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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy, Social Work**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - 2010

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

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

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - 2007

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

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - 2004

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN - 2001

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

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN - 1999

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Mental health services for adult and older adult Latino populations; Health disparities in older Latino populations. Immigration and culture in service delivery; Organizational factors in service provision; Health technology applications; Diversity in higher education.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2016 – Present Associate Professor, School of Social Work, College of Social Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
2016 – 2017 Associate Professor, Julian Samora Research Institute, University Outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
2010 – Present Affiliate Faculty, Chicano/Latino Studies, College of Social Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
2009 – 2016 Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, College of Social Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

2009 – 2016 Assistant Professor, Julian Samora Research Institute, University Outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

## GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

### External

- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *REU Site: Research Experience for Undergraduates in Neuronal Structure and Function*. National Science Foundation. \$465,579.00, 2021-2024.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Consultant). *Access and use of long-term services and supports (LTSS) for older adults living alone with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) from four racial/ethnic groups*. National Institutes of Aging. R01, 2020-2025.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Consultant). *Developing Dementia Dexterity*. State of Michigan, Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Agency. \$3000.00 2019-2020.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Diversity in Dementia Care Pilot Project*. Adult and Aging Services Agency, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, State of Michigan. \$10,000, 2018-2020.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Diversity in Dementia Care*. Michigan Health Endowment Fund, Department of Health and Human Services. \$267,000.00 2017-2020.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Consultant). *Developing Dementia Dexterity*. State of Michigan, Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Agency. \$3000.00 2017-2018.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Creating Confident Caregivers, Savvy Caregiver Program*. State of Michigan, Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Agency. \$8,000.00, 2014-2015.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *From the Margins to the Core: Latino Auto Worker's in the Nation's Auto Industry*. Motor Cities Heritage Area, \$5,500.00, 2014.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Research Experience in Structural and Functional Neural Biology for Undergraduates*. National Science Foundation, \$384,098.00, 2014-2017.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Latinos 2025 – Positioning for a Stronger Michigan*. Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, \$77,755.00, 2013-2015.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Creating Confident Caregivers, Savvy Caregiver Program*. State of Michigan, Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Agency. \$3,000.00, 2013-2014.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Increasing Training of Hispanic Neuroscientists at Michigan State University*. National Institutes of Health Supplement K-12 Neuroscience Workshop Training, \$33,902, 2013-2014.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Technology and You Survey*. State of Michigan, Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Agency. \$4,000.00 2012-2014.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Increasing Hispanic Representation in Neuroscience*. National Institutes of Health R25 Supplement. \$62,500, 2010-2012.

## Internal

- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Addressing Resilience in Transnational Families (ARTFam): An Art-Based Psychosocial Family-Level Approach with Puerto Ricans post Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico*. Humanities and Art Research Program – Development, Office of the Senior Vice-President for Research and Innovation, Michigan State University. \$20,490.00, 2019-2021.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Improving Campus Climate on Global Migration*. Creating Inclusive Excellence Grant, Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, Michigan State University. \$18,000, 2018-2019.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Integrating Mental Health Across Gerontological Environments: A virtual reality approach (IMAGE-VR)*. Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative, College of Social Science, Michigan State University. \$4,000.00, 2018-2019
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Addressing Resilience in Transnational Families (ARTFam): An Art-Based Psychosocial Family-Level Approach with Puerto Ricans post Hurricane Maria, Orlando, FL*. School of Social Work, Michigan State University. \$10,422, 2018-2019.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Integrating Mental Health Awareness in Gerontological Environments (IMAGE-VR): An interactive virtual reality depression literacy approach*. School of Social Work, Michigan State University. \$10,000, 2017-2019.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Integrating Mental Health Across Gerontological Environments: A virtual reality approach (IMAGE-VR)*. Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative, College of Social Science, Michigan State University. \$4,000.00, 2018-2019
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Issues in Aging and Mental Health among Latino Older Adults*. Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative, College of Social Science, Michigan State University. \$4000.00, 2016-2017
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Co-Investigator). *Diabetes and Depression in Older Latino Men with Type 2 Diabetes*. Pilot study - School of Social Work, Michigan State University. \$10,000, 2016-2017.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Issues in Aging and Mental Health among Latino Older Adults*. Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative, College of Social Science, Michigan State University. \$4000.00, 2015-2016.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Relationship of Filial Support and Functional Status with Depressive Symptoms among Puerto Rican Older Adults*. Peal J. Aldrich Endowment in Aging Related Research and Education, \$9,668.00, 2014-2015.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Reaching Latino Dementia Caregivers: Evaluation of a Translated Version of the Savvy Caregiver Program Manual*. Pilot study - School of Social Work, Michigan State University, \$4,260 - 2015-2016.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Mental Health Perceptions and the Information Age Among Puerto Rican Older Adults/ Mapping Mental Health for Latinos in Michigan*. \$2000 (Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative) College of Social Science, Michigan State University. 2013-2014.

Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Mental Health Perceptions and the Information Age among Puerto Rican Older Adults*. Pilot study - School of Social Work and Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University, \$4,506 - 2012-2013.

Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Viewing Mental Health: Examining the Influence of Mental Health Messages in Telenovelas among Latino Older Adults*. \$3000.00 (Dean's Assistantship) College of Social Science, Michigan State University, 2012-2013.

### **In Preparation**

Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Integrating Mental Health Awareness in Gerontological Environments (IMAGE): An interactive intervention for Older Puerto Ricans*. (National Institutes on Aging R34).

Vélez Ortiz, D. (Principal Investigator). *Addressing Resilience in Transnational Families (ARTFam): An Art-Based Psychosocial Family-Level Approach*. (National Institute on Minority Health Disparities R01).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Journal Articles - Peer Reviewed**

Vélez-Ortiz, D. (2020). "Impact of the Relationship between Functional Status and Number of Adult Children on Depressive Symptoms among Puerto Rican Older Adults." *The Journal of Aging and Social Change* 10 (1): 55-64. doi:10.18848/2576-5310/CGP/v10i01/55-64.

Hawkins, J., Hecht, H., Schwenzer, C., Jones, L., Vélez-Ortiz, D., Lee\*, J., Ahmedani, B. & Piatt, G. (in press). Factors associated with delayed mental health care seeking in men with diabetes and depression. *Health Education and Care*.

Carlson, M. L., Wittrup, E., Moylan, C. A., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2019). A good call?: Contextual factors influencing mandated reporting in domestic violence programs. *Journal of Family Violence*, 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-019-00101-y>.

Vega, I.E., Cabrera, L.Y., Wygant, C.M., Velez-Ortiz, D., Counts, S.E. (2017). Alzheimer's Disease in the Latino Community: Intersection of Genetics and Social Determinants of Health. *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, (58) 4, 979-992. doi: 10.3233/JAD-161261

Martinez, R.O., Espino, D.V., Santiago, O.J., & Velez Ortiz, D. (2017). The Relationship of Chronic Pain to Attitudes toward Suicide and Physician-Assisted Suicide among Latino and Non-Hispanic White Elders. *Journal of Palliative Care and Hospice*, 1(1), 1-15.

Horner, P.S., Hughes, A.K., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2016). Social Work Scholars and Undergraduate Research Opportunities. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 36, 2, 216-230. doi: 10.1080/08841233.2016.1148096

Barrera, I., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Camacho, L. M. (2016). Provider's Perspectives on Mental Health Treatments for Mexican Americans in the Southwest: Cross-border issues. *Social Work in Mental Health Journal*, 14, 5, 545-566. doi: 10.1080/15332985.2015.1084972

- Horner, P., Martinez, R., Vélez Ortiz, D., Kayitsinga, J., Acosta, S. (2016) Adapting a Nutrition Education Intervention for Latinos. *Journal of Education and Human Development*, 4, 4, 89-90. doi: 10.15640/jehd.v4n4a11
- Vélez Ortiz, D., Martinez, R. O., & Espino, D. V. (2015). Framing Effects of Questions on End-of-Life Decisions among Latino Older Adults. *Social Work in Health Care*, 54(8), 708-724. doi: 10.1080/00981389.2015.1059398
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2014). Mental Health Services Structure: The Case of Older Puerto Ricans in Senior Centers. *Journal of Social Services Research*, 41, 204-215. doi: 10.1080/01488376.2014.977987
- Cho, H., Kim, I., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2014). Factors Associated with Mental Health Service Use among Latino and Asian Americans. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 50, 960-967. doi: 10.1007/s10597-014-9719-6
- Cho, H., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Parra Cardona, R. (2014). Prevalence of intimate partner violence and associated risk factors among Latinos/as: An exploratory study with three Latino sub-populations. *Violence Against Women*, 20, 1041-1058. doi: 10.1177/1077801214549636
- Hughes, A. K., Woodward, A., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2013). Chronic illness intrusion: Role impairment and time out of role in ethnically diverse older adults. *The Gerontologist*, 54(4), 661-669. doi:10.1093/geront/gnt041
- Hughes A, Vélez Ortiz, D., & Horner, P. (2012). Academic, Professional, and Community Outcomes of a Faculty-Mentored BASW Research Experience. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*. 17, 133-147.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., Sosulski, M.R., & Sherwood, D.A. (2012). Competently Mixing: Does a clinical practice cultural competence framework fit in mixed methods research?. *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, 6, 348-363. doi: 10.1177/1558689812445196
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2012). Structuring Mental Health within Senior Services: A Case Study of an Outpatient Mental Health Clinic Serving Latinos. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 55, 503-518. doi: 10.1080/01634372.2012.673539
- Vélez Ortiz, D., Cross, S.L., & Day, A. (2012). Insightful learning of life's lessons with older adult guests in the classroom. *Educational Gerontology: An International Journal*, 38, 868-880. doi: 10.1080/03601277.2012.660844
- Hughes, A., Horner, P., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2012). Being the Diversity Hire: Three Stories of Successful Academic Job Searches. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 48, 595-612. doi: 10.5175/JSWE.2012.201000101
- Larrison, C.R., Vélez-Ortiz, D., Hernandez, P., Piedra, L. & Goldberg, A. (2010). Brokering culture: Can ad hoc interpreters fill the language service gap at community health centers?. *Social Work in Public Health*, 25 (3&4), 387- 407. doi: 10.1080/19371910903241009
- Vélez Ortiz, D., & Cole S. A. (2008). Culture, Place of Origin and Service for Latino Older Adult Immigrants: The case of Puerto Ricans. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 51(3-4), 300-314. doi: 10.1080/01634370802039627
- Book Chapter - Peer Reviewed**
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2014). *Ethnicity and Aging*. In Krajewski-Jaime, E. R. Editor. *Aging: Ethnicity and Gender Issues* (21pp). Champaign, IL: Common Ground Publishing.

## Other Publications

- Horner, P., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2019). 'X-ing' Out Dissent With LATINX: The Danger of Unexamined Political Maneuvering. *Latino Rebels*.
- Martinez, R.O., Kayitsinga, J., Vélez Ortiz, D., Horner, P.S. (2016). Survey of Cooperative Extension Educators in the Midwest: On Serving Latino Populations. *Research Report No. 55(August 2016)*, Julian Samora Research Institute, University Outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2016). *Latino Civic Engagement in the Midwest. NEXO, Spring 2016*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2015). Book Review of *Latino Police Officers in the United States: An Examination of Emerging Trends and Issues* Edited by Martin Guevara Urbina and Sofía Espinoza Álvarez. 2015. Springfield, IL: Charles C Thomas Pub Ltd. *NEXO Fall 2015*.
- Martinez, R., Kayitsinga, J., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Horner, P. (2015). Latinos 2025: A Needs Assessment of Latino Communities in Southeast Michigan. East Lansing, MI: Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., Kayitsinga, J., Martinez, R.O., Horner, P., & Acosta, S. (2014). Meatloaf to Tacos: An Evaluation Pilot Study of a Cultural Adaptation for a Community-based Nutritional Education Program with Latino Families. *The Julian Samora Research Institute E-Series*, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2014). *Latino Civic Engagement in Michigan. NEXO, Fall 2014*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., & Zepeda, I. (2014). *Watching Mental Health: Influence of mental health messages in telenovelas among Latino older adults. NEXO, Spring 2014*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2013). Book Review of *The Politics of Race in Latino Communities: Walking the Color Line* by Atiya kai Stokes-Brown. New York: Routledge Press. *NEXO, Fall 2013*.
- Martinez, R.O., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Espino, D. (2013). Framing Effects on End-of-Life Preference among Latino Elders. *NEXO, Spring 2013*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2012). Book Review of *Cultures of Migration: The Global Nature of Contemporary Mobility* by Jeffrey H. Cohen and Ibrahim Sirkeci. Austin: University of Texas Press. *NEXO, Fall 2012*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2012). Book Review of *Inside Assisted Living: The search for home*. J. Kevin Eckert, Paula C. Carder, Anne Christine Frankowski, and Erin G. Roth. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009. Published in the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 55, 1-3.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2011). Book Review of *Transborder Lives: Indigenous Oaxacans in Mexico, California, and Oregon* by Stephen L. Durham. N.C.: Duke University Press. *NEXO, Fall 2011*.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., Green, J. C. (2006). Book Review of *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches (2nd edition)*. John W. Creswell. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2003. *Qualitative Research Journal*, December 2006 Issue.

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

### ***Under review***

Sato, M., Horner, P.S., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Nelson, A. (under review). The Role of Spirituality in Family Adjustment and Resilience Among Puerto Rican Families Post-Hurricane Maria. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality*.

Nelson, A., Vélez Ortiz, D., Horner, P.S., & Sato, M. (under review). Possible Selves: Family Resiliency among Puerto Rican Survivors of Hurricane Maria Displaced to Orlando, Florida. *Families in Society*.

Larrison, C.R., Sinha, G., Andres, M., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Okunoren, O.C. (under review). Financial Exploitation of Older Adults in the United States: A Systematic Scoping Review. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*.

### ***In preparation***

Vélez Ortiz, D. (in preparation). Digital Third Age: A framework for technological innovation, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Vélez Ortiz, D. (in preparation). Evaluation of a Prototype for Integrating Mental Health Across Gerontological Environments: A virtual reality approach (IMAGE-VR)

Vélez Ortiz, D., Horner, P.S., Nelson, A., & Sato, M. (in preparation). Divided We Stand: Attachment and Resiliency among Displaced Puerto Rican Families in Orlando, FL Post Hurricane Maria.

Horner, P.S., Vélez Ortiz, D., Sato, M., & Nelson, A. (in preparation). Resilience Among Puerto Rican Families Post-Hurricane Maria.

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

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### **Peer Reviewed Presentations**

Vélez Ortiz, D. (2019). Evaluation of a Prototype for Integrating Mental Health Across Gerontological Environments: A virtual reality approach (IMAGE-VR). Gerontological Society of America, Austin, TX.

Vélez Ortiz, D., Horner, P., Nelson, A.R., & Sato, M. (2019). Divided We Stand: Attachment and Resiliency among Displaced Puerto Rican Families in Orlando, FL Post Hurricane Maria. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign, IL

Horner, P., Vélez Ortiz, D., Sato, M., & Nelson, A. (2019). Resilience Among Puerto Rican Families Post-Hurricane Maria. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign, IL

Nelson, A.R., Vélez Ortiz, D., Horner, P., & Sato, M. (2019). Possible Selves: Family Resiliency among Puerto Rican Survivors of Hurricane Maria Displaced to Orlando, Florida. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign, IL.

- Carlson, M., Moylan, C. A., Witttrup, E., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2019). The double bind: Domestic violence advocates as mandatory reporters. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2018). Reaching Latino Dementia Caregivers in Michigan. Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- Velez Ortiz, D. (2017). Influence of Mental Health Service Structure on Perceptions and Utilization by Puerto Rican Older Adults. American Society on Aging. Chicago, IL.
- Noel, L., Shepard Payne, J., Ned, D., Robinson, M., & Velez Ortiz, D. (2016). Addressing the Needs of Vulnerable Populations through Inter-professional Education, Research, and Practice. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Lee, J., & Velez Ortiz, D. (2016). The Intergenerational Effects of Maternal Depression on Their Young Adult Children's Depression. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, New Orleans, LA
- Velez Ortiz, D. (2016). Influence of Mental Health Service Structure on Perceptions and Utilization by Puerto Rican Older Adults in Senior Centers. Paper presented at the International Conference on Social Innovation, Creativity, and Convergence in Social Work, Seoul, South Korea.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2015, November). Relationship between Number of Adult Children and Functional Status with Depressive Symptoms among Puerto Rican Older Adults. Paper presented at Aging and Society Conference, Washington D.C.
- Barrera, I., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Camacho, L.M. (2015, October). Pathways to Treatment: Mental Health Providers' Experiences with Latina/o Clients' Care Seeking. Paper presented at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley & National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies, South Padre Island, TX.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2015, June). Latino Civic Engagement. Paper presented at Cambio de Colores Conference, Kansas City, MO.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2015, March). Culture, Gender, and Depression: Puerto Rican Older Adult's Experiences with Depression. Paper presented at the University of Alabama Birmingham Health Disparities Symposium, Birmingham, AL.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., & Zepeda, I. (2013, October). Viewing Mental Health: Examining the influence of mental health messages in telenovelas among Latino older adults. Poster session presented at University of Michigan Health Services Social Work Research Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Vélez-Ortiz, D., Woodward, A., & Hughes, A. K. (2012, January). Social ties, age, and self-identification of mental health services needs among Latino older adults. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (October, 2011). Mental health services structure and mental health perceptions among Puerto Rican older adults in senior centers: A comparative mixed methods study. Paper presented at the Critical Issues in Latino Mental Health Conference, Miami, FL.
- Hughes, A. K., Vélez-Ortiz, D., & Woodward, A. (2011, November). Chronic Illness and Functional Role Impairment in Older Adults: Examining Racial/Ethnic Differences. Gerontological Society of America- Oral presentation.



- Vélez-Ortiz, D, Woodward, A., & Hughes, A. K. (November, 2011). Social ties, age effects, and self-identification of mental health services needs among Latino older adults. Paper Presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2011, October). Mental health services structure and mental health perceptions among Puerto Rican older adults in senior centers: A comparative mixed methods study. Paper presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Martinez, R.O., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Espino, D. (2011, January). Framing Effects of Questions on End-of-Life Decisions among Latino Older Adults. Paper presented at Society for Social Work Research, Tampa, FL.
- Martinez, R.O., Vélez Ortiz, D., & Espino, D. (2010, November). Framing Effects of Questions on End-of-Life Decisions among Latino Older Adults. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., & Horner, P (2010, October). *Evaluating a health education program for obese Latino/a children*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Portland, OR.
- Horner, P, Vélez Ortiz, D., & Tello Buntin, J. (2010, May). Latinos Substance Abuse and Mental Health: A Literature Review. Paper presented at Cambio de Colores Conference, Columbia, MO.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (November 2009). On the role of mental health service structure in community senior services for Puerto Rican older adults. Paper presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2009, June). The Role of Mental Health Service Structure in Community Senior Centers. Poster session presented at the American Association for Retired People, Chicago, IL.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2008). The Case of an Outpatient Mental Health Clinic within a Multi-Cultural Senior Service Organization. Poster session presented at Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Houston, TX.
- Korang-Okrah, R., Leon, M. P., Moorthi, G., & Vélez Ortiz, D. (2008, November). Postmodern Challenges to Social Work Education: Rethinking Theories and methodologies – Cultural Competence and Mixed Methods. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Larrison, C.L., & Vélez-Ortiz, D. (2007). Brokering Culture: Where do medical interpreters fit into community health centers? American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2007). Technical Assistance Workshop – grant writing workshop and research presentation. National Institutes on Aging.
- Vélez Ortiz, D. (2006). Mental Health Services and Latino Older Adults. Poster session presented at the Latino Social Worker Organization, Chicago, IL.
- Vélez Ortiz, D., & Cole, S. A. (2006). Culture, Place of Origin and Service for Latino Older Adults: The case of Puerto Rican older adults. Paper presented at the Council for Social Work Education – Gero-Ed, Chicago, IL.

Vélez Ortiz, D., & Cole, S. A. (2006, April). A Service Model for Latino Older Adult Immigrants. Poster session presented at the National Hispanic Council on Aging, Miami, FL.

### CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

2013-14 25th Anniversary Planning Committee Co-chair. Julian Samora Research Institute, University Outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University.

### HONORS AND AWARDS

2020 – Present Dean’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fellow, College of Social Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

2019 – 2020 Faculty Fellowship Program in Israel, Jewish National Fund, New York, NY

2015 Abstract nominated for Charles Barkley Health Disparities Investigator Award. UAB Health Disparities Symposium, Birmingham, AL.

2013 Council on Social Work Education APM - Honorable mention for best empirical article – qualitative, on the Journal of Social Work Education.

2006-2009 Council on Social Work Education / National Institutes of Mental Health - Mental Health Doctoral Fellowship.

2008 Research Minority Fellow. Dissertation Travel Grant Fellow - Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2008 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Social Work – Dissertation Travel Award.

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

### TEACHING AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

#### Courses Taught

##### *Undergraduate*

2017 “National Diversity and Change in the U.S.” Integrative Studies in Social Science, Michigan State University

2016 – Present “Introduction to Research Methods II,” School of Social Work, Michigan State University

2009 – Present “Introduction to Research Methods I,” School of Social Work, Michigan State University

2007 “Introduction to Social Work,” School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

##### *Graduate*

2018 “Doctoral Research Sequence Practicum: Survey Construction” School of Social Work, Michigan State University

2009 – Present “Essential Research Tools for Social Work Practice,” School of Social Work, Michigan State University

2008 “Social Welfare Policy,” School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## **Training Developed**

2015 Diversity Assessment & Engagement Program. Co-developer of an educational program designed to assist organizations in becoming diverse entities. Julian Samora Research Institute, University Outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

## **Training Participation**

2016 Myers-Briggs Personality Type. Online certificate to administer MBTI. GS Consultants Inc.

2016 *Strengthening Families Program*. Certification for facilitating a seven week evidence-based parent, youth, and family skills-building curriculum. Cedar Rapids, IA.

2015-2016 The Iceman's Run: A Personal Coaching Program for Preparing R01 Grant Applications. Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. Michigan State University.

2014 The Iceman's Guide to Competitive Advantage in NIH R01 Grant Writing. Presented by Tom Hollon, Ph.D.

2014 Write Winning Grants. Presented by John D. Robertson, Ph.D

2014 Lilly Teaching Seminar, Classroom Management

2014 CSTAT Sample Size Analysis for Preparation of Grant Applications

2014 The 26th Annual Geriatric Symposium: Community-based Solutions for Managing Dementia

2013-Present Early Career Reviewer (ECR) program at the Center for Scientific Review (CSR), National Institutes of Health

2012 - 2013 Practice of Clinical Research Certificate, National Institutes of Health

2012 Graduate College, Introduction to Graduate Education at MSU, Michigan State University: Faculty

2012 American Psychological Association Advanced Training Institute on Research Methods with Diverse Racial and Ethnic Groups, Michigan State University: Faculty

2012 CSTAT Introduction to Cell Phones and Telephone Surveys, Michigan State University

2012 CSTAT Introductory and Intermediate Structural Equation Modeling, Michigan State University

2011 Atlas.TI data analysis software webinar

2011 Aging 2.0 Conference – Technology, Trends and Transitions. Case Western Reserve University

2010-2011 Institute on Aging and Social Work. NIH funded - competitive advanced training in aging research methods and grant-writing for Social Work faculty nation-wide.

- 2009-2011 Coffee Breaks: funding research program. Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Michigan State University
- 2009 Write Winning Grants. Grant-writing workshop delivered by David C. Morrison, Ph.D. sponsored by Michigan State University College of Social Science
- 2009 Council on Social Work Education, Minority Fellowship Program, Cultural Competence Institute.
- 2008 Center for Disease Control/American Evaluation Association, Summer Evaluation Institute.
- 2006 National Institutes on Aging Technical Assistance Workshop, Competitive grant writing workshop.

## **STUDENTS SUPERVISED**

### **Undergraduate**

- 2020 – Present Sophia Epstein, School of Social Work, BASW Program, Field Placement Supervisor for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee/Racial and Social Justice Collaborative
- 2018 - 2020 Claire Beutler, School of Social Work, Undergraduate Research Assistant, presented and awarded first place in session at the Michigan State University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum.
- 2017 - 2018 Rochelle Rivera and Teresa Velazco, School of Social Work, Undergraduate Research Assistants. Continuing to an MSW degree program.
- 2016 - 2017 Carmen Elias and Rochelle Rivera, School of Social Work, Undergraduate Research Assistants, received Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative grants, College of Social Science, presented research at the session at the Michigan State University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum.
- 2015 - 2016 Carolina Vazquez, School of Social Work, Graduate Research Assistant, Undergraduate Research Assistant, received Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative grant, College of Social Science, presented research at the Undergraduate Research Festival and presented and awarded first place in session at the Michigan State University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum.
- 2014 – 2015 Adriana Carreon and Carolina Vazquez, School of Social Work, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Presented research at Undergraduate Research Festival. Both continued and completed a MSW degree.
- 2013 – 2015 Adriana Carreon, School of Social Work, Undergraduate Research Assistant – received Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative grant, College of Social Science, presented research at Undergraduate Research Festival and the Michigan State University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum.
- 2010-2013 Isabel Zepeda, Undergraduate Research Assistant – received a Deans Assistantship Award, College of Social Science and a School of Social Work undergraduate research award. Presented a poster at UMHS Research and Social Work Symposium
- 2009-2011 Jessica Ceh, Undergraduate Research Assistant - received a College of Social Science Distinguished Scholar Award, along with a School of Social Work Alumni Scholarship. Graduated and attending graduate social work program in the University of Michigan.

## **Graduate**

- 2020 – Present Hannah Boyke, School of Social Work, Doctoral Program, Member of Guidance Committee
- 2020 – Present Haneul Kim, School of Social Work, Doctoral Program, Member of Guidance Committee
- 2020 – Present Nicole Ransom, School of Social Work, Doctoral Program, Chair of Guidance Committee
- 2020- Present Nicole Ransom, Doctoral Research Assistant, School of Social Work.
- 2020 – Present Nicole Walker, MSW Program, Field Placement Supervisor for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee/Racial and Social Justice Society
- 2020 – Present Francesca Pratt, School of Social Work, MSW Program, Supervisor for the MSW Research Scholars Program
- 2018 - 2019 Abbie Nelson, Doctoral Research Assistant, School of Social Work.
- 2018 – 2019 Evangelina Palma-Ramirez, Chicano Latino Studies, Doctoral Program, Member of Dissertation Committee.
- 2017-2019 Lucas Reyes Prieto, School of Social Work, Doctoral Program, Guidance Committee Member
- 2018 – 2019 Meagan Harman, Research Assistant, MSW program.
- 2015-2018 Mavath Sailaja Subramaniam, Human Development and Family Studies, Doctoral Program, Serve on dissertation committee. Completed and defended dissertation.
- 2013-2018 Jaewon Lee, School of Social Work, Graduate Research Assistant, Doctoral Program, Dissertation Co-Chair. Completed and defended dissertation.
- 2012-2016 Lizeth Camacho, Human Development and Family Studies, Research Assistant, Doctoral Program, Co-authoring a manuscript, serve on dissertation committee. Finished doctoral degree and continued to post-doctoral position.
- 2011 LaVendee Fulton, School of Social Work, Graduate Research Assistant, Guidance Committee, Doctoral Program
- 2010 Anita Gonzalez, School of Social Work, Graduate Research Assistant, Doctoral Program
- 2009 Sangwook Lee, School of Social Work, Graduate Research Assistant, Doctoral Program
- 2009 Dee Ann Sherwood Bosworth, Social Work Graduate Research Assistant, Doctoral Program, Co-authored one publication

## **PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH AND LEADERSHIP**

### **Department and University**

### ***School of Social Work***

- 2019 – Present Co-Facilitator, Racial and Social Justice Collaborative, School of Social Work, Michigan State University
- 2019-2020 Dignity, Respect, and Equity Workgroup, School of Social Work, Michigan State University
- 2019-2020 Search Committee Member and Equal Opportunity Advocate, Director Search, School of Social Work, Michigan State University
- 2018 Diversity Advocate on Hiring Committee, Macro Teaching Position, School of Social Work, Michigan State University
- 2018 Search Committee Member and Equal Opportunity Advocate, Assistant Professor Faculty Position, School of Social Work, Michigan State University
- 2018- 2020 MSW Hearing Board Member, School of Social Work, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
- 2018 Diversity Advocate on Search Committee, Field Coordinator Position, School of Social Work, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
- 2017 – 2020 Faculty Advisory Committee member, School of Social Work, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
- 2017 Search Committee Member, BASW Advisor Position, School of Social Work, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
- 2016 – Present Chair, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, School of Social Work, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
- 2015 – Present Levande Certificate Program in Gerontology Committee Member, School of Social Work, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
- 2014-15 Faculty Search Committee Member, School of Social Work, College of Social Science, Michigan State University.
- 2009- Present Research sequence committee member, School of Social Work, Michigan State University.
- 2009- 2016 Diversity committee member, School of Social Work, Michigan State University.

### ***College of Social Science***

- 2020 – Present Faculty member, Dean’s Advisory Board for Diversity and Inclusion, College of Social Science, Michigan State University

### ***Michigan State University***

- 2019-2020 Focus Group Moderator, Diversity Research Network, Michigan State University.
- 2014-17 Faculty Member, Anti-Discrimination Judicial Board, Michigan State University.

- 2013 Director Search Committee Member, University Outreach and Engagement, Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement, Michigan State University.
- 2011-12 Faculty advisory committee member, Advancing Diversity through the Alignment of Policies and Practices, Michigan State University.

***Julian Samora Research Institute***

- Fall 2016 Editor, *NEXO*, Julian Samora Research Institute, University outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University
- 20013-2014 Conference Planning Committee Co-Chair, Julian Samora Research Institute, University Outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University
- 2009- Present Endowment scholarship committee member, Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University.

**Professional Service**

- 2019 Grant reviewer, Wellcome Grant Programme, United Kingdom
- 2018 – Present Co-Convener, Technology and Aging Interest Group, Gerontological Society of America
- 2017 – 2020 Treasurer, Association of Latina and Latino Social Work Educators.
- 2017 – 2020 Co-Chair, Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity, Council on Social Work Education, Alexandria, VA
- 2016 – Present Peer reviewer, *Journal of Aging and Health*
- 2015 – Present Grant Reviewer, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute.
- 2015 – Present Grant Reviewer, National Institutes on Minority Health and Health Disparities.
- 2014 – 2017 Councilor, Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity, Council on Social Work Education, Alexandria, VA.
- 2014 – Present Grant Reviewer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- 2014 – Present Grant Reviewer, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.
- 2013 – Present Grant Reviewer, Early Career Reviewer Program, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health.
- 2013-14 Grant Reviewer, Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) Postdoctoral Research Fellowships Broadening Participation (BP) Advisory Panel, *National Science Foundation*, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 – Present Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Technology in Human Services*.

- 2013 Latino Roundtable, invited expert to inform national research agenda for the *Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute*, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 – Present Peer reviewer, *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*
- 2013 – Present Peer reviewer, *Journal of Latina/o Psychology*
- 2013 Peer reviewer, *OMICS PUBLISHING GROUP/ACR*
- 2012 – Present Peer reviewer, *Advances in Social Work Journal*
- 2011 Session Chair, *Gerontological Society of America*, Annual Program Meeting
- 2010, 2011 Peer reviewer, *Gerontological Society of America*, Annual Program Meeting
- 2009 Peer reviewer, *Council on Social Work Education*, Annual Program Meeting
- 2008 Peer reviewer, *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*
- 2007 – 2009 Washington University in St. Louis, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Contributor to an NIMH sponsored project titled “Developing Interventions for Latino Children, Youth, and Families” to operationalize Latino cultural constructs, St. Louis, MO.

### **Community**

- 2020 Vélez Ortiz, D. (2020). Caring for Your Aging Loved Ones: Understanding Brain Health and Dementia Management. Dia de la Mujer Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2019 – Present Member, Michigan Dementia Coalition Diversity Committee, State of Michigan
- 2017 Health and Mental Health Disparities in Aging. Continuing Education Session, School of Social Work, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2015 Culture, Gender, and Depression: Puerto Rican Older Adult’s Experiences with Depression. NCERA 216 Webinar Series, Julian Samora Research Institute, East Lansing, MI.
- 2015 Applied Mental Health Research & Older Adult Latino Populations. Invited Webinar Series for the Project *Consejo* – Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration agency, Fresno State University, Fresno, CA.
- 2015 Mental Health Services & Older Adult Latino Populations. Continuing education session, School of Social Work, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2015 Advisory Board Member in Project *Consejo*: A Latino behavioral health practice project for central California. Provide technical assistance in grant implementation and training webinars on Latino issues.



- 2015 Translation of the Savvy Caregiver Manual, Creating Confident Caregivers, Office of Services to the Aging, State of Michigan, Lansing, MI
- 2014 Latino/Hispanic Family Caregivers II: Cultural competency training series for the Savvy Cargiver Program, Office of Services to the Aging, State of Michigan, Lansing, MI
- 2014 Improving Health and Healthcare in Michigan’s Latinos. Summit: Julian Samora Research Institute at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2013 Seniors and Technology II, Presentation to State Advisory Council on Aging, Office of Services to the Aging, State of Michigan, Lansing, MI
- 2013 Latino/Hispanic Family Caregivers I: Cultural competency training series for the Savvy Cargiver Program, Office of Services to the Aging, State of Michigan
- 2013 Latino Older Adult Cultural Competency Training: Outreach to Latino communities, Area Agency on Aging 1B, Southfield, MI
- 2012 Mental Health Services and Latino Older Adults Workshop. Cristo Rey Community Center Senior Program. Lansing, MI
- 2012 Mental Health Panel: Mental health and Latinos, Ohio Latino Summit, Ohio Commission on Latino Affairs. Columbus, OH
- 2012 Seniors and Technology, State Advisory Council on Aging, Office of Services to the Aging, State of Michigan. Lansing, MI
- 2011 Mental Health Issues in the Latino Population, Continuing Education Session, School of Social Work, Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI
- 2011 Elder Summit: Building a Comprehensive Response Protocol in Michigan, Ingham County Triad. Lansing, MI

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Council on Social Work Education  
 Society for Social Work Research  
 Gerontological Society of America

**LANGUAGES**

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