

University of California at San Francisco
Training Program for Scientists Conducting Research to Reduce
HIV/STI Health Disparities

- 2000-2002 Ph.D.
University of Puerto Rico
Major Area of Study: Social-Community Psychology
- 2001 Intern. Public Policy and Government Relations Office, National
Minority AIDS Council, Washington D.C.
Mentor: Miguelina León, MSW
- 1997- 1999 M.A.
University of Puerto Rico
Major Area of Study: Social-Community Psychology
- 1993-1997 B.A.
University of Puerto Rico
Major Area of Study: Psychology

Current and Past Positions

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| 2016-present | Professor, Florida International University. Department of Global & Sociocultural Studies, Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs. |
| 2019-present | Associate Director of the Research Network for Health and Society (REACH), Florida International University. |
| 2010-present | Visiting Professor, Ponce Health Sciences University. |
| 2012-2014 | Director, Center for Social Research. University of Puerto Rico. |
| 2009-2012 | Director, Center for the Study of Social Differences and Health. |
| 2016 | Visiting Professor, University of California at San Francisco. |
| 2014-2016 | Professor, University of Puerto Rico's Beatriz Lassalle Graduate School of Social Work |
| 2007-2014 | Associate Professor, University of Puerto Rico's Beatriz Lassalle Graduate School of Social Work. |
| 2004-2007 | Assistant Professor, University of Puerto Rico's Beatriz Lassalle Graduate School of Social Work. |
| 2005-2009 | Visiting Professor - Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS), University of California at San Francisco (UCSF), Department of Medicine. The Collaborative HIV Prevention Research in Minority Communities Program. |
| 2002-2004 | Assistant Researcher. University of Puerto Rico's Center for Psychological Services and Research. |
| 2001-2004 | Adjunct Professor, Sacred Heart University. |

Research Funding

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| 2022-2027 | <u>Disasters, solar energy, chronic disease management in aging Puerto Ricans</u> . R01 study funded by the National Institute on Aging. Principal Investigator: \$2,143,558. |
| 2020-2024 | <u>Physician Migration and its Implications for the Puerto Rican Health Care System</u> . R01 study funded by the National Institute on Minority Health Disparities. Principal Investigator: \$2,508,232. |

- 2020-2023 Reducing Serious Mental Illness and Suicide Stigma Among Medical Students. R34 study funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. Principal investigator: \$750,468
- 2019-2021 The role of transgender embodiment on breast and uterine cervix cancer screening. R21 study funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research. Co-Investigator: \$398,854
- 2019-2021 Understanding disparities in the adoption and use of assistive technology by older Hispanics. R21 study funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research. Co-Investigator: \$416,467
- 2018-2020 Health Care System Collapse and Resilience in Puerto Rico after Hurricane María. R21 study funded by the National Institute on Aging. Principal investigator: \$423,558
- 2014-2019 HIV/AIDS Stigma Behaviors in Clinical Encounters. K02 study funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse. Principal Investigator: \$577,665
- 2012-2016 Testing a Latino web-based parent-adolescent sexual communication intervention. R01 study funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research. Principal Investigator: \$1,834,269
- 2014-2016 Physicians and Health Related Services for Male to Female Transgender Persons. R21 study funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. Co-investigator: \$208,419
- 2011-2013 Injection Practices and HIV Risk Behavior among Transgender Persons in Puerto Rico. R21 study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Co-investigator: \$250,000
- 2007-2013 AIDS Stigma among Health Professionals in Puerto Rico. R01 study funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. Principal Investigator: \$1,944,375
- 2009-2011 Relationship Experiences among Puerto Rican Heterosexual Serodiscordant Couples. R03 study funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Co-investigator: \$126,000
- 2010-2013 HIV Prevention Curriculum for Medical Students in Puerto Rico. Study funded by the Office for AIDS Research, National Institutes of Health. Co-Principal Investigator: \$900,000
- 2010-2011 Stress Measurement among Puerto Rican Imprisoned Population.

- R24 study funded by the National institute of Drug Abuse. Principal Investigator: \$50,000
- 2006-2007 AIDS Stigma and Practicing Health Professionals in Puerto Rico. Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, University of California at San Francisco. Principal Investigator. \$61,000
- 2005 Stigma Reduction Interventions for Health Professionals in Latin America. Pan American Health Organization. Principal Investigator \$5,000
- 2005-2007 Internalized AIDS Stigma Measurement in Puerto Rico. Institutional Funds for Research, University of Puerto Rico. Principal Investigator. \$30,000
- 2003-2006 AIDS Stigma and Health Professionals in Puerto Rico. R21 study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse R21. Principal Investigator . \$442,500.
- 2002-2003 Exploring AIDS-Related Stigma In Puerto Rico. R03 study funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. Principal Investigator. \$25,000.
- 2002-2003 Dissertation grant to study AIDS related stigma in Puerto Rico. American Psychological Association, Minority Fellowship Program. Principal Investigator. \$5,000. (Not used by PI due to overlap with other grants).
- 2002-2004 Social Construction of Masculinity among Men who have Sex with Men in Puerto Rico. Institutional Funds for Research, University of Puerto Rico. Co-Principal Investigator. Principal Investigator: José Toro-Alfonso, Ph.D. \$48,000.
- 2002-2003 Development of a National Research Agenda to Strengthen Social Networks among People Living with HIV/AIDS in Puerto Rico. Center for Social Research, University of Puerto Rico. Co-Principal Investigator. Principal Investigator: José Toro-Alfonso, Ph.D. \$10,000.
- 2001-2002 Strengthening HIV/AIDS Social Networks in Dominican Republic. Atlantea Program, University of Puerto Rico. Co-Principal Investigator. Principal Investigator: José Toro-Alfonso, Ph.D. \$5,000.
- 1998-2001 Fellow. Minority Fellowship Program, American Psychological Association. \$36,598.

1995-1997 Fellow. Career Opportunities in Research, National Institute of Mental Health.

Awards and Honors

- 2025 Official Selection – Calgary Justice Film Festival, Canada. Film – The Darkness: Lessons on Solar Energy, Community, and Power.
- 2025 Official Selection – Puerto Rico Film Festival, Puerto Rico. Film – Nostalgia: A Reflection on Art and Time.
- 2025 Official Selection – Films of Return, International: Greece, United Kingdom, USA. Film – The Darkness: Lessons on Solar Energy, Community, and Power.
- 2025 Official Selection – Taiwan International Ethnographic Film Festival. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2025 Official Selection – American Public Health Association’s Film Festival, Washington DC, USA. Film – The Darkness: Lessons on Solar Energy, Community, and Power.
- 2025-2027 Fulbright Specialist - U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- 2025 Best Book Award for “Seeing Metal Music in Latin America and the Caribbean” (Lexington Press) – Awarded by the International Society for Metal Music Studies.
- 2025 Official Selection – Fine Arts Film Festival, California, USA. Film – Nostalgia: A Reflection on Art and Time.
- 2025 Winner, Best Short Documentary Film – Vieques Film and Human Rights Festival, Puerto Rico. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2025 Official Selection – Ethnografilm Paris, France. Film – Nostalgia: A Reflection on Art and Time.
- 2025 Official Selection – Vieques Film and Human Rights Festival, Puerto Rico. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2025 Official Selection – Vieques Film and Human Rights Festival,

- Puerto Rico. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).
- 2024 Honorary Award for Efforts in Social Filmmaking, *Activists Without Borders Film Festival* - UK. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection – ArteNonStopFestival BA/2024, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Film – Nostalgia: A Reflection on Art and Time.
- 2024 Honorable Mention – Social Change Film Festival - Chicago. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection – Puerto Rico Film Festival. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection – Society for Visual Anthropology’s Film and Media Festival. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection – Insularia Fest – Canary Islands. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Environmental, Social, Economic, Political Justice Award - Latino & Native American Film Festival. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Winner Best Documentary Short - New York International Women Festival. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection, Isla Verde – Festival Internacional de Cine y Medio Ambiente del Caribe – Cuba. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Honorable Mention, Sees & Trees Film Festival – International. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Semi finalist, New York International Women Festival – USA. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection, EcoAdor – Festival Internacional de Cine Ambiental – Ecuador. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection, CaribbeanTales Film Festival – Toronto, Canada. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land,

and Occupation.

- 2024 Finalist, ABQ Indie Film Festival – USA. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection, Latino & Native American Film Festival – USA. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection, Philadelphia Latino Arts & Film Festival – USA. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Semi-Finalist, Hawaii International Film Festival – USA. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection, Ethnografilm Paris Films Festival – France. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Semi-Finalist, Paris Lady MovieMakers Festival – France. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2024 Official Selection, Spotlight on Academic Films Festival – Canada. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2023 Official Selection, *Activists Without Borders Film Festival* - UK. Film – The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation.
- 2023 Official Selection for Poster Competition, *Festival de Cine de la Habana* - Cuba. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).
- 2023 Official Selection, *Raw Science* - USA. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).
- 2023 Official Selection, *Puerto Rico Film Festival* - PR. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).
- 2023 Award Winner, *Three Acts of Goodness Film Festival* - USA. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).
- 2023 Official Selection, *Three Acts of Goodness Film Festival* - USA. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).
- 2023 Official Selection, *International Activism Film Festival* - USA. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).
- 2023 Best Integrative Health Award, *Latino and Native American Film*

- Festival, LANAFF - USA. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).*
- 2023 Finalist, *Latino and Native American Film Festival, LANAFF - USA. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).*
- 2023 Official Selection, *Spotlight on Academics Film Festival – Ontario, Canada. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).*
- 2023 Official Selection, *Latino and Native American Film Festival, LANAFF - USA. Film – La Oreja (The Ear).*
- 2022 Official Selection, Festival Internacional de Cine de Durango, México. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, Festival de Cine y Derechos Humanos – Barcelona - Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, Festival de Cine Histórico de Tepoztlán – México - Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, Garasjens Heavy Metal Film Festival – Norway - Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, Rejoice Resist BIPOC FILMS - Socially Relevant Film Festival New York City - Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival (SVAFMF) held concurrently with the American Anthropological Association Annual meeting - San Jose, CA. - Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, 10th Annual International Social Change Film Festival – Los Angeles, California - Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, Spotlight on Academic Films Festival – Canada - Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, Mediawave International Film and Music Gathering – Hungary - Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, Censurados Film Festival – Lima, Perú - Acts of

Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.

- 2021 Official Selection, OUTshine LGBTQ+ Film Festival - Miami Edition. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2021 Official Selection, Rock the Shorts, Los Angeles. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2021 Official Selection, Los Angeles Queer Film Festival, Los Angeles. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2021 Official Selection, Socially Relevant Film Festival, New York. Film – Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, Ethnografilm Paris, France. Film – Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2021 Official Selection, Super Duper Diversity Film Festival, Los Angeles. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2021 Winner, Silver Award, Spotlight Short Film Awards, Georgia. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2021 Official Selection, Love Story Film Festival, London. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2020 Official Selection, Logcinema Music Film Festival, Los Angeles. Film – Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2020 Jury Award for Outstanding Short Film: Cisgender Female Identifying, qFLIX 2020 - America's LGBTQ+ Film Festival, Worcester. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2020 Official Selection, Festival Metal Cine Internacional, Ecuador. Film – Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2020 Winner- Best Film, Toronto LGBTT Feedback Film Festival, Canada. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2020 Official Selection, Vi-viendo Cine Latinoamerica, Peru. Film – Collapse.
- 2020 Official Selection, qFLIX 2020 - America's LGBTQ+ Film Festival, Worcester. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2020 Official Selection, Cinica Festival, Mexico. Film – Acts of

Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.

- 2020 Official Selection, Rock 'n' Roll Film Festival, Kenya (ROFFEKE).
Film – Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2020 Official Selection, Toronto LGBTTT Feedback Film Festival, Canada.
Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2021 Official Selection, Festival Internacional de Cine y Metal, Bogotá,
Colombia. Film – Acts of Resistance: Heavy Metal Music in Latin
America.
- 2021 Finalist, NewFilmmakers NYC , New York. Film- Particular
Friendships.
- 2020 Official Selection, Viviendo Cine International Film Festival, Peru.
Film - Collapse
- 2020 Official Selection, Rock and Metal International Film Festival,
California,. Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics
in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2020 Official Selection, Rock and Metal International Film Festival,
California,. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin
America.
- 2020 Official Selection, East Village Queer Film Festival, New York.
Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2020 Official Selection, OUT at the Movies International Film Fest, North
Carolina. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2020 Official Selection, Out On Film, Atlanta Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and
Transgender LGBT Film Festival, Georgina. Film- Particular
Friendships.
- 2020 Winner, X World Short Film Festival, Rome. Film – Particular
Friendships.
- 2020 Finalist, X World Short Film Festival, Rome. Film – Particular
Friendships.
- 2020 Official Selection, Cinema Diverse - The Palm Springs Gay and
Lesbian Film Festival, Florida. Film- Particular Friendships.
- 2020 Official Selection, Rincón International Film Festival, Puerto Rico.

Film - Collapse

- 2020 Official Selection, Love Wins Film Festival, New York. Film – Particular Friendships.
- 2020 Official Selection, X World Short Film Festival, Rome. Film – Particular Friendships.
- 2020 Finalist, Raw Science Film Festival, Los Angeles. Film - Collapse
- 2020 Official Selection, Raw Science Film Festival, Los Angeles. Film - Collapse
- 2020 Official Selection, Scinema Film Festival, Australia. Film - Collapse
- 2020 Official Selection, Entrefronteras – Cine Documental/Derechos Humanos, Spain. Film – Collapse.
- 2020 Official Selection, Ethnografilm Festival, Paris-France. Film – Collapse.
- 2020 Certificate of Merit, 4th Ogeechee International History Film Festival, Georgia-USA. Film – Collapse.
- 2019 Official Selection, Cinica Festival, Mexico. Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2019 Finalist, Rolling Ideas Festival, Romania. Film – Collapse.
- 2019 Official Selection, Cinecafest Central American Short Film Festival, Miami. Film – Collapse.
- 2019 Official Selection, Short to the Point Film Festival, Bucharest. Film – Collapse.
- 2019 Semi-Finalist, Best Short Fest, Canada. Film – Collapse.
- 2019 Official Selection, Infierno en los Andes, Peru. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2019 Official Selection, Miami Independent Film Festival, Florida. Film – Collapse.
- 2019 Best Short Documentary, Five Continents International Film Festival, Venezuela. Film – Collapse.

- 2019 Official Selection, Five Continents International Film Festival, Venezuela. Film – Collapse.
- 2019 Official Selection, 7ma Muestra Latinoamérica en Nosotres, Puerto Rico. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2019 Official Selection, 3er Festival de Cine Documental DOC-KET, Ecuador. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2019 Official Selection, Censurados Film Festival, Lima, Perú. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2019 Official Selection, Festival Internacional de Cine y Metal, Bogotá, Colombia. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2019 Official Selection, Festival Internacional de Cine y Metal, Bogotá, Colombia. Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2019 Official Selection, Festival de Cine Latino Americano, Texas, USA. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2019 Official Selection, Ethnografilm Paris, France. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2019 Official Selection, Muestra de Cine Internacional Memoria Verdad Justicia, Guatemala. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Official Selection, Rock 'n' Roll Film Festival, Kenya (ROFFEKE). Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Nominee for Best Poster Artwork, Barcelona Planet Film Festival. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Official Selection, Five Continents International Film Festival. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Official Selection, Cínica Festival Mexico. Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Official Selection, Viva! Latino Film Festival NYC International

- (New York). Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Official Selection, For a Cause Film Festival (Jakarta). Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Official Selection, III Festival Internacional de Cine Histórico de San Cristobal de la Laguna (Spain). Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Official Selection, South Film and Arts Academy Festival (Chile). Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Official Selection, Docs Without Borders (Nassau). Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Award for Excellence, Docs Without Borders (Nassau). Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Official Selection, Miami Independent Film Festival (Miami). Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Semi-Finalist, Miami Independent Film Festival (Miami). Film – Songs of Injustice: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America.
- 2018 Official Selection, *Cuba in Film* (Germany). Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2017 Official Selection, *Festival Internacional del Nuevo Cine Latinoamericano* (Cuba). Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2017 Award Winner, United Latino Film Festival. Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2017 Official Finalist, Mexico International Film Festival. Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2017 Official Selection, Miami International Film Festival. Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2017 Official Selection, Rincón International Film Festival. Film – The

Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.

- 2017 Official Selection, World Music & Independent Film Festival. Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2017 Official Selection, Barcelona Planet Film Festival. Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2017 Official Selection, Dominican Film festival in New York. Film – The Metal Islands: Culture, History, and Politics in Caribbean Heavy Metal Music.
- 2015 Official Selection, Latin America in Ourselves, Documentarist Association of Puerto Rico. Film - The Distorted Island: Heavy Metal and Community in Puerto Rico.
- 2015 Excellence Award, Rincón International Film Festival. Film - The Distorted Island: Heavy Metal and Community in Puerto Rico.
- 2014 Mentor of the Year Award, Puerto Rican Psychological Association.
- 2014 Recognition for contributions to social research, University of Puerto Rico’s Alumni Association.
- 2012 Psychologist of the Year, Puerto Rican Psychological Association.
- 2008 Research Psychologist of the Year, Carlos Albizu University.
- 2007 COR-Star. Recognition of the National Institute of Mental Health’s Career Opportunities in Research Program. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2004 COR-Star. Recognition of the National Institute of Mental Health’s Career Opportunities in Research Program. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2004 Scholarship. XV International AIDS Conference. Bangkok, Thailand
- 2003 First place for research project of social impact. Recognition awarded by the Atlantea Project at the University of Puerto Rico for completion of the project “Strengthening HIV/AIDS Social Network in Dominican Republic”.
- 2002 Carlos and Ermida Albizu Student of the Year Award. Puerto Rican Psychological Association.

- 2002 Student of the Year Award for Psychologist in Public Service. Awarded by the American Psychological Association's Division 18.
- 2002 Partial Scholarship. XIV International AIDS Conference. Barcelona, Spain.
- 2002 Full Scholarship. Summer Institute on Longitudinal Methods Scholarship held at the Methodology Center, Penn State University.
- 2001 Recognition by the Puerto Rican Senate for volunteer work with victims of the September 11th attacks in the United States. New York, N.Y.
- 2001 Travel award. American Psychological Association, Washington D.C.
- 2001 Outstanding Scholars of the 21st Century. International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England.
- 2000 Scholarship. XIII International AIDS Conference. Durban, South Africa.
- 1999 Full scholarship. 1st National HIV Prevention Conference. Sponsored by CDC, Atlanta, GA.
- 1998-2001 American Psychological Association's Research Fellow.
- 1997 Graduated Magna Cum Laude (B.A.)
- 1996 Minority Undergraduate Student of Excellence (MUSE). American Psychological Association.
- 1996 (Summer) NSF-NIMH Research Experience for Undergraduates in Behavioral Sciences Participant. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus.
- 1996- 2000 Golden Key National Honor Society Member University of Puerto Rico.
- 1996- 1997 NIMH - Career Opportunities in Research (COR) Member, University of Puerto Rico.
- 1995- 1996 NIMH - Career Opportunities in Research (COR) Affiliate, University of Puerto Rico.
- 1997 Magna Cum Laude (B.A.), University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras.

1994- 1997 Dean's List (B.A), University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras.

1994- 1999 Honor Student (B.A.), University of Puerto Rico.

Editorial Experience

2024 *Book Reviewer*, Anthem Press.

2024 *Reviewer*, Ethnografilm Festival. Paris, France.

2020-2025 *Editor*, Metal Music Studies.

2022 *Reviewer*, Sexual Health.

2018 *Reviewer*, Théologiques.

2018 *Reviewer*, Metal Music Studies.

2017 *Ad-hoc Reviewer*, National Institutes of Health.

2016-present Editorial Advisory Board, Emerald Studies in Metal Music and Culture (Book Series).

2009-2012 Associate Editor, Qualitative Report.

2009-2019 Editorial Board Member, Behavioral Sciences Journal (Revista Ciencias de la Conducta).

2007-2012 Editorial Board Member, Interamerican Journal of Psychology.

2014-2019 Editorial Board Member, Metal Music Studies.

1998-2016 Associate Editorial Board Member, American Journal of Community Psychology.

2013 *Ad-hoc Reviewer*, International Journal of Community Music.

2009-2013 Editor, Puerto Rican Journal of Psychology (Revista Puertorriqueña de Psicología).

2011 *Ad-hoc Reviewer*, AIDS Research and Therapy.

2007 Guest Editor, Interamerican Journal of Psychology. Special issue on

- international perspectives on AIDS stigma.
- 2006 Reviewer, African Journal of AIDS Research.
- 2006 Guest Editor, Revista Ciencias de la Conducta. Special issue on psychology and social regulation.
- 2004-2009 Editorial Board Member, Qualitative Report.
- 2003-2007 Editor, Interamerican Psychologist. Bulletin of the Interamerican Psychological Association.
- 2001-2006 Editorial Board Member, Teknokultura. Electronic journal at the University of Puerto Rico.
- 2002 *Ad-hoc* Reviewer, Interamerican Journal of Psychology.
- 2001-2002 Editor, Bulletin of the Association of Psychology of Puerto Rico.
- 2000-2002 Reviewer, Representative Research in Social Psychology.
- 1999 *Ad hoc* reviewer, Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology. Official journal of the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (APA, Division 45).
- 1998 Proposal Reviewer, American Psychological Association's 107th Conference.

Other Professional Experiences

- 2001 Principal Investigator, University of Puerto Rico. AIDS related stigma and visual images. (Independent Research Project)
- 2000-2001 Principal Investigator, University of Puerto Rico. Comparison of HIV/AIDS related policies in Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Honduras, and Dominican Republic. (Independent Research Project)
- 1999-2000 Principal Investigator, University of Puerto Rico. HIV/AIDS and public policy in Puerto Rico: Implications for the field of psychology. (Independent Research Project)
- 1999 Research Assistant, University of Puerto Rico. Attitudes of college students towards homosexuals and lesbians.
- 1997-1998 Research Assistant. University of Puerto Rico, Department of Psychology. Empowerment of HIV+ Gay Men.

Principal Investigator: Blanca Ortíz-Torres Ph.D., J.D.

- 1995-1998 Research Assistant. University of Puerto Rico, Department of Psychology. Evaluation of the Psychometric Properties of Instruments to Identify Depression in Adults.
Principal Investigators: Guillermo Bernal Ph.D. and Janet Bonilla Ph.D.
- 1996 (Summer) Research Assistant. University of Minnesota. Department of Psychology and Political Science. Center for the Study of Political Psychology. Political Participation and Confidence in Government: Political Attitudes of Young Adults in the United States from 1976 to 1994.
Principal Investigators: Wendy Rahn Ph.D. and Mark Snyder Ph.D.
- 1995 (Summer) Research Assistant. University of Puerto Rico, Department of Psychology. Evaluation Process of The 25th Interamerican Congress of Psychology.
Principal Investigators: Irma Serrano-García Ph.D. and Gabriel Cirino Gerena Ph.D.

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2020-2025 Florida International University
Course: Visual Methods for Social Sciences Research
- Fall 2019 Florida International University
Course: Beyond the MCAT – Social Sciences for Pre-Med Students
- Fall 2018 Florida International University
Course: Heavy Metal Music in Latin America
- 2009 Aug-Dec Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico.
Course: Clinical Research Protocol Development INCL 6056
- 2007 Jan-May Graduate School of Social Work, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras.
Course: Critical Perspectives on Health and Social Work TSOC 6013
- 2007 Aug-Dec Graduate School of Social Work, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras.
Course: Qualitative Research TSOC 8103
- 2005 Aug-Dec Graduate School of Social Work, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras.
2006 Jan-May

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| 2007 Jan-May | Course: Quantitative Data Analysis TSOC 8102 |
| 2005 Aug-Dec 2006 Jan-May 2007 Jan-May | Graduate School of Social Work, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras. Course: Doctoral Exam TSOC 8900 |
| 2005 Jan-May 2009 Aug-Dec | Graduate School of Social Work, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras. Course: Advanced Research Design TSOC 8101 |
| 2004 Aug-Dec 2005 Aug-Dec 2006 Aug-Dec | Graduate School of Social Work, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras. Course: Comparison of Human Behavior Theories TOSC 6057 |
| 2004 Jan-May | Department of Psychology, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus. Course: Ethics and Social Research. |
| 2004 Jan-May | Department of Psychology, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus. Course: Social Difference and Health – Research Practicum. |
| 2003 Aug-Dec | Adjunct Professor, Sacred Heart University. San Juan , Puerto Rico. Course: Introduction to Social Research Methods. |
| 2003 June | Adjunct Professor, Sacred Heart University. San Juan, Puerto Rico. Course: Statistics for the Social Sciences. |
| 2003 Jan-May | Adjunct Professor, Sacred Heart University. San Juan , Puerto Rico. Course: Introduction to Social Research Methods. |
| 2002 Jan-May | Adjunct Professor, Sacred Heart University. San Juan , Puerto Rico. Course: Introduction to Social Research Methods. |
| 2001 Aug-Dec | Adjunct Professor, Sacred Heart University. San Juan , Puerto Rico. Course: Introduction to Social Psychology. |
| 2001 Aug-Dec | Teaching Assistant, University of Puerto Rico. Course: Bioethical and clinical aspects of HIV/AIDS. |
| 2001 Jan-May | Co-teaching. University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus. Course: Technology transfer across health settings. |
| 2000 Aug-Dec | Adjunct professor, Sacred Heart University. San Juan, Puerto Rico. Course: Introduction to Social Psychology. |
| 1998-2000 | Teaching Assistant. Latino/a HIV/AIDS Research Training Program |

(LRTP). University of Puerto Rico.

Examples of Academic Ventures at the Beatriz Lassalle Graduate School of Social Work

Courses taught at the Graduate Level

TSOC 8101: Advanced Social Research I: Methodological Design.
 TSOC 8103: Advanced Social Research III: Qualitative Research and Analysis.
 TSOC 8055: Mixed Methods Research.
 TSOC 8900: Doctoral Level Exam.
 TSOC 8505: Doctoral Dissertation Supervision in Social Work.
 TSOC 6013: Critical Perspectives on Health.
 TSOC 6131-6132: Theses Seminar I and II.

Coursework Development

2006 - Development of a new course entitled “Mixed Methods and its Implications for Social Work”. This is a 3 credit course focusing on the use of qualitative and quantitative research techniques in Social Work.

2006 - Development of a new course entitled “Critical Perspectives on Health” for the PhD program. This is a 3 credit course focusing on structural social issues that influence health, and critical perspectives for their understanding.

2004 to 2005 - Coordination of the revision and adaptation of the research methodology courses for the Doctoral Program. Specifically, TSOC 8101 (Advanced Research Design) and TSOC 8102 (Quantitative Methodology).

Committees

2004 to 2022 - Participant of the following committees: Doctoral Program Committee, Public Policy Research Institute Committee, Community Social Work Area, and Personnel Committee.

Student Mentoring

Sample of Mentoring Program Development

2004 to 2010 - Developed and coordinated a mentoring program for doctoral students focusing on four areas: delimitation of research interests, publication process, presentation of research findings, and research funding.

Sample of Supervised Dissertations and Theses

- Rodríguez Torres, E., Santiago Torres, J., & Velazquez Torres, Y. (2005). Integration of deaf children into the classroom. Master's thesis, University of Puerto Rico.
- Cintrón Bou, F. (2006). HIV/AIDS among the elderly. Doctoral dissertation, University of Puerto Rico.
- Pizarro, D. (2007). Constructing citizenship through educational policies. Doctoral dissertation, University of Puerto Rico.
- Montañez Concepción, I. (2008). Analysis of the public policy related to services for children with special needs. Doctoral dissertation, University of Puerto Rico.
- Marrero Terruel, R. (2008). Social construction of the homeless and its implication for public policy. Doctoral dissertation, University of Puerto Rico.
- Agostini Aguilar, L. (2009). Virtual sexuality: Use of erotic websites and mood states. Doctoral dissertation, University of Puerto Rico. (Reader)
- Flecha Castro, W. (2010). HIV/AIDS diagnosis among people older than 60: A phenomenological study. Doctoral dissertation, Interamerican University.
- Rivera Díaz, M. (2010). Invisible citizens: Public policy in mental health in Puerto Rico. Doctoral dissertation, University of Puerto Rico.
- Nieves Rolón, I. (2012). The sexual education of young men: Public policy in public schools in Puerto Rico. Doctoral dissertation, University of Puerto Rico.
- Betancourt, E. (2014). The media as a place for debate on social policies: Implications for Social Work in Puerto Rico. Doctoral dissertation, University of Puerto Rico.
- Cotté, A. (2015). Some deaths are worth more than others: An analysis of discourses on young crime and its implications for public policy. Doctoral dissertation, University of Puerto Rico. (Reader)
- Rivera Segarra, E. (2015). Stigmatization towards serious mental illness among health professionals in Puerto Rico. Doctoral dissertation, Ponce School of Medicine.
- Reyes Estrada, M. (2015). The role of religion on HIV/AIDS stigma manifestations among Puerto Rican nurses. Doctoral dissertation, Ponce School of Medicine.
- Cajigas, I. (2015). Stigma towards the mentally ill among health professionals in Puerto Rico. Doctoral dissertation, Ponce School of Medicine.
- Polanko, N. (2015). Social stigma towards youth who have attempted suicide. Doctoral dissertation, Ponce School of Medicine.
- Rosado, G. (2016). Experiences of nurses working in pediatric oncology. Doctoral dissertation, Ponce School of Medicine.
- Aquino, F. (2016). Power dynamics among intravenous drug users in Puerto Rico. Masters thesis, University of Puerto Rico. (Reader)
- Fernández, M. (2016). Sexual communication between parents and youth with diagnosis of mental health problems in Puerto Rico. Doctoral dissertation, Ponce School of Medicine.

Sample of Student Grants, Scholarships and Awards under my Mentorship

Bankole Wright. Award Title: Performing the Street: Urban Spectacles, Informality and Everyday Life in Lagos.

Funder: Dissertation Evidence Acquisition Fellowship (FIU)

Amount: \$9,944

Purpose: To fund research travel and fieldwork expenses in Nigeria focusing on street life in Lagos.

Jeison Oviedo Mercado. Award Title: Community Media, Territory and Alternate Territorialities in Montes de María, Colombia

Funder: Tinker Field Research Grant (Tinker Foundation)

Amount: \$2,300

Purpose: To support dissertation fieldwork during the immersion phase in Montes de María, Colombia.

Sebastián Ballestas Buelvas. Award Title: Affect and Emotions in Migration Research: The Case of Venezuelan Migration to Colombia

Funder: Tinker Field Research Grant (Tinker Foundation)

Amount: \$2,500

Purpose: To fund research travel and fieldwork expenses in Colombia focusing on Venezuelan migration.

Thais Escobar Sanabria. Award Title: Tinker Field Research Grant – Coping with Extreme Heat in Urban Peripheries: A Participatory Study in Puerto Rico

Funder: Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC)

Amount: \$3,000

Purpose: To conduct summer research using ethnographic and participatory methods to explore community adaptation to extreme heat in Puerto Rico.

Thais Escobar Sanabria. Award Title: Crossing Latinidades Summer Institute in Latino/a/x Humanities Studies Methodologies and Theories

Funder: Mellon Foundation (via Crossing Latinidades)

Amount: \$3,000 stipend (confirmed), \$30,000 Mellon Fellowship (pending)

Purpose: To participate in a 9-day intensive institute at UIC on Latinx humanities methodologies, with eligibility for a full-year Mellon Fellowship for dissertation support.

Thais Escobar Sanabria. Award Title: Crossing Latinidades Mellon Pre-doctoral Humanities Research Fellowship (2025–2026)

Funder: Mellon Foundation (via Crossing Latinidades Humanities Research Initiative, University of Illinois Chicago)

Amount: \$30,000 stipend + full tuition and health insurance (confirmed)

Purpose: To support full-time dissertation research, including a paid 15-hour/week research assistantship under faculty mentorship, tuition waiver, health insurance, and professional development during the 2025–2026 academic year.

Samuel Olah Vélez. Award Title: Tinker Collaborative Grant

Funder: Tinker Field Research Grant

Amount: \$3,000 (maximum awarded)

Purpose: To conduct preliminary fieldwork in Colombia on the experiences of people aging with HIV, focusing on social attitudes, personal narratives, and temporal experiences of illness and aging.

Samuel Olah Vélez. Award Title: Point Foundation Kadel & Gerhardt Internship Award
 Funder: Point Foundation
 Amount: Up to \$7,000 (results pending as of May 1, 2025)
 Purpose: To support unpaid internships related to HIV/AIDS research and advocacy.

Samuel Olah Vélez. Award Title: HealthHIV & OIDP/HHS Specialized Webinar Series
 Funder: Department of Health and Human Services
 Amount: N/A
 Purpose: Participation in a credited national educational series focused on HIV care.

Rivera Díaz, M. (2015). Fellowship & research grant. Hispanic Clinical and Translational Research Education and Career Development (HCTRED) Award, NIH. Registration fees for the Post Doctoral Master in Clinical and Translational Research, travel expenses, salary support, & research expenses. School of Health Professionals & School of Medicine.

Rivera Díaz, M. (2015). Scholarship: University of California at Los Angeles, National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA). HIV/AIDS Substance Abuse and Trauma Training Program. September, 2013- 2015. \$10,000 for proposal, computer and software, travel, lodgings and research institute expenses. UCLA-HASTTP R25 DA035692.

Rivera Díaz, M. (2015). NIMH Post Doctoral Award. Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health Related Research for 5R01MH080694-03. National Institute of Health. September 1, 2010 to August, 2012. \$166,876.

Rivera Díaz, M. (2008). Fellowship: Underrepresented Mental Health Research Fellowship Program. National Institute of Mental Health and the Council on Social Work Education. September 2008 and September 2010.

Orellanos, E. (2009). NIH Phase I Scholar Fellowship, Research Center for Minority Institutions (RCMI), National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) (2009-2012).

Orellanos, E. (2012). NIH Phase II Scholar Fellowship, Research Center for Minority Institutions (RCMI), National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) (2012-2013).

Orellanos, E. (2014). Independent-Research Professional Development Program (M-RPD), Puerto Rico Clinical and Translational Research Consortium (PRCTRC).

Orellanos, E. (2015). Submitted Grant to the National Institute of Nursing Research: R21NR016229. Barriers and enablers to using assistive technologies: Evidence to inform an assistive technology self-management program.

Reyes Estrada, M. (2012). Religion and HIV/AIDS stigma among nurses in Puerto Rico. R03 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. 5R36MH096615. \$39,995.

Rivera Segarra, E. (2016). Recognition- Distinguished Ph.D. Student. Ponce Health Sciences University.

Rivera Segarra, E. (2016). Academic Honor- Highest GPA, Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program, Ponce Health Sciences University.

Rivera Segarra, E. (2015). Travel Award. American Psychological Association Division 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity and Race). 2015 Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada.

Rivera Segarra, E. (2014). Minority Fellowship Program, Psychology Summer Institute. American Psychological Association. Washington, DC. Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Rivera Segarra, E. (2014). Full Scholarship. FASEB/MARC 2014 Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, Georgia, AT.

Rivera Segarra, E. (2013). Full Scholarship. FASEB/MARC 2013 Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, Arlington, VA.

Rivera Segarra, E. (2013). Travel Award. Puerto Rican Psychological Association.

Rivera Segarra, E. (2012). Institutional Achievement Award, Ponce School of Medicine & Health Sciences. 2012

Consultation Work

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| 2018 | Reviewer for R25 training proposal at the University of California at san Francisco's Center for AIDS Prevention Studies. PI: Torsten Neilands. |
| 2014 | Consultant for Profamilia (Community Based Organization) in the development of a measure to assess stigma towards abortion among Puerto Rican women. |
| 2009 | Consultant on Research Proposal Development by Faculty Members. School of Health Professions, Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico. Contact person: Dr. Estela Estapé, Dean. |
| 2005, 2006 and 2008 | Consultant in research proposal evaluation. National Institutes of Mental Health. R34 mechanism for intervention development and testing. |
| 2005 | Consultant in research proposal evaluation. National Institutes of Mental Health. B-Start mechanism for rapid transition. |

- 2004 Consultant. Development of a strategic plan to address AIDS stigma in the Corporation of Health Services and Advanced Medicine (COSSMA, acronym in Spanish). Juncos, Puerto Rico.
- 2004 Consultant. Exploratory assessment of vulnerability for HIV infection among men who have sex with men in the Dominican Republic. Project CONECTA. Family Health International.
- 2003-present Methodological consultant. *Praxis* project (Psychologists' involvement in public policy issues), University Center for Psychological Services and research. Principal Investigator: Irma Serrano-García, Ph.D. & Sheilla Rodríguez-Madera, Ph.D.
- 2003-present Consultant in statistical data analysis. *Encuentro* research project (HIV prevention among heterosexual couples), University Center for Psychological Services and research. Principal Investigator: David Pérez Jiménez, Ph.D.
- 2002-present Program Evaluator, Puerto Rico CONCRA. HIV/AIDS prevention program for youth and service delivery for youth living with HIV/AIDS.
- 2002 Workshop on Data base development, maintenance and analysis using Microsoft ACCESS. Puerto Rican Psychological Association.
- 2001 Center for HIV/AIDS Technical Assistance (CHAT), Puerto Rico.
- Data bank development.
 - Training of office personnel on data bank management.
- 2001 Puerto Rican Psychological Association
- Data bank development for members, annual conventions, and continued education training.
- 2000 Interamerican Society of Psychology
- Data bank analysis.
 - Development of final analysis report.
- 2000 Interamerican Journal of Compared International Law
- Data bank development and analysis.
 - Training of data entry personnel.

Professional Development Experiences

- 2010 Research with imprisoned populations. Resource: Megan Comfort,

- PhD, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, UCSF.
- 2005 Action Research: Principles and applications. Resources: Esther Wiesenfeld. PhD, Venezuela's Central University.
- 2004 Epistemological issues and methodological perspectives in Latin American Social Work. Resource: Laura Guzmán Stein Ph.D., University of Costa Rica.
- 2004 Social Intervention and Critical Theory. Offered by the University of Puerto Rico's Graduate School of Social Work. Resource: Teresa Matus Sepúlveda Ph.D., Catholic University of Chile.
- 2003 Qualitative research in the social sciences: Foundations and procedures [In Spanish]. Resources: Euclides Sánchez, PhD & Esther Wiesenfeld. PhD, Venezuela's Central University.
- 2002 Qualitative research: How to do it and why. American Psychological Association Convention, Chicago.
- 2002 SPSS Data Entry and Data Entry Enterprise Server. SPSS, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2002 Summer Institute on Longitudinal Methods. Scholarship at the Methodology Center, Penn State University.
- 2002 National Institutes of Health's Caribbean Research Cooperation Workshop on HIV/AIDS. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2000 Training and Career Development Workshop on HIV/AIDS Treatment and Adherence Research for and by Racial and Ethnic Minorities. Offered by the Office of AIDS Research of the National Institutes of Health. Virginia, USA.
- 2000 Behavioral Social Scientist Volunteer Program training offered by the Committee on Psychology and AIDS (COPA) of the American Psychological Association's Office on AIDS. New Orleans, USA.
- 1999 Training and Career Development Workshop on HIV Prevention Research. Offered by the National Institutes of Health at the 1999 Centers for Disease Control, HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 1999 Beginner's guide to structural equation modeling: Basic concepts and Applications. (4 credits) 107th Convention of the American Psychological Association.

- 1999 Multiple regression: A review of the basics. 107th Convention of the American Psychological Association.
- 1998 Exploratory factor analyses: An introductory primer on validity evaluation and other applications. 106th Convention of the American Psychological Association.
- 1998 Advanced topics in structural equation modeling. 106th Convention of the American Psychological Association.
- 1998 Mind-body medicine: What do we know and what does it mean for your practice. 106th Convention of the American Psychological Association.

Volunteer Work

- 2025 Faculty Evaluator for Promotion, University of Massachusetts Boston, USA.
- 2025 Consultant, Behavioral Science Research Institute, Miami, FL. Development of R34 mechanism for John Vertovec.
- 2025 Scientific Committee Member, 7th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Metal Music Studies, Seville, Spain.
- 2025 Moderator, New Metal Worlds Panel, at the 7th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Metal Music Studies, Seville, Spain.
- 2025 Faculty Evaluator for Promotion, University of Huddersfield, England, UK.
- 2024 Proposal Reviewer, 5th International Biennial Conference, International Society for Metal Music Studies, Spain.
- 2023 Member, Scientific Committee, 7th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Metal Music Studies. Sevilla, Spain.
- 2023 Member, Research Abstract Committee, Hispanic Alliance for Clinical and Translational Research's 13th Scientific Day 2024. University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus.
- 2023-2025 National Committee Member – International Congress of Psychology, International Psychological Society (SIP). Puerto Rico.
- 2018-present Member – Advisory Board. Visiting Professors Program, Center for

- AIDS Prevention Studies – University of California at San Francisco
- 2014 Conference Coordinator, Annual Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association.
- 2009-2014 External Advisory Board Member - Hispanics-In-Research Capability. School of Health Professions and School of Medicine, University of Puerto Rico. Funded by the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (S21MD001830).
- 2009 Workshop facilitator. HIV/AIDS internalized stigma among youth living with the disease. Proyecto Amor Community Based Organization.
- 2008 Abstract evaluator for the American Psychological Association Conference – Division 9.
- 2006 Member of Technical Advisory Board, Commission for the Prevention of Violence (Governmental Commission). University of Puerto Rico, Cayey Campus.
- 2004 Member of Advisory Board. Conference: Public Policy and HIV/AIDS – Contributions from the Community and Academia. Profamilia (NGO), San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2003 Workshop: Qualitative Data Analysis. High School Career Opportunities in Research Program. University of Puerto Rico.
- 2002 (November) Puerto Rican Psychological Association. Coordinator of the electronic registration of the 49th Annual Convention. Ponce, Puerto Rico.
- 2001 (August) Puerto Rican Solidarity with New York. Support group for victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Puerto Rico Community Foundation.
- 2001 Qualitative data analysis. Project “Encuentro”. University of Puerto Rico.
- 2000 Member of the Behavioral Social Scientists Volunteer Program (BSSVP) of the Committee of Psychology and AIDS of the American Psychological Association’s Office on AIDS.
- 1999 Development of a catalog containing information about internship opportunities in the United States for Clinical Psychology Graduate Students. University of Puerto Rico, University Center for

Psychological Services and Research.

- 1996 Development of a catalog containing information about graduate programs in Psychology, Biology and Sociology in universities throughout Latin America and Europe. University Center for Psychological Services and Research, Mentor: Irma Serrano-García, Ph.D.
- 1992-1993 Veteran's Hospital of Puerto Rico, Psychiatric Unit.
- 1993-1997 Colegio San José
Seminar Development for High School Students
Subjects: Leadership, Sexuality, University Life.

Sample of Membership in Professional Organizations

International Association for the Study of Popular Music – Latin America (IASPM-LA)

Puerto Rican Psychological Association (APPR)

-Director, Governing Board - 2003-2008

Interamerican Society of Psychology (SIP)

-Secretary General, 2007-2010

-Member, 2007-2019

International Society for Self and Identity (ISSI)

International AIDS Society (IAS)

International Society for Metal Music Studies (ISMMS)

Presentations

Madera, S.R., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, & Nevárez Araújo, D. (2025). The Bad Bunny Enigma: Culture, Resistance, and Uncertainty (Lexington Books). Book Presentation, Interamerican Congress of Psychology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Rivera-Rodríguez, S., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Rodríguez-Madera, S., Padilla, M., Rivera-Bustelo, K., Reid, G., Santiago-Santiago, A., Mercado-Ríos, C., Grove, K., Rodríguez-Banch, R., Massol-Deyá, A., Vertovec, J., & Ramos, J. (2025) Powering Mental Health: Energy Independence in Ongoing Disasters. Interamerican Congress of Psychology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Varas-Díaz, N., Madera, S.R., Padilla, M., & Nevárez Araújo, D. La Oscuridad (Black

- Chango Films). Visual-Art Exposition, Interamerican Congress of Psychology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2025). Sobre lo extremo, lo ambiguo y sus válvulas de escape. Invited keynote panel speaker, Interamerican Congress of Psychology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Venkatesh, V., Lugosi Schimpf, Nicole, & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2025). Refracted decoloniality through the eyes of north American indigenous and global south metal scholar practitioners. 7th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Metal Music Studies, Seville, Spain.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2025). Three paradigmatic shifts in metal music studies. 7th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Metal Music Studies, Seville, Spain.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2025). Seeing Metal Music: Visual Research Methods in Heavy Metal Studies. 7th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Metal Music Studies, Seville, Spain.
- Padilla M., Madera R, S. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2024). Q&A Session for the Showing of “The Bee: A Reflection on Women, Land, and Occupation. Society for Visual Anthropology’s Film and Media Festival, American Anthropological Association’s 2024 Annual Meeting. Tampa, Florida.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2024). Art and communication: Impactful Approaches - Invited panelist. 2024 Climate Change and Community Resilience Symposium, Florida International University.
- Varas-Díaz, N.,** Sheilla R. Madera, & Padilla M. (2024). Solar power, health, and community in Puerto Rico: A visual reflection on opportunities and challenges. Climate Change, Health, and Justice: A Workshop on Community Engaged Research to Promote Health Equity. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.
- Rivera-Rodríguez, S., **Varas-Díaz, N.,** Rodríguez-Madera, S., Padilla, M., Rivera-Bustelo, K., Reid, G., Santiago-Santiago, A., Mercado-Rios, C., Grove, K., Rodríguez-Banch, R., Massol-Deya, A., & Vertovec, J. (2024). Powering mental health: Energy independence in ongoing disasters. Presented at the 33rd International Congress of Psychology, Prague.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2024). Testing the Limits: Meditations on Extremity. Department of English, University of Puerto Rico.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2024). Keynote address and film presentation (The Bee). 13th Annual SAGGSA Conference – Contesting Erasures: Illuminating the Fringes of Knowledge Production. Florida International University.

Budhwani H, Long DM, Waters J, Bond CL, **Varas-Díaz N**, Naar S, Nyblade L, Paulino-Ramirez R, and Turan J. Pilot trial of the FRESH stigma reducing intervention signals preliminary effectiveness in HIV providers: Dominican Republic. Paper Presentation at the 45th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine. Philadelphia, PA. March 2024.

Santini, J., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Padilla, N., & **Rodríguez Madera, S.** (2024). La Oreja: Un documental sobre el papel de la acupuntura auricular comunitaria ante la crisis en los servicios de salud en Puerto Rico. Special Session at *VI Conferencia Puertorriqueña de Salud Pública*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Varas-Díaz, N., Padilla, M., Vertoveck, J., Reid, G., & Rodríguez Madera, S. (2024) “Con mucho dolor en el alma”: A multilevel and transdisciplinary analysis of medical migration in Puerto Rico. Panel at *VI Conferencia Puertorriqueña de Salud Pública*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Varas-Díaz, N. (2023). What happens after metal music studies: Contributions to documenting the quotidian extreme. Oral presentation at the 6th Biennial Research conference of the International Society for Metal Music Studies. Concordia University. Montreal, Canada.

Varas-Díaz, N. (2023). Revealing representations: Identities in metal music. Roundtable discussion at the 6th Biennial Research conference of the International Society for Metal Music Studies. Concordia University. Montreal, Canada.

Varas-Díaz, N. (2023). Documenting metal’s outsides: Film screening and conversation with David Hall and Nelson Varas-Díaz. Dialogue format at the 6th Biennial Research conference of the International Society for Metal Music Studies. Concordia University. Montreal, Canada.

Budhwani H, Hao J, Long DM, Waters J, Bond CL, **Varas-Díaz N**, Naar S, Nyblade L, Turan JM, Paulino-Ramirez R. Adaptation and Pre-Post Workshop Results of the FRESH HIV and Intersectional Stigma Reduction Intervention for Sexual and Gender Minorities with HIV and their Providers: Dominican Republic. Poster presentation at the International AIDS Society (IAS). Brisbane, Australia. 2023.

Paulino-Ramirez, R; Turan, JM; Budhwani, H; Waters, J; Nash, P; Bond, CL; Rodríguez-Lauzurique, RM; **Varas-Díaz, N**; Naar, S; Nyblade, L. *El Contexto del Estigma experimentado por personas de minorías sexuales y de género con VIH en República Dominicana: un Estudio Cualitativo*. MESCYT, Congreso Internacional de Ciencia & Tecnología, Junio, 2023. Santiago, República Dominicana.

Rivera-Custodio, J. J., Vertovec, J., González-Font, Y., Mercado-Ríos, C., Santiago-Santiago, A., Rodríguez-Madera, S.L., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Padilla, M., Ramos-Pibernus, A., Rivera-Bustelo, K., Grove, K., & Matiz-Reyes, A. (2022, 24-26

- July). *“Hospital Ya!”: Visual Resistance to the Health Crisis in Vieques, Puerto Rico* [Oral Presentation]. 2022 Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, San Juan, PR.
- González- Font, Yoymar, Rivera- Custodio, Joshua, Mercado- Ríos, Claudia, Santiago-Santiago, Adrián, Ramos- Pibernus, Alíxida, Rodríguez- Madera, Sheilla, **Varas-Díaz, Nelson**, Padilla, Mark, Grove, Kevin, Rivera- Bustelo, Kariela, Vertovec, Jack, & Matiz- Reyes, Armando. (2022, August). *Stigmatizing and Discriminatory Experiences among Puerto Rican Physicians in US Medical Settings*. Poster presentation at the 2022 American Psychological Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Turan JM, Budhwani H, Waters J, Nash P, Bond CL, Rodriguez-Lauzurique RM, **Varas-Díaz N**, Naar S, Nyblade L, Paulino-Ramirez R. (2022). *The Context of Stigma Experienced by Sexual and Gender Minority People with HIV in Dominican Republic: A Qualitative Study*. AIDS 2022.
- Varas-Díaz, Nelson** (2021). *New Indigenous Heavy Metal Music in Latin America*. Presentation at the National Arts Club, New York City.
- Varas-Díaz, Nelson** (2021). *What is decolonial metal and what is it good for?* International Congress of Musical Countercultures: Esthetics and Processes in Rock and Metal Music. Centro de Estudios Filosóficos, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. August 18-21, 2021.
- Varas-Díaz, Nelson** (2021). *Metal Music in Puerto Rico*. Conversaciones Simbióticas – Podcast with the Puerto Rican Music Conservatory. April 9, 2021.
- Varas-Díaz, Nelson** (2021). *Forms of Protest*. Socially Relevant Film Festival. March 15, 2021.
- Varas-Díaz, Nelson** (2021). *Acts of Resistance – A Conversation with Nelson Varas-Díaz*. Music Freedom Day – March 3, 2021.
- Varas-Díaz, Nelson** (2020). *In Black We Are Seen*. Primeras Jornadas de Debate – Por Una Nueva Cultura en el Meta Pesado Argentino y Latinoamericano. September 4-6, 2020.
- Ramirez, I., Ramos, J., Ramos-Pibernus, A., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, & Rivera-Segarra, E. (October 2019). *Stigma towards Suicide among Medical Student in the Dominican Republic*. Oral presentation, Fifth Behavioral Health Student Research Symposium, Ponce, Puerto Rico.
- Irizarry, A., Rodríguez-Dávila, G., Zaiter, N., Durán, C., Rodríguez-Madera, S., Ramos-Pibernus, A., Rivera-Segarra, E., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, & Zaccagnini, J. (October 2019). *Emotions and experiences associated with fulfilling sexual fantasies in Latin*

America. Poster presentation, Fifth Behavioral Health Student Research Symposium. Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Carminelli-Corretjer, P., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Rivera-Segarra, E. (August, 2019). HIV/AIDS stigma intersectionality: Stigma behaviors among medical students during service delivery. Poster presentation, Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Ramos Santiago, J., Rivera-Segarra, E., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (July, 2019). Heavy Metal Music as Liberating Praxis in Latin America: A “Psychology of Liberation” Perspective. Presentation at the 37th Interamerican Congress of Psychology, Havana, Cuba.

Varas-Díaz, N. (June, 2019). Decolonial Hope: From the ‘Nueva Canción’ to Heavy Metal Music in Latin America. Oral presentation at the 4th Biennial Research Conference, International Society for Metal Music Studies. Nantes, France.

Ramirez-Ruiz, M., Ramos, J., Ramirez-Ruiz, I., Jimenez, C., Resto, D., Rivera, G., Ramos-Pibernus, A., Rivera-Segarra, E., Rodríguez-Madera, S., Padilla, M., Matiz, A., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (May, 2019). *Stigma towards mental health in medical students of the Dominican Republic*. Poster presentation, 15th Annual Scientific Conference of Ponce Health Sciences University & Ponce Research Institute. Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Varas-Díaz, N. (April, 2019). The decolonial role of heavy metal music in Latin America: Theoretical and methodological implications. Presentation by invitation from Mexico’s National Autonomous University, Institute for Anthropological Research.

Ramos-Pibernus, A., Resto, D., Ramos, J., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, & Rodríguez-Madera, S. (April, 2019). Stigma towards transgender populations among health professional: A Caribbean perspective. XVI Caribbean Congress of Psychology, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Varas-Díaz, N. (February, 2019). Heavy metal music in the Caribbean: Culture, politics and sounds. Presentation by invitation from Mexico’s National Autonomous University, Institute for Anthropological Research.

Varas-Díaz, N. (2018, November). Decoloniality and death: A Latin American perspective for Puerto Rico. Annual Conference of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association, Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Varas-Díaz, N. (2018, October). Heavy metal music in Latin America: A decolonial perspective through documentary filmmaking. Rock and Metal Encounter, University of Jaén, Spain.

- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2018, June). Decolonial Metal Music: Contributions from Latin American Scenes. Keynote speaker at the Modern Heavy Metal Conference: Live Scenes, Sound Business? Aalto University, Helsinki, Finland.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2018, June). Humanities and cultural scenes. Panelist as part of the course “Learning to Hate – Pluralism in an Era of Echo Chambers”. Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2018, June). Youth and decolonialism: Heavy metal music in Latin America. Oral presentation at the XIII Congress of the International Association for the Study of Popular Music – Latin America Section. Music Conservatory, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2018, June). Reducing intersectional stigma to improve the HIV prevention continuum. 13th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence. Panelist by invitation. Miami, Florida.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2018, April). The role of heavy metal music in academia: Research on extreme music scenes in Latin America. Oral presentation by invitation. University of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2018, April). On being lost: Methodological and theoretical challenges in researching heavy metal music in Latin America. Oral presentation by invitation. University of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2018, April). Decolonial metal music in Latin America: Mexico and Puerto Rico as examples. Oral presentation by invitation. Utah Valley University, Utah.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2018, April). Decolonial metal music in Latin America: Chile and Peru as examples. Oral presentation by invitation. Utah Valley University, Utah.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2018, January). Initiating a Research Career. Oral presentation conducted at the 64th Annual Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association, Ponce, Puerto Rico.
- Carminelli-Corretjer, P., Rivera-Segarra, E., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2018, January). Medical Students' Management of Depression in Clinical Interactions With People Living With HIV. Oral presentation conducted at the 64th Annual Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association, Ponce, Puerto Rico.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2017). Anti-Colonial Metal in Latin America: Reflections on Oppression, Resistance, and Community. Oral presentation at the Boundaries and Ties: The Place of Metal in Communities Conference. University of Victoria, Canada.

- Carminelli Corretjer, P., Rivera-Segarra, E., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Pedrogo, Y., & Ortiz, N. (August, 2017). Medical Students Management of Depression in HIV Patients During Clinical Interactions in Puerto Rico. Poster presentation at the 125th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Rodríguez-Madera, S., Ramos-Pibernus, A., **Varas-Díaz, N.** & Padilla, M. (November, 2016). Stigma and the provision of medical services for transgender women [In Spanish]. Oral presentation at the 63rd Annual Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Rivera-Segarra, E. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (November, 2016). Stigma and mental health: Manifestations among physicians [In Spanish]. Oral presentation at the 63rd Annual Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Varas-Díaz, N.**, Rivera-Segarra, E., Carminelli Corretjer, P., Rivera, F., Varas-Rodríguez, E., Pedrogo, Y. & Ortiz, N. (November, 2016). Examining HIV/AIDS stigma in clinical encounters with medical students: Challenges and opportunities. Oral presentation at the 63rd Annual Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
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Colón-Burgos, J.F., Padilla, M.B., Matiz, A., **Varas-Díaz, N.** (November, 2015). Dominican deportees in the global pleasure industry. American Anthropology Association annual meeting. Denver, Colorado, USA.

Rivera-Segarra, E., Rivera-Medina, & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2015, Aug). Validating the Factor Structure of the BSCS in a Musical Community in Puerto Rico. Presented at the 123rd Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Matiz-Reyes, A., Padilla, M., Colon-Burgos, J., **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2015, July). Photo voice as a method for political advocacy of marginalized IV drug users. 12th AIDS Impact International Conference. Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Padilla, M., Rodríguez-Madera, S., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Ramos Pibernus, A. (2015, May). Structural exclusion and the politics of “access to care” among transgender women in Puerto Rico. Oral presentation at the Latin American Studies Association annual conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Rodríguez-Madera, S., Ramos-Pibernus, A., Padilla, M., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2015, April). A mouth is a mouth: Perceptions of physicians about the medical needs of trans women. Presented at The National Transgender Health Summit, Oakland.

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Padilla, M., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Colón Burgos, J. & Matiz-Reyes, A. (2015, July). Policy and legal challenges and opportunities for HIV and drug abuse prevention among migrant tourism workers in the Dominican Republic. 8th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention. Vancouver, Canada.

Rodríguez-Madera, S., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Padilla, M., & Ramos-Pibernus, A. (2015, March). Street Stories: Transgender Women and Sex Work. [In Spanish]. Presented at XII Physical Anthropology Symposium: Anthropos 2015. Havana, Cuba.

Varas-Díaz, N. & Rivera-Segarra, E. (2014). Communal formation in small metal scenes: Methodological implications and challenges. Oral presentation at the Metal and Cultural Impact Conference. University of Dayton, Ohio.

- Polanco-Frontera, N., Duarte, Y. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2014). Stigma manifestations towards Puerto Rican adolescents with suicidal crisis and their caretakers. Oral presentation at the 61st Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association. Río Grande, Puerto Rico.
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- Negrón McFarlane, M. Díaz Ortiz, L.M., Rivera Reyes, G., Larrieux Villanueva, V., Cintrón Bou, F., **Varas-Díaz, N.** & Villaruel, A. (2014). Attitudes towards sexual communication and HIV/AIDS stigma among parents in Puerto Rico. Poster presentation at the 61st Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association. Río Grande, Puerto Rico.
- Rosado-Pérez, G.M., Fernández, A.M., González, R., Torres, G.J., Cintrón Bou, F., **Varas-Díaz, N.** & Villaruel, A. (2014). Sexual communication with adolescents in Puerto Rico. Poster presentation at the 61st Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association. Río Grande, Puerto Rico.
- Padilla, M., Colón Burgos, J., Puello, A., **Varas-Díaz, N.** & Matiz Reyes, A. (2014, December). Syndemics, citizenship, and the politics of deportation in the Dominican Republic. Oral presentation at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- Nyblade, L., Jain, A., Benkirane, M., Li, L., Lohiniva, A.L., Mclean, R., Turan, J.M. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2014, July). Creating stigma-free health facilities: lack of HIV care policies, protocols, materials, exacerbate health worker fear of HIV transmission and stigmatizing avoidance behaviors, evidence from 6 countries. Poster presentation at the 20th International AIDS Conference. Melbourne, Australia.
- Alvarez, K., Yeagley, E., Villarruel, A., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2014, April). Parent-adolescent communication as a predictor of Puerto Rican adolescent physical activity. Poster presented at the University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program's Spring Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Carrera, A., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Rodríguez-Díaz, C.E., Beauchamp, B., Ortiz, N., Facundo, A., & Díaz-Pérez, C. (2014, april). Developing HIV prevention competencies among medical students through an integrated curriculum. Oral presentation at the 34th Annual Research and Education Forum, San Juan, PR.
- Carrera, A., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Rodríguez-Díaz, C.E., Beauchamp, B., Ortiz, N. Facundo, A. & Díaz-Pérez, C. (March, 2014). Medical Skills Appraisal of Social Determinants for HIV Prevention. Poster presentation at the Seventh Health

Disparities Conference: Implementing Interprofessional Collaborations that Achieve Health Equity and Eliminate Health Disparities. Xavier University of Louisiana – College of Pharmacy.

Varas-Díaz, N., Cintrón Bou, F. & Neilands, T.B. (November, 2013). HIV/AIDS stigma reduction with medical students in Puerto Rico: Lessons and future challenges. Oral presentation at the International Conference on Stigma hosted by Howard University. Washington DC.

Varas-Díaz, N. (November, 2013). Leaving psychology behind: Theoretical and methodological challenges when working with Puerto Rico's heavy metal community. Oral presentation at the 60th Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association. Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Rivera-Segarra, E., Rodríguez-Madera, S., **Varas-Díaz, N.** & Ramos-Pibernus, A. (August, 2013). Stigma as a Social Determinant of Health: A Fundamental Cause Theory Perspective. Oral presentation at the World Mental Health Congress. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Rodríguez Madera, S., **Varas-Díaz, N.** & Padilla, M. (June, 2013). Gender as a social determinant of health in Puerto Rican Trans women. Oral Presentation at the 1st International Conference: LGBT Psychology and related Fields. Lisbon, Portugal.

Marzán-Rodríguez, M., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (October, 2012). Definitions of stigma and its management after an HIV stigma reduction intervention. Oral Presentation at the V Congress of Qualitative Research and Health. Lisboa, Portugal.

Betancourt-Díaz, E., Marzán-Rodríguez, M., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (October, 2012). Experiences of medical students during an HIV stigma reduction intervention. Oral Presentation at the V Congress of Qualitative Research and Health. Lisboa, Portugal.

Varas-Díaz, N. & Rivera, E. (2012, March). Heavy Metal music in the Caribbean Setting: Social practices and meanings of music at the periphery. EMP Pop Conference: Sounds of the City. New York.

Rivera, M., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Padilla, M., Reyes, M., Suro, B. & Coriano, D. (2012, March) Behavioral manifestations of HIV/AIDS Stigma among health professionals. (Poster presentation). 32nd Annual Research and Education Forum MSC: Social Determinants of Health, Everybody's Challenge. University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus.

Lafarga Previdi, I., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, Vasques Guzzi, N., & Betancourt, E. (2012, March). Opportunities and methodological challenges in mental health research in the context of prisons in Puerto Rico. 32nd Annual Research and Education Forum MSC: Social Determinants of Health, Everybody's Challenge. University of Puerto

Rico, Medical Sciences Campus.

- Reyes-Estrada, M., Rivera-Díaz, M., **Varas-Díaz, N.**, & Ortiz-Matos, N. (2011, December). Using the iPad as a research tool to assess the behavioral manifestation of HIV/AIDS stigma in standardized patient interactions. Poster presentation at the mHealth Summit, Washington, DC.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** Santos, A., Polanco, N. , Cajigas, I. , Rivera, M. & Lugo, C. (November 2011). Development of a scale to measure mental health stigma in Puerto Rico. Poster presentation at the 50th Convention of the Puerto Rican Psychological Association. Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.
- Cintrón-Bou, F., Melissa Marzán-Rodríguez, M., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2011, November). Emotions and HIV related stigma: Impacting health professionals in Puerto Rico. Oral Presentation at 2011 Caribbean HIV/AIDS Conference Strengthening Evidence to Achieve Sustainable Action. The Bahamas.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2011, November). HIV/AIDS stigma and health professionals in Puerto Rico: Research findings and implications for its reduction. Oral Presentation at the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Conference, Strengthening Evidence to Achieve Sustainable Action. The Bahamas.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** & Neilands, T. (2011, September). Measuring HIV/AIDS stigma among health professionals in Puerto Rico. Oral presentation at the Futures Group Technical Meeting on HIV/AIDS Stigma Measurement. Washington DC, USA.
- Malavé, S. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2011, September). Structural barriers for the reduction of HIV related stigma [in Spanish]. Oral presentation at the 10th International AIDS Impact Conference. Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.
- Malavé-Rivera, S., Ortiz-Torres, B., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (August, 2011). Knowing your rights as a strategy to overcome AIDS stigma and discrimination. Oral presentation at the 2011 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Varas-Díaz, N.**, Torsten B.N., Souhail Malavé Rivera, S., & Betancourt, E. (2011, July). The role of religion in HIV/AIDS Stigma among Puerto Rican health professionals. Poster presentation at the 6th International AIDS Society's Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment, and Prevention. Rome, Italy.
- Rodríguez-Madera, S. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2011, July). Puerto Rican heterosexual serodiscordant couples: Cultural challenges for healthy dyads. Poster presentation at the 6th International AIDS Society's Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment, and Prevention. Rome, Italy.
- Santos Figueroa, A. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2011, July). Internalized HIV/AIDS stigma and depressive symptomatology among Puerto Ricans with HIV. Poster presentation at

the 6th International AIDS Society's Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment, and Prevention. Rome, Italy.

Marzán Rodríguez, M. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2011, July). Understanding socio-structural factors in the HIV epidemic as part of a stigma reduction strategy with medical students in Puerto Rico. Poster presentation at the 6th International AIDS Society's Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment, and Prevention. Rome, Italy.

Varas-Díaz, N. & Padilla, M. (March, 2011). Understanding the social context of MSM in the Dominican Republic. Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, University of California at San Francisco.

Varas-Díaz, N. (2010). Can progressive metal's narrative inform social stigma theory? Pain of Salvation's The Perfect Element Parts 1 and 2 as examples. Oral Presentation, Heavy Fundamenatlism: Metal, Music, and Politics. Prague, Czech Republic.

Betancourt Díaz, E., Vasques Guzzi, A., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (September, 2010). Experiencies of Puerto Rican men facing HIV/AIDS stigma [In Spanish]. Oral Presentation at the IV Iberoamerican Congress of Qualitative Health Research. Fortaleza, Brasil.

Rivera, J., Pacheco, R., Rodríguez, S., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (September, 2010). Social support and its impact on serodiscordant heterosexual couples [In Spanish]. Poster presentation at the IV Iberoamerican Congress of Qualitative Health Research. Fortaleza, Brasil.

Marzán, M., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (September, 2010). Sociostructural factors and HIV/AIDS: Voices of medical students in a stigma reduction intervention [In Spanish]. Oral Presentation at the IV Iberoamerican Congress of Qualitative Health Research. Fortaleza, Brasil.

Rodríguez Madera, S., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (September, 2010). Developing health in couples: Narratives among serodiscordant Puertorican dyads and implications for adherence and secondary prevention [In Spanish]. Oral Presentation at the IV Iberoamerican Congress of Qualitative Health Research. Fortaleza, Brasil.

Lugo, C. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2009). Feminization of the health professions: Implications for stigma and social services. Poster presentation at the XXXII Interamerican Congress of Psychology. Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Malavé, S., Betancourt, E. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2009). Religion and the stigmatization of HIV/AIDS. Oral presentation at the XXXII Interamerican Congress of Psychology. Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Varas-Díaz, N., Marqués, D., Rodríguez-Madera, S. & Malavé, S. (2009). The body as a

social entity: Implications for psychological work. Oral presentation at the XXXII Interamerican Congress of Psychology. Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Cintrón-Bou, F. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (October, 2008). *Is it possible to reduce HIV/AIDS stigma?: An example of an intervention with health profession students.* Poster presentation at the International Congress of Psychology. Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Cintrón-Bou, F. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (August, 2008). *Is it possible to reduce HIV/AIDS stigma?: An example of an intervention with social work students.* Oral presentation at the VI National Congress of Psychology. Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Cintrón-Bou, F., Malavé, S., Betancourt, E., & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (May, 2008). *Stigma towards drug use among health professionals in Puerto Rico.* Oral presentation at the III Iberoamerican congress of Qualitative Health Research. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Varas-Díaz, N. (May, 2008). *The health/morality binomial: The role of organized religion on the stigmatization of the difference.* Oral presentation at the III Iberoamerican congress of Qualitative Health Research. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Varas Díaz, N. & Cintrón-Bou, F. (2007, July). *Stigma and health: Detrimental consequences of difference* [In Spanish]. Oral presentation at the 31st Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Mexico City, Mexico.

Varas Díaz, N., Adújar Bello, I. & Walters, K. (2007, July). *Bodies that tell on you: Implications of body change for the internalization of HIV/AIDS stigma* [In Spanish]. Oral presentation at the 31st Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Mexico City, Mexico.

Walters, K., **Varas Díaz, N.** & Andújar Bello, I. (2007, July). *The internalization of HIV/AIDS related stigma among people living with the disease in Puerto Rico* [In Spanish]. Oral presentation at the 31st Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Mexico City, Mexico.

Malavé-Rivera, S., **Varas Díaz, N.** & Andújar Bello, I. (2007, July). *Restrictive stands towards people living with HIV: An action scenario for psychology* [In Spanish]. Poster presentation at the 31st Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Mexico City, Mexico.

Cintrón-Bou, F. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2007, July). *Physiological changes and perspectives on old age: Definers of sexuality among old people* [In Spanish]. Poster presentation at the 31st Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Mexico City, Mexico.

Varas Díaz, N. (2007). Stigma and health: Violent manifestations. Second meeting on

violence in Puerto Rico. Commission for the Prevention of Violence, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Varas Díaz, N. (2007). Organized religion as a health problem in Puerto Rico: Its role in the process of stigmatization. Third Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Varas Díaz, N. (2006). A panoramic perspective on stigma and health. Oral presentation at the First Meeting o Stigma and Health in Puerto Rico. San Juan, Puerto Rico, Carlos Albizu University.

Varas Díaz, N. & Cintrón Bou, F. (2006). AIDS stigma among health professionals. Oral presentation at the First Meeting of Stigma and Health in Puerto Rico. San Juan, Puerto Rico, Carlos Albizu University.

Varas Díaz, N. (2006). AIDS stigma and health professionals in Puerto Rico. Poster presentation at the Stigma and Global Health Meeting, National Institutes of Health. Arlington, Virginia.

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Toro-Alfonso, J., **Varas Díaz, N.**, Andujar Bello, I. & Nieves Rosa, L. (2005, November). Against all odds: Puerto Rican Gay adolescents' strengths [In Spanish]. Oral presentation at the 2nd Caribbean Adolescence Seminar. University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus.

Varas Díaz, N. & Cintrón Bou, F. (2005, November). "Fags, whores and junkies": Stigma combinations among health professionals [In Spanish]. Oral presentation at the 52nd Convention of the Puerto Rican Association of Psychology. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Cintrón Bou, F. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, November). Fallen trees and rotten apples: A reflection on language and the stigmatization of disease [In Spanish]. Oral presentation at the 52nd Convention of the Puerto Rican Association of Psychology. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Walters Pacheco, K. Cintrón Bou, F. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, November). Biological or social death?: Health professionals and HIV/AIDS [In Spanish]. Oral presentation at the 52nd Convention of the Puerto Rican Association of Psychology. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Marzán, M. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, November). *Emotions: An obstacle or facilitator for the stigmatization of HIV/AIDS in Puerto Rico?* National Institute of Mental Health, Career Opportunities in Research Colloquium, Atlanta, Georgia.

- Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, June). *Like building castles in the sand: Psychology as the regulator of sexuality, old age and sickness* [In Spanish]. 30th Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Varas Díaz, N. & Serrano-García, I.** (2005, June). *Community psychology: Reflections, implications and new paths* [In Spanish]. 30th Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Rosa, Y. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, June). *When stigma mediates competence and training* [In Spanish]. 30th Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Cintrón Bou, F. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, June). *Subjects with expiration dates: HIV among the elderly* [In Spanish]. 30th Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Malavé, S. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, June). *Regulating sickness through definition and restriction: Health professionals talk about HIV/AIDS* [In Spanish]. 30th Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Ruiz Torres, Y. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, June). *What do you think about HIV/AIDS?: Puerto Rican psychologists manifest themselves* [In Spanish]. 30th Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Cintrón Bou, F. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, June). *Sometimes it is not what you say... but how you say it: The challenge of stigma and language for psychological research* [In Spanish]. 30th Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Marzán Rodríguez, M. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, June). *Emotions, difference and stigma: What does HIV mean to health professionals?* [In Spanish]. 30th Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Nieves Rosa, L., Morales Lara, E. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, February). *Stigma, HIV and health professionals* [In Spanish]. Poster presentation at the conference entitled HIV/AIDS: Research for the reduction of inequalities and implications for health professionals. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Cintrón Bou, F. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2005, February). *HIV and the elderly: Implications for health professionals* [In Spanish]. HIV/AIDS: Research for the reduction of inequalities and implications for health professionals. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Varas Díaz, N. & Ruiz Torres, Y.** (2005, February). *AIDS stigma: Perspectives from nursing professionals* [In Spanish]. HIV/AIDS: Research for the reduction of inequalities and implications for health professionals. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

- Varas Díaz, N.** (2005). *AIDS stigma: Implications for health professionals* [In Spanish]. Presentation by invitation at the University of Puerto Rico's Medical Sciences Campus School of Odontology.
- Varas Díaz, N.,** Cintrón, F., Ruiz Y., Malavé S., Nieves Rosa, L. Morales, E., Marzán, M., Rosa, Y. & Walters, K. (2005, February). *AIDS stigma research and policy implications* [In Spanish]. Presentation at the University of Puerto Rico's Graduate School of Social Work, Public Policy Fridays.
- Francheska Cintrón Bou & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, November). *Old people, sex, and HIV: implications for social psychology* [In Spanish]. Second Symposium on Social-Community Psychology. Ponce School of Medicine. Ponce, Puerto Rico.
- Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, November). *Social psychology and health: Critical perspectives* [In Spanish]. Second Symposium on Social-Community Psychology. Ponce School of Medicine. Ponce, Puerto Rico.
- Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, November). *AIDS stigma research findings: Implications and challenges* [In Spanish]. Presentation for the University of Puerto Rico's Graduate School of Social Work student exchange program with the University of Connecticut. Coordinated by Esterla Barreto, Ph.D.
- Varas Díaz, N.,** Ruiz Torres, Y. & Malavé Rivera, S. (2004, October). *Health professionals don't get emotional: The role of emotions in the stigmatization of HIV/AIDS* [In Spanish]. First Regional Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- Malavé Rivera, S., Ruiz Torres, Y. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, October). *Constructing the person living with HIV/AIDS: Perspectives from health professionals and health profession students in Puerto Rico* [In Spanish]. First Regional Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- Cintrón Bou, F. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, October). *HIV and people over 60: Psychology's role in a growing epidemic* [In Spanish]. First Regional Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- Felicié Mejías, J., Toro Alfonso, J. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, October). *Male invulnerability: Health risks and HIV infection in a sample of Puerto Rican men who have sex with men* [In Spanish]. First Regional Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- Serrano-García, I. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, October). *HIV prevention among heterosexual women: Have we made a difference?* [In Spanish]. First Regional Congress of the Interamerican Society of Psychology. Guatemala City, Guatemala.

- Varas Díaz, N.** & Toro Alfonso, J. (2004, September). *Morality, risk, the body and reason as theoretical underpinnings of the health endeavor: ¿Do healthy people exist?* [In Spanish]. Second Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Ruiz Torres, Y., Malavé, S. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, September). *A reflection on the corporeal and the “sick” in the stigmatization of HIV by health professionals* [In Spanish]. Second Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Cintrón Bou, F. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (September, 2004). *What do people older than 60 know about sexuality and HIV? Myths, taboos, and stigma* [In Spanish]. Second Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Toro Alfonso, J., **Varas Díaz, N.** & Felicié, J. (September, 2004). *The social construction of masculinity: The reality of a group of men who have sex with men and its implications for HIV infection* [In Spanish]. Second Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Varas Díaz, N.**, Toro Alfonso, J. & Felicié José (2004, July). *The male body and MSM: Conceptualizing the body in its relation to sexual risk and HIV/AIDS*. Published abstract, XV International AIDS Conference. Bangkok, Thailand.
- Cintrón Bou, F. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, July). *Old enough to get AIDS? Sure you are: HIV/AIDS among the elderly in Puerto Rico*. Poster presentation at the XV International AIDS Conference. Bangkok, Thailand.
- Varas Díaz, N.** & Cintrón Bou, F. (2004, July). *AIDS stigma in Puerto Rico: Perspectives from people living with HIV/AIDS and health care providers*. Poster presentation at the XV International AIDS Conference. Bangkok, Thailand.
- Malavé, S. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, July). *Contradictions between perceived AIDS stigma and personal beliefs about HIV/AIDS among health care providers in Puerto Rico*. Poster presentation at the XV International AIDS Conference. Bangkok, Thailand.
- Ruiz Torres, Y. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, July). *Does training make a difference?: AIDS stigma among health care providers from the social and medical sciences*. Poster presentation at the XV International AIDS Conference. Bangkok, Thailand.
- Toro Alfonso, J., **Varas Díaz, N.** & Felicié José (2004, July). *Masculinities and HIV: The social construction of behavioral risk in a sample of Latino men who have sex with men (MSM)*. Poster presentation at the XV International AIDS Conference. Bangkok, Thailand.
- Serrano-García, I., Rosa Y., Pérez Jiménez, D. & **Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, August).

Psychologists' Participation in Public Policy: 20 Years Later. Poster presentation at the Convention of the American Psychological Association. Honolulu, Hawaii.

- Varas Díaz, N.** (2004, May). The body in Puerto Rican culture: Psychosocial aspects. Ponce School of Medicine, Psychology Program.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2004, March). *HIV/AIDS stigma: Manifestations and implications for prevention* [In Spanish]. Thinking critically about prevention: Strategies for secondary prevention of HIV/AIDS in Puerto Rico. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Varas-Díaz, N.** (2004, March). *Who heals these wounds?: The stigmatization of HIV/AIDS by health professionals* [In Spanish]. A Multicultural Caribbean united Against HIV/AIDS. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Cintrón Bou, F., **Varas-Díaz, N.** & Pérez Jiménez Jiménez, D. (2004, March). *Masturbatory practices as a safe sex alternative in the prevention of HIV/AIDS* [In Spanish]. A Multicultural Caribbean united Against HIV/AIDS. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Pérez Jiménez, D., Cabrera, M. & **Varas-Díaz, N.** (2004, March). *Stereotypes regarding male and female sexuality and their role in HIV prevention* [In Spanish]. A Multicultural Caribbean united Against HIV/AIDS. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
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