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Academic Degrees

2010	Ph.D.	University of Houston – Houston, TX Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work Dissertation Title: Discrimination and Depression in Mexicans and Mexican Americans: Results from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions
1999	M.S.W.	University of Houston – Houston, TX Masters in Social Work
1997	B.A.	University of Texas – Austin, TX Bachelor of Arts in Mexican American Studies

Academic Positions

2013 to Present		University of Texas San Antonio, San Antonio, TX Assistant Professor, Tenure Track College of Public Policy, Social Work Department
2012 to 2013		University of Houston, Houston, TX Visiting Research Professor Graduate College of Social Work
2010 to 2012		University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX Kellogg Health Scholar Postdoctoral Fellow Center for Health Equity and Evaluation Research, Department of Health Disparities
June 2004		University of Houston, Houston, TX Graduate Teaching Assistant Graduate College of Social Work
August 2003		University of Houston, Houston, TX Doctoral Teaching Fellow Graduate School College of Social Work

Courses Taught:

Generalist Social Work Practice
Cultural Competence
Multidimensional Assessment
Field Practicum III & Integrative Seminar
Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups
Interprofessional Education in Behavioral Health
Overrepresentation of Minority Males in the Criminal Justice System
Assessment in Social Work
Human Behavior and the Social Environment Module
Social Work Practice
Grief and Bereavement
Bridge Course II

Research Related Experience

September 2010 to September 2012 U. T. MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX

Kellogg Health Scholar Postdoctoral Fellow Projects:

Texas Partnership to Address and Eliminate Health Disparities (TPAHD) (Dr. Lovell Jones principal investigator): Revised and administered a survey of programs within the various departments of the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. Assessed various programs' knowledge and implementation of state resources and initiatives addressing health disparities. Developed and delivered a report to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission outlining findings.

AVON Foundation Safety Net Project/Houston Breast Cancer Taskforce (Dr. Lovell Jones principal investigator): Designed to evaluate the capacity, accessibility, and barriers to mammography services among African American and Hispanic women in Houston, and neighboring counties. Assisted in completion and submission of Institutional Review Board Protocol. Assisted in developing the recruitment strategy and participated in neighborhood recruitment efforts. Conducted focus groups. Collaborated on analysis and writing section in the final report highlighting focus group findings among Hispanic women.

South Texas Community Capacity in Oncology Program (Dr. Thankam Sunil and Thelma Hurd principal investigators): This program aims to increase community capacity to practice preventive health measures utilizing a community based breast and cervical cancer education, screening diagnosis and treatment intervention. Collaborating on various papers exploring breast cancer beliefs, knowledge, and attitudes of men and women living in *colonias* along the rural South Texas border.

Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, CPRIT. Increasing Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancer Screening and HPV Vaccination among Underserved Texans: A Collaboration with the United Way's 2-1-1 Program (Dr. Maria Fernandez principal investigator): 2-1-1 is a nationally designated 3-digit telephone exchange that links callers to health and social services in their community. Through the 211 program, Dr. Fernandez's project plans to provide a cancer control navigation intervention to increase cancer screening

and HPV vaccination. Collaborated on including the William's every day discrimination scale in the 211 baseline survey.

An Exploration of Patients' Motivations and Decision-Making Processes for Using Emergency Department Services for Primary Care and Opportunities for Helping Them Find and Keep Medical Homes (Dr. Lovell Jones principal investigator): The goal of the project is to better understand why people use the emergency room for primary care and how to help them find a doctor or clinic to provide their primary care. Collaborated on including discrimination as a qualitative and quantitative variable in this study. Conducted focus groups.

September 2008 to July 2010 **Graduate School of Social Work, UH-Houston, TX**

Graduate Research Assistant:

Assisting in preparing and teaching courses, facilitate student trainings to promote cultural competence, assist with research initiatives examining acculturation, substance abuse and health outcomes, contribute to manuscripts for publication. Participate in agency site visits, assist in interviewing agency personnel and assist in conducting focus groups in Spanish.

January 2008 to July 2008 **Graduate School of Social Work, UH-Houston, TX**

Graduate Research Assistant:

Collaborated with The Greater Houston Community Foundation in facilitating a leadership committee, with the objective of creating a case document supporting the development of a children's fund in the Houston/Harris County area. Documented minutes for each of the scheduled meetings. Researched current statistics on the state of children in the Houston/Harris County. Provided literature support for the development of the fund. Developed an evaluative process for the fund. Conducted a participant survey; analyzed and interpreted output. Produced a report based on survey findings, and presented those findings to the committee.

January 2005 to May 2005 **Baylor College of Medicine/UH, Houston TX**

Graduate Research Assistant:

Participated in research related to teen fathers and their engagement in at risk behaviors. Performed statistical analysis of recoded and reclassified data. Co-authored two manuscripts for publication based on findings from the study. Lead author on manuscript focusing on minority young fathers. Presented findings at two conferences. Contributed research, statistical analysis and literature support to manuscripts written for teen father program funding and evaluation purposes.

Professional Trainings

2017	Provost Academy for Teaching Excellence
2016	NVIVO Qualitative Software Training
2014	Teaching Online Course

Professional Memberships

2016 to Present	Women's Professional Advancement & Synergy Academy
2009 to Present	Society for Social Work Research
2012 to Present	American Public Health Association
2012 to Present	National Association of Social Work

2003 to 2005 The National Association of Healthcare Centers –
Board member for Uvalde County Clinic
2001 to 2002 Social Work Board; Christus Santa Rosa Hospital

Professional Licenses

1999 to 2015 Licensed Master Social Worker,
Texas State Board of Social Work

Honors and Awards

2015 – 2016 Professor of the Year
The University of Texas San Antonio, Social Work Department
2015 College of Public Policy nominee for the 2016 President’s
Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence in
the Tenure-Track category
University of Texas San Antonio, TX
2014 Profiled by the Kellogg Health Scholars newsletter KConnection
Washington, DC
2013 Kaiser Permanente Burch Minority Leadership Development Program
Washington, DC
2013 Profiled by the University of Texas at San Antonio student publication
Sombrilla
The University of Texas San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
2008 National Institute of Health Travel Scholarship, Washington, DC

Scholarly Activities

Journal Articles:

Zieghan, L., **Nevarez, L.**, Hurd, T., Evans, J., Joosten, Y., Dumbauld, J., & Eder, M. (2018). An exploratory study of Clinical and Translational Science Award community-engage research training programs. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*, Retrieved from <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-clinical-and-translational-science/article/an-exploratory-study-of-clinical-and-translational-science-award-communityengaged-research-training-programs/81B2EBA047FA2BE60687D7557730BCF2>

Enard, K., R., **Nevarez, L.**, & Ganelin, D. M. (2018). The association between perceived discrimination and emergency department use among safety-net patients in the Southwest. *Southern Medical Journal*, 111(1), 1-7.

Teasley, M.L., Nevarez, L., & Frost, C.J. (2017). Bringing attention to issues related to school social work practice with immigrant children and children of undocumented parents. [Editorial]. Accepted to *Children & Schools*.

Hoffman, S., Marsiglia, F., **Nevarez, L.**, & Porta, M. (2016). Health Literacy among youth in Guatemala City. *Social Work in Public Health*, Retrieved from <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/19371918.2016.1188741>.

Teasley, M. L., & **Nevarez, L.** (2016). Awareness, prevention, and intervention for elementary

school bullying: The need for social responsibility. [Editorial]. *Children & Schools*, 38(2), 67-69

Enard, K. R., **Nevarez, L.**, Hernandez, M., Hovick, S., R., Moguel, M., R., ...Torres-Vigil (2015). Patient navigation to increase colorectal cancer screening among Latino Medicare enrollees: a randomized controlled trial. *Cancer Causes & Control*, 26(9), 1351-1359.

Sunil, T., Hurd, T., Deem, C., **Nevarez, L.**, Guidry, J.,...Rios, R. (2014). Breast cancer knowledge, attitude and screening behaviors among Hispanics in South Texas *colonias*. *Journal of Community Health*, 39(1), 60-71.

Natale-Pereira, A., Enard, K. R., **Nevarez, L.**, & Jones, L.A. (2011). The role of patient navigators in eliminating health disparities. *Cancer*, 117(15 supp.), 3543–3552.

Nevarez, L., Weinman, M.L., Buzi, R.S., & Smith, P.B. (2009). Ethnic and marital differences in family structure, risk behaviors and service requests among young minority fathers. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 19(7), 773-786.

Weinman, M. L., Buzi, R.S., Smith, P.B., & **Nevarez, L.** (2007). A comparison of three groups of young fathers and program outcomes: Those in school, drop-outs and high school graduates. *School Social Work Journal*, 32(1), 1-13. Lead Article.

Monographs

Nevarez, L., Miranda, P, James, E., & Jones, L. (2011). Final Report of the Texas Department Health and Human Services State Assessment 2011 Texas State Partnership to Reduce & Eliminate Health Disparities (TPAHD). Unpublished Manuscript.

In Progress

Escobar, Y., & **Nevarez, L.** (2016). The lived experiences of Mexican American women with a diagnosis of HIV. Manuscript in preparation.

Sunil, T., **Nevarez, L.**, Deem, K., Hurd, T., Guidry, J.,...Rios, R. (2016). Fatalism and breast cancer screening among Hispanics residing in South Texas *colonias*. Manuscript in preparation.

Nevarez, L., Lloyd, S. M., Hovick, S. R., Endard, K. R., & Kahlor, L. (2016). Race/ethnic variations of health consciousness within the cancer prevention context. Manuscript in preparation.

Nevarez, L., Sunil, T., & Hurd. Conceptualizations of *machismo* and missed opportunities of breast cancer screening support among Latinos in border *colonias*. Manuscript in preparation.

Nevarez, L., & Torres, L., The relationship between discrimination and depression among Mexican and Mexican American participants of the NESARC. Manuscript in preparation.

Nevarez, L., & Lloyd, S. M. Accessibility and availability of breast health services in

Houston/Harris County: What is keeping African American and Hispanic women out? Manuscript in preparation.

Scholarly Presentations

Refereed

Nevarez, L., & Escobar, Y. A. (2017). *Lived experiences of Mexican American women with a diagnosis of HIV*. Presented at the 146th American Public Health Annual Meeting and Exposition, Atlanta, GA.

Nevarez, L., & Torres, L. (2014). *The Relationship Between Discrimination and Depression: Among Mexican, Mexican American, and Chicano Respondents of the National Epidemiologic Survey On Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC)*. Society for Social Work Research 2014 Annual Conference, Society for Social Work Research, San Antonio, TX.

Nevarez, L., Enard, K., R., Hernandez, M., Hovick, S., R., Moguel, M., R., ... Torres-Vigil, I. (2012). *Using patient navigation to improve cancer treatment satisfaction among elderly Latinos in Houston*, Presented at the 140st APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition, San Francisco, CA.

Non-Refereed

Nevarez, L., Sunil, T., & Hurd, T. (2015). *Exploring Latino/a characterizations and their relationship to breast cancer screening*. Presented at the 13th Annual Disparities in Health in America: Working Towards Social Justice Summer Workshop, Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing, Houston, TX.

Nevarez, L., Sunil, T., & Hurd, T. (2015). *Exploring Historical Conceptualizations of Latino/a Perspectives of Breast Cancer Screening Among Latinas' Residing in Rural South Texas Border Colonias*, Kaiser Permanente Burch Minority Leadership Development Awards Program Meeting, Kaiser Permanente Center for Total Health, Washington, DC.

Blount, C., A., & Nevarez, L. (2014). *Fatalism and religion among women in colonias of South Texas*, University of Texas, Social Work Department End of Semester Event, San Antonio, TX.

Nevarez, L., Sunil, T., & Hurd, T. (2013). *El macho. Exploring male support of breast cancer screening among Latinas in rural south Texas colonias*, 11th Annual Disparities in Health in America: Working Towards Social Justice Summer Workshop, The Dorothy I Height Center for Health Equity and Evaluation Research, Houston, TX.

Invited Presentations

Nevarez, L., Sunil, T., & Hurd, T. (2015). *Exploring Historical Conceptualizations of Latino/a Perspectives of Breast Cancer Screening Among Latinas' Residing in Rural South Texas Border Colonias*, Fall Disparities in Health in America: Working Toward Social Justice Course, Houston, TX.

Nevarez, L. (2017). Presented at *Language Access and Health Disparities*, International Translation Day, University of Texas San Antonio, TX.

Granting Activities

Nevarez, L., "Kaiser Permanente Burch Minority Leadership Development Program," Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and the Institute for Alternative Futures, Private, \$12,800.00. (October 7, 2013 - October 6, 2015).

Nevarez, L., "Interprofessional Education Course," Sponsored by University of Texas Health Science Center, Local, \$24,743.00. (January 2014 – November 2015).

Service Activities

University Service

2018 to Present College of Public Policy Curriculum Committee
2016 to 2018 College of Public Policy Scholarships and Award Committee
2015 to 2017 Faculty Graduate Council
2014 Faculty Representative Voto Latino Summit

College Service

2014 to 2017 COPP Student Awards Committee
2013 to Present Commencement Attendee

Department Service

2018 to Present Chair – Specialized Curriculum Committee
2018 to Present Field Committee
2018 to Present Generalist Curriculum Committee
2017 to 2018 Faculty Search Committee
2015 to Present Strategic Plan Cultural Competence Sub-committee
2015 Field Director Search Committee
2015 Graduate Advisor of Record Search Committee
2014 to Present Presenter at Fall and Spring New Student Orientation
2014 to Present Field Liaison
2014 to Present Program Applicant Reviewer
2014 to 2017 Student Affairs Committee
2014 to 2015 Chair – Bylaws Committee
2013 to Present Student Mentor

Community/Professional Service

2018 to Present National Association of Social Workers – Committee Member National Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity
2018 to Present Reviewer for Frontiers in Public Health
2016 Reviewed for 2016 American Public Health Annual Meeting for the mental health and public health sections
2016 Reviewed for 2016 Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) annual meeting. Reviewed submission for three sections:

- Latino/a,
- cultural competence
- health sections

2015 to 2017 Advisor for UTSA student parent child care initiative
2015 Organizer Social Work Department Cesar Chavez march and program
2015 to present Reviewer for Sage Open Journal

2014 to 2015 Kaiser Permanente Burch Minority Leadership Program Meeting Planning Committee
2013 to present Reviewer for American Journal of Public Health

Practice Experience

2005 to 2007 Community Health Development Incorporated/ Nuestro Centro de Salud, Uvalde, TX
Grant Writing Consultant
2001 to 2002 Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, San Antonio, TX
Medical Social Worker
1999 to 2001 Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, TX
Social Worker for the Women and Infant's Transmission Study
1999 to 1999 Family Service Center, Houston, TX
HIV/AIDS Program Case Manager
1998 to 1999 Medical Social Work Intern
Graduate College of Social Work, Houston, TX
Christus St. Joseph Hospital
1997 to 1998 Community Advocacy Intern
Graduate College of Social Work, Houston, TX
The Bridge/El Puente