by David C. Morrison, Ph.D. sponsored by Michigan State University College of Social Science
- 2009 Council on Social Work Education, Minority Fellowship Program, Cultural Competence Institute.
- 2008 Center for Disease Control/American Evaluation Association, Summer Evaluation Institute.
- 2006 National Institutes on Aging Technical Assistance Workshop, Competitive grant writing workshop.

## **STUDENTS SUPERVISED**

### **Undergraduate**

- 2015-Present Carmen Elias, School of Social Work, Undergraduate Research Assistant
- 2014 – Present Carolina Vazquez, School of Social Work, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Presented research at Undergraduate Research Festival
- 2013 – Present Adriana Carreon, School of Social Work, Undergraduate Research Assistant – received Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative grant, College of Social Science, Presented research at Undergraduate Research Festival
- 2010-2013 Isabel Zepeda, Undergraduate Research Assistant – received a Deans Assistantship Award, College of Social Science and a School of Social Work undergraduate research award. Presented a poster at UMHS Research and Social Work Symposium
- 2009-2011 Jessica Ceh, Undergraduate Research Assistant - received a College of Social Science Distinguished Scholar Award, along with a School of Social Work Alumni Scholarship. Graduated and attending graduate social work program in the University of Michigan.

### **Graduate**

- 2015-Present Mavath Sailaja Subramaniam, Human Development and Family Studies, Doctoral Program, Serve on dissertation committee



- 2014- Present Deborah Pond, School of Social Work, Doctoral Program, Serve on guidance committee
- 2013-Present Jaewon Lee, School of Social Work, Graduate Research Assistant, Doctoral Program, Serve on guidance committee
- 2012-Present Lizeth Camacho, Human Development and Family Studies, Research Assistant, Doctoral Program, Co-authoring a manuscript, Serve on dissertation committee
- 2011 LaVendee Fulton, School of Social Work, Graduate Research Assistant, Guidance Committee, Doctoral Program
- 2010 Anita Gonzalez, School of Social Work, Graduate Research Assistant, Doctoral Program
- 2009 Sangwook Lee, School of Social Work, Graduate Research Assistant, Doctoral Program
- 2009 Dee Ann Sherwood Bosworth, Social Work Graduate Research Assistant, Doctoral Program, Co-authored one publication

### **PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH AND LEADERSHIP**

#### **Departmental and University**

- 2014-15 Faculty Search Committee Member, School of Social Work, College of Social Science, Michigan State University.
- 2014-15 Faculty Member, Anti-Discrimination Judicial Board, Michigan State University.
- 2013-14 25th Anniversary Planning Committee Co-chair. Julian Samora Research Institute, University Outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University.
- 2013 Director Search Committee Member, University Outreach and Engagement, Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement, Michigan State University.
- 2011-12 Faculty advisory committee member, Advancing Diversity through the Alignment of Policies and Practices, Michigan State University.
- 2009- Present Endowment scholarship committee member, Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University.
- 2009- Present Research sequence committee member, School of Social Work, Michigan State University.
- 2009- 2014 Diversity committee member, School of Social Work, Michigan State University.

#### **Scholarship and Profession**

- 2015-Present Grant Reviewer, National Institutes on Minority Health and Health Disparities.
- 2014-2018 Councilor, Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity, *Council on Social Work Education*,

Alexandria, VA.

- 2014 – Present Grant Reviewer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- 2014 – Present Grant Reviewer, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.
- 2013 – Present Grant Reviewer, Early Career Reviewer Program, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health.
- 2013-14 Grant Reviewer, Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) Postdoctoral Research Fellowships Broadening Participation (BP) Advisory Panel, *National Science Foundation*, Washington, D.C.
- 2014-Present Peer reviewer, *Journal of Technology in Human Services*.
- 2013 Latino Roundtable, invited expert to inform national research agenda for the *Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute*, Washington, D.C.
- 2011-Present Peer reviewer, *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*
- 2013-Present Peer reviewer, *Journal of Latina/o Psychology*
- 2013 Peer reviewer, *OMICS PUBLISHING GROUP/ACR*
- 2012 Peer reviewer, *Advances in Social Work Journal*
- 2011 Session Chair, *Gerontological Society of America*, Annual Program Meeting
- 2010, 2011 Peer reviewer, *Gerontological Society of America*, Annual Program Meeting
- 2009 Peer reviewer, *Council on Social Work Education*, Annual Program Meeting
- 2008 Peer reviewer, *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*
- 2007-2009 Washington University in St. Louis, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Contributor to an NIMH sponsored project titled “Developing Interventions for Latino Children, Youth, and Families” to operationalize Latino cultural constructs, St. Louis, MO.

### **Community**

- 2015 Translation of the Savvy Caregiver Manual, Creating Confident Caregivers, Office of Services to the Aging, State of Michigan, Lansing, MI
- 2014 Latino/Hispanic Family Caregivers II: Cultural competency training series for the Savvy Caregiver Program, Office of Services to the Aging, State of Michigan, Lansing, MI
- 2014 Improving Health and Healthcare in Michigan’s Latinos. Summit: Julian Samora Research Institute at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

- 2013 Seniors and Technology II, Presentation to State Advisory Council on Aging, Office of Services to the Aging, State of Michigan. Lansing, MI
- 2013 Latino/Hispanic Family Caregivers I: Cultural competency training series for the Savvy Caregiver Program, Office of Services to the Aging, State of Michigan
- 2013 Latino Older Adult Cultural Competency Training: Outreach to Latino communities, Area Agency on Aging 1B, Southfield, MI
- 2012 Mental Health Services and Latino Older Adults Workshop. Cristo Rey Community Center Senior Program. Lansing, MI
- 2012 Mental Health Panel: Mental health and Latinos, Ohio Latino Summit, Ohio Commission on Latino Affairs. Columbus, OH
- 2012 Seniors and Technology, State Advisory Council on Aging, Office of Services to the Aging, State of Michigan. Lansing, MI
- 2011 Mental Health Issues in the Latino Population, Continuing Education Session, School of Social Work, Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI
- 2011 Elder Summit: Building a Comprehensive Response Protocol in Michigan, Ingham County Triad. Lansing, MI

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Council on Social Work Education  
 Society for Social Work Research  
 Age-SW  
 Gerontological Society of America

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish- Fluent in reading and writing  
 English- Fluent in reading and writing