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- Ph.D.** Sociology, City University of New York Graduate Center, 2004
Dissertation: "A Paradox of Autonomy and Risk: Mexican Sexoservidoras (Sex Workers) on the U.S. – Mexico Border"
- MS** Sociology, The University of Texas at San Antonio, 1999
Thesis: "Homegirls and Chicks: High Risk Mexican American Gang Associated Females"
- BA** Sociology, The University of Texas at San Antonio, 1995

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Professor** (2015 – present) School of Social Work, University of Southern California
- Assistant Professor**, (2011- 2015) School of Social Work, University of Southern California
- Assistant Professor**, (2006-2011) Department of Sociology, University of Houston
(Promoted to Associate Professor Summer 2011)
- Associate Director**, (2008-2011) Center for Drug and Social Policy Research, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Houston
- Visiting Scholar Post-Doc**, (2005-2006), Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Houston
- Senior Researcher** (2001–2005) Center for Drug and Social Policy Research, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Houston
- Field Interviewer** (1999-2001) Center for Urban Research, City University of New York Graduate Center
- Research Associate II** (1994–1999) Hispanic Research Center, University of Texas at San Antonio

FUNDED RESEARCH:

ENHANCED INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH TRAINING INSTITUTE

Principal Investigator: Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D.
Role: Co-Investigator
Grant #: 1 R25 DA050687- 01A1
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism/NIH
Project Period: 2020 – 2025

DISPARITIES IN HEALTH AMONG FLOATING IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS

Principal Investigator: Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D. (contact)
(MPIs) Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
Grant #: 1 R01 MD013628-01
Funding Source: National Institute on Minority Health Disparities
Project Period: 2019 – 2023

DEPRESSION, METH USE AND SAFE SEX BEHAVIORS: ASSESSING THE FEASIBILITY AND ACCEPTABILITY OF A HIV COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION FOR YOUNG ADULT LATINA WOMEN

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
Grant #: UL1 TR001855
Funding Source: Southern California Clinical and Translational Science Institute
Project Period: 2019 – 2020

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG USE AND IPV TRAJECTORIES FOR YOUNG LATINAS

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
Grant #: 1 R01 DA039269
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 2015 – 2020

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH TRAINING INSTITUTE

Principal Investigator: Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D.
Role: Co-Investigator
Grant #: 2 R25 DA026401
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 2015 – 2021

AN EXAMINATION OF THE EFFECTS OF SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS ON INJECTING HEROIN TRAJECTORIES, PRACTICES, AND RISK BEHAVIORS

Principal Investigator: Tasha Perdue, MSW
Grant #: 1 R36 DA048343-01A1
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH
Project Period: 2020- 2021
Role: Faculty Advisor

HIV PROJECTION MAPPING WITH CRACK USERS IN MEXICO CITY

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.

Grant #: OPP1118561
Funding Source: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Project Period: 2014 – 2016

MEDICAL MARIJUANA, EMERGING ADULTS AND COMMUNITY: CONNECTING HEALTH AND POLICY

Principal Investigator: Stephen Lankenau, Ph.D. (Drexel University)
Role: Senior Consultant
Grant #: R01 DA034067
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 2013 – 2018

EMERGENCE AND DIFFUSION OF CRACK AND RELATED HEALTH RISK BEHAVIORS IN MEXICO CITY

Principal Investigator: Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D.
Role: Co-Investigator
Grant #: R21 DA031376
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 2010 – 2014

DIVERSITY SUPPLEMENT: HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG USE AND IPV TRAJECTORIES FOR YOUNG LATINAS

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
Mentee: Carolina Villamil
Grant #: R01 DA039269- S1
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 2016 – 2018

AT RISK HISPANIC GANGS: LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES FOR HIV, HEPATITIS AND STI

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
(MPIs) Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D.
Grant #: R01 DA023857
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 2008 – 2013

AT RISK HISPANIC GANGS: LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES FOR HIV, HEPATITIS AND STI (DIVERSITY SUPPLEMENT)

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D.
Mentee: Jeffrey Cancino, Ph.D.
Grant #: R01 DA023857 S1
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 2008 – 2013

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH TRAINING INSTITUTE

Principal Investigator: Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D.
Role: Co-Investigator

Grant #: R25 DA026401
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 200 – 2015

SUBSTANCE USE AND OTHER HEALTH CONSEQUENCES AMONG HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES IN HOUSTON

Principal Investigator: Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D.
Role Co-Investigator
Grant #: 3R01 DA021852
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 2006 – 2010

SUBSTANCE USE AND OTHER HEALTH CONSEQUENCES AMONG KATRINA EVACUEES IN HOUSTON

Principal Investigator: Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D.
Role Co-Investigator
Grant #: 3R01DA021852-03S1 (Supplement: *High Risk Drug and Related Risk Behaviors Among Hispanic Immigrant Workers in New Orleans*)
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 2008-2009

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Principal Investigator: Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D.
Role Primary Mentee/Principal Investigator (Pilot Project)
Grant #: R24 DA019798
Funding Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse /NIH
Project Period: 2007 – 2011

LOAN REPAYMENT: AT RISK HISPANIC GANGS: LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES FOR HIV, HEPATITIS AND STI

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
Funding Source: National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities /NIH
Project Period: 2009 – 2011

LOAN REPAYMENT: SUBSTANCE USE AND OTHER HEALTH CONSEQUENCES AMONG KATRINA EVACUEES

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
Funding Source: National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities /NIH
Project Period: 2007 – 2009

LOAN REPAYMENT: MEXICAN AMERICAN NON-INJECTING HEROIN USERS, HIV AND TRANSITIONING

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
Funding Source: National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities /NIH
Project Period: 2007 – 2009

ADVANCED RESEARCH PRACTICUM

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
Funding Source: Curriculum Development Grant Program/University of Houston
Project Period: 2009

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SMALL GRANT PROGRAM

Principal Investigator: Alice Cepeda, Ph.D.
Funding Source: Center for Mexican American Studies /University of Houston
Project Period: 2006

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (* Asterisk indicates graduate student or post-doctoral mentee)

Published

1. Fedorova, E. V., Roth, A. M., **Cepeda, A.**, Wong, C. F., Iverson, E., & Lankenau, S. E. (2020). The Role of Life Events/Contextual Factors and Cannabis Use in Patterns of Other Drug Use Among Young Adult Cannabis Users in Los Angeles: A Qualitative Inquiry. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 50(2), 157–172.
2. **Cepeda, A.**, Nowotny, K.M., *Frankeberger, J., Ramirez, E., *Purdue, T., Valdez, A., *Rodriguez, V.E. (2020). Examination of Multilevel Domains of Minority Stress: Implications for Drug Use and Mental and Physical Health among Latina Women who have sex with Women and Men. *PLOS One*, 15(3): e0230437. [PMID: 32214323](#)
3. Zhao, Q., **Cepeda, A.**, Chou, C. P., & **Valdez, A.** (2020). Maternal incarceration trajectories and the intergenerational transmission of imprisonment: A nationwide study. *Children and Youth Services Review*. Advance online publication.
4. Nowotny, K.M., *Frankeberger, J., **Cepeda, A.**, & Valdez, A. (2019). Trajectories of Heroin Use: A 15-Year Retrospective Study of Mexican-American Men who Were Affiliated with Gangs During Adolescence. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 204, 107505. [PMID: 31550612](#)
5. Fedorova, E.V., Schragar, S.M., Robinson, L.F., **Cepeda, A.**, Wong, C.F., Iverson, E., & Lankenau, S.E. (2019). Illicit Drug Use and Prescription Drug Misuse Among Young Adult Medical Cannabis Patients and Non-Patient Users in Los Angeles. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 198, 21-27. [PMID: 30861391](#)
6. Frankeberger, J., **Cepeda, A.** Nowotny, K.M., Natera-Rey, G. Valdez, A. (2019) Safer Crack Kits and Smoking Practices: Effectiveness of a Pilot Harm Reduction Intervention among Active Crack Users in Mexico City. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 54(4), 592-600. [PMID: 30654689](#)
7. Nowotny, K. M., *Frankeberger, J., *Rodriguez, V. E., Valdez, A., & **Cepeda, A.** (2019). Behavioral, Psychological, Gender, and Health Service Correlates to Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2 Infection among Young Adult Mexican-American Women Living in a Disadvantaged Community. *Behavioral Medicine*, 45(1), 52-61. [PMID: 29558260](#)
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Bonds to Children and Informal Social Control among Persistent Male Offenders. *Social Problems*, 66(3): 468–483. [PMID: 31354176](#)

9. *Mendoza-Meléndez, M.Á., **Cepeda, A.**, *Frankeberger, J., López-Macario, M., & Valdez, A. (2018). History of child sexual abuse among women consuming illicit substances in Mexico City. *Journal of Substance Use*, 23(5): 520-527. [PMID: 30393464](#)
10. **Cepeda, A.**, Nowotny, K.M., *Frankeberger, J., Onge, J.M.S., & Valdez, A. (2018). Biological risk and infection profiles of young adult male Mexican American gang members. *Public Health Reports*, 133(5), 551-558. [PMID: 30067450](#)
11. Nowotny, K.M., *Perdue, T., **Cepeda, A.**, & Valdez, A. (2017). Mental health of heroin users with differing injection drug use histories: A non-treatment sample of Mexican American young adult men. *Drug and alcohol dependence*, 181: 124-131. [PMID: 29054031](#)
12. Bazzi, A.R., Mogro-Wilson, C., Negi, N.J., Reingle Gonzales, J.M., Cano, M.A., Castro, Y., & **Cepeda, A.** (2017). Developing scientists in Hispanic substance use and health disparities research through the creation of a national mentoring network. *Mentoring & Tutoring: Partnership in Learning*, 25(2): 151-165. [PMID: 28804254](#)
13. **Cepeda, A.**, *Frankeberger, J., *Bailey, J.L., Nowotny, K.M., Natera-Rey, G., & Valdez, A. (2017). HIV and STI knowledge, testing, and risk among adult crack users in Mexico city: baseline findings from a feasibility study. *AIDS care*, 29(3): 350-354. [PMID: 27832703](#)
14. Nowotny, K.M., **Cepeda, A.**, *Perdue, T., Negi, N., & Valdez, A. (2017). Risk Environments and Substance Use Among Mexican Female Sex Work on the U.S. Mexico Border. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 47(4): 528-542.
15. **Cepeda, A.**, Saint Onge, J.M., Nowotny, K.M., Valdez, A. (2016). Associations between long-term gang membership and informal social control processes, drug use, and delinquent behavior among Mexican American youth. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 60(13): 1532-1548. [PMID: 25979430](#)
16. Valdez, A., Nowotny, K.M., *Zafra Mora, E., Negi, N., **Cepeda, A.** (2016). Un jalón, un volteón, y otra vez: High-risk crack smoking paraphernalia in Mexico City. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 48(4), 295-302. [PMID: 27356211](#)
17. **Cepeda, A.**, Nowotny, K.N., *Frankeberger, J., & Valdez, A. (2016). "Precocious Transitions and Long-Term Heroin Use Outcomes: A Longitudinal Study of Gang-Affiliated Mexican-American Males." *Addictive behaviors* 60: 48-52. [PMID: 27092995](#)
18. **Cepeda, A.**, Nowotny, K.M., & Valdez, A. (2016). "Trajectories of Aging Long-Term Mexican American Heroin Injectors the "Maturing out" Paradox." *Journal of aging and health*, 28(1): 19-39. [PMID: 25953814](#)
19. **Cepeda, A.**, Valdez, A., Nowotny, K.M. (2016). "Childhood Trauma among Mexican American Gang Members and Delinquent Youth: A Comparative Exploratory Study." *Child Abuse Review*, 25:205-217.

20. **Cepeda, A.**, Saint Onge, J. M., Nowotny, K. M., & Valdez, A. (2015). Associations between long-term gang membership and informal social control processes, drug use, and delinquent behavior among Mexican American youth. *International journal of offender therapy and comparative criminology*, 60(13): 1532-1548. [PMID: 25979430](#)
21. **Cepeda, A.**, Nowotny, K.M., and Valdez, A. (2015). "Injecting Drug Use among Mexican Female Sex Workers on the Us-Mexico Border." *Journal of ethnicity in substance abuse* 14(4): 351-63. [PMID: 26211392](#)
22. Nowotny, K.M., **Cepeda, A.**, James-Hawkins, L. & Boardman, J.D. (2015). "Growing Old Behind Bars Health Profiles of the Older Male Inmate Population in the United States." *Journal of aging and health*, 28(6): 935-956. [PMID: 26553724](#)
23. Valdez, A. Kaplan, C., Nowotny, K. Natera-Rey, G. and **Cepeda, A.** (2015). Emerging Patterns of Crack Use in Mexico City”, *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 26(8):739-45. [PMID: 26003928](#)
24. **Cepeda, Alice**, and *Kathryn M Nowotny. (2014). "A Border Context of Violence Mexican Female Sex Workers on the Us–Mexico Border." *Violence against women*, 20(12): 1506-31. [PMID: 25409891](#)
25. Negi, N., **Cepeda, A.** & Valdez, A. (2013). “Crime Victimization among Latino Day Laborers in Post-Katrina New Orleans”. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 35(3):354-369.
26. Saint Onge, J.M., **Cepeda, A.**, *King, P., & Valdez, A. (2013). “The Relationship Between Trajectories of Family/Cultural Stressors and Depression and Suicidal Ideation Among Substance Using Mexican-American Adults.” *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 52:263–272. [PMID: 23904175](#)
27. Valdez, A., **Cepeda, A.**, Parrish, D., Horowitz, R. & Kaplan, C.D. (2013). “An Adapted Brief Strategic Family Therapy for Gang Affiliated Mexican American Adolescents.” *Research on Social Work Practice*, 23(4): 383-396.
28. *Volkman, T., Fraga, MA., Brodine, S.K., Iñiguez-Stevens, E. **Cepeda, A.**, Elder, JA, Garfein, R.S. (2013). “Drug scene familiarity and exposure to gang violence among residents in a rural farming community in Baja California, Mexico.” *Global Public Health*, 8(1):65-78. [PMID: 23072623](#)
29. Guerrero, G. E. **Cepeda, A.**, & Duan, L., Kim, T. (2012). “Disparities in Competition of Substance Abuse Treatment among Latino Subgroups in Los Angeles County, CA.” *Addictive Behaviors*, 37:1162-1166. [PMID: 22658303](#)
30. **Cepeda, A.**, Kaplan, C.D., Neaigus, A., *Cano M.A., *Villarreal, Y. and Valdez, A., (2012). “Injecting Transition Risk and Depression among Mexican American Non-Injecting Heroin Users.” *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 125:S12-S17. [PMID: 22749681](#)

31. **Cepeda, A.** (2011). "Prevalence and Levels of Severity of childhood Trauma among Mexican Female Sex Workers: A Comparison of Two Mexico Border Cities." *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*, 20(6):669-689.
32. Valdez, A., Kaplan, C.D., Neaigus, A., and **Cepeda, A.** (2011). "High Rates of Transitions to Injecting Drug Use among Mexican American Noninjecting Heroin Users in San Antonio, Texas (Never and Former Injectors)." *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 114, 233-236. [PMID: 21075561](#)
33. **Cepeda, A.**, Saint Onge, J.M., Kaplan, C., and Valdez, A. (2010). "The Association between Disaster-Related Experiences and Mental Health Outcomes among Drug Using African American Hurricane Katrina Evacuees." *Community Mental Health Journal*, 46(6):612-20. [PMID: 20091228](#)
34. **Cepeda, A.**, & Valdez, A. (2010). "Ethnographic Strategies in the Tracking and Retention of Street Recruited Community- Based Samples of Substance Using Hidden Populations in Longitudinal Studies." *Journal of Substance Use and Misuse*, 45: 700 - 716. [PMID:20222780](#)
35. Valdez, A., **Cepeda, A.**, Negi, N., & Kaplan, C. (2010). "Fumando La Piedra: Emerging Patterns of Crack Use among Latino Immigrant Day Laborers in New Orleans." *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 12:737-742. [PMID: 19924538](#)
36. **Cepeda, A.**, Valdez, A., Kaplan, C.D., & *Hill, L. (2010). "Patterns of Substance Use among Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in Houston, Texas." *Disasters: The Journal of Disaster Studies, Policy and Management*, 34(2):426-446. PMID: 19863564.[PMID: 19863564](#)
37. **Cepeda, A.** (2009). "Drug Smugglers on Drug Smuggling: Lessons from the Inside" by Scott H. Decker and Margaret Townsend Chapman. *Contemporary Sociology*, 38(5), 420-421.
38. Valdez, A., **Cepeda, A.** & Kaplan, C. (2009). "Homicidal Events among Mexican American Street Gangs: A Situational Analysis." *Homicide Studies*. 13(3),288-306.[PMID: 21218188](#)
39. Valdez, A., **Cepeda, A.**, Neaigus, A., & *Russell, A. (2008). "Heroin Transition Risk among Daily and Non-Daily Marijuana Users who are Non-Injectors of Heroin." *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 19, 442-449. [PMID: 19038723](#)
40. Valdez, A., Neaigus, A., **Cepeda, A.** (2007). "Potential Risk Factors for Transitioning to Injecting among Mexican American Non-Injecting Heroin Users." *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, 6(2), 49-73. [PMID: 18192204](#)
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44. **Cepeda, A.** & Valdez, A., (2003). "Risk Behaviors among Young Mexican American Gang Associated Females: Sexual Relations, Partying, Substance Use and Crime." *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 18 (1), 90-106. [PMID: 21218177](#)
45. **Cepeda, A.** & Valdez, A., (2002). "Female Sex Workers and Injecting Drug use on the U.S. – Mexico Border: Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas." *Journal of Border Health*, (7)1, 84-94.
46. Mata, A., Valdez, A., Alvarado, J., **Cepeda, A.**, Cervantes, R., Kaplan, C.D. (2002). "Drug Related Violence Among Mexican American Youth in Laredo, Texas: Preliminary Findings." *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology*, 30(1), 25-38.
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2. Valdez, A., **Cepeda, A.**, & Kaplan, C. (2019). Conducting International Reflexive Ethnography: theoretical and Methodological Struggles, In M. Boeri & R.K. Shukla, *Inside Ethnography: Researchers Reflect on the Challenges of Researching Hidden Populations* (pp. 141-162). University of California Press.
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4. Nowotny, K.M., Zhao, Q., Kaplan, C., **Cepeda, A.**, & Valdez, A. (2016). Gender Dynamics of Violent Acts among Gang Affiliated Young Adult Mexican American Men. In Harding, S. (Ed.), *Global Perspectives on Youth Gang Behavior, Violence, and Weapons Use*, 159 -173.
5. Nowotny, K., * Frankeberger, J. and **Cepeda, A.** (2016). Research on Drugs and Social

Characteristics. In H. H. Brownstein (eds.). *The Handbook of Drugs and Society*, Wiley Blackwell, (pp 320-334).

6. Sanders, B., Valdez, A., Hunt, G.P., Laidler, K.J., Moloney, M. and **Cepeda, A.** (2013). Gang Youth, Risk Behaviors, and Negative Health Outcomes. In B. Sanders et al. (eds.), *Crime, HIV and Health: Intersections of Criminal Justice and Public Health Concerns*, Springer Press, (pp. 113 – 127).
7. Valdez, A., *Nowotny, K., **Cepeda, A.**, (2012). The Intersection of Drug Use and Crime over the Life course of Mexican American Former Gang Members. In Patricia Adler, Peter Adler & Patrick O'Brien (Eds.), *Drugs and the American Dream: An Anthology*. Wiley-Blackwell Press, (pp. 72-79).
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10. Hazen, J. M., Kaplan, C. D., Valdez, A., **Cepeda, A.**, Lund, S., & Millard, A. (2008). Risk and resilience: Understanding the potential for violence. In E. G. Berman, K. Krause, E. LeBrun & G. McDonald (Eds.), *Small Arms Survey 2008: Risk and Resilience* (pp. 244-273). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
11. Valdez, A., & **Cepeda, A.** (2008). "The Relationship of Ecological Containment and Heroin Practices" In Y. Thomas, D. Richardson, and I. Cheung (Eds), *Geography and Drug Addiction*, Springer Press, 159-173pp.
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2. St. Onge, J., **Cepeda, A.**, Nowotny, K.M., *Perdue, T., *Frankeberger, J., & Valdez, A. Correlates of Drug Patterns of Young Adult Mexican-American Women from Disadvantaged Communities. In preparation for *Substance Use & Misuse*.

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RESEARCH REPORTS

- 2010 “High Risk Drug and Related Risk Behaviors Among Hispanic Immigrant Workers in New Orleans” (with Avelardo Valdez). Final Report to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Center for Drug and Social Policy Research, University of Houston.
- 2010 Substance Use and Other Health Consequences among Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in Houston,” (with Avelardo Valdez, Alexandra Canga, Kathryn Nowotny & Jarron Saint Onge). Final Report to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Center for Drug and Social Policy Research, University of Houston.
- 2009 Hispanic Heroin Users, Transitions to Injecting and HIV (with Avelardo Valdez) Final Report to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Center for Drug and Social Policy Research, University of Houston.
- 2003 “Risk Behaviors among Young Mexican American Gang Associated Females: Sexual Relations, Partying, Substance use, and Crime,” in *Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence among Gang Affiliated Mexican American Female Adolescents*. (with Avelardo Valdez) Final Report to the Centers for Disease Control, Office for Drug and Social Policy Research, University of Houston.
- 2002 “Sex Work, High Risk Sexual Behavior and Injecting Drug Use along the U.S. – Mexico Border: Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua” (with Avelardo Valdez). Final Report to the National Institutes on Drug Abuse, Center for Drug and Social Policy Research, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2001 “Sex Work, High Risk Sexual Behavior and Injecting Drug Use along the U.S. – Mexico Border: Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas” (with Avelardo Valdez. Final Report to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Center for Drug and Social Policy Research, University of Texas at San Antonio.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1996 “The Legal Importation of Prescription Drugs into the United States from Mexico: A Study of Customs Declarations.” National Association for Chicano And Chicana Studies. Chicago, Illinois. March 20-23.

- 1996 "The Legal Importation of Prescription Drugs into the United States from Mexico: A Study of Customs Declarations." Poster presentation at the Society For Prevention Research. San Juan, Puerto Rico. June.
- 1997 "Gender Issues Among Mexican American Gangs." American Sociological Association. Toronto, Canada. August 9-13.
- 1998 "Gangs on the Southwest Border Region." National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies. Mexico City, June 24-27.
- 1998 "Exploring the Relationship between Male Gang Violence and Females." American Sociological Association. San Francisco, California, August 21-25.
- 1999 "Psychopathy and Childhood Trauma among Mexican American High-Risk Male Youth ." American Sociological Association. Chicago, Illinois, August.
- 2000 "Childhood Trauma Among Violent Mexican American Male Gang Members." American Sociological Association. Washington, DC, August 15-18.
- 2000 "Drugs, Gangs, and Homicide in South Texas." American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, California, November, 15-18.
- 2001 "Injecting Drug Use and High Risk Sexual Behavior on the U.S. – Mexico Border." Pan American Health Organization. Las Cruces, New Mexico, May 29.
- 2001 "Sex Work and Violence on the U.S. – Mexico Border." Society for the Study of Social Problems. Anaheim, California.
- 2002 "Inyección de Drogas y Conducta Sexual de Alto Riesgo: La Frontera Mexico/ Estados Unidos Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua." 8 Congreso Nacional Sobre VIH/SIDS e Infecciones de Transmisión Sexual. Veracruz, Ver. Mexico. December 4-6.
- 2003 "Snorting Brown: The New Cohort of Chicano Heroin Users in South Texas." American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA, August 16-19.
- 2003 "Snorting Brown: Contextual Factors and the Process of Addiction among Chicano Non-Injecting Heroin Users." 3rd Annual National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse Conference, Miami, FL, October 1-4.
- 2003 "A Changing Drug Market: The Impact on Patterns of Heroin Use." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Denver, Co, November 19-22.
- 2004 "Potential Risk Factors Associated with the Transition to Injecting among Mexican American Non-Injecting Heroin Users: A Comparison of Never and Former Injectors." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 13 –15.

- 2004 “Context of Marijuana Use among Mexican American Polydrug Users” “American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA, August 14 -17.
- 2004 “Potential Risk Factors Associated with the Transition to Injecting among Mexican American Non-Injecting Heroin Users: A Comparison of Never and Former Injectors” 2nd Caribbean Basin and Hispanic Addiction Technology Transfer Center National Conference, Universidad Central del Caribe, San Juan Puerto Rico, August 18 – 24,.
- 2004 “Changing Heroin Market Dynamics: The Impact on Patterns of Non-injecting Use in South Texas.” Drug Abuse: A Workshop on Behavioral and Economic Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse. Bethesda, Maryland, October 18-20.
- 2004 “Public Health Issues Among Mexican *Sexoservidoras* (Sex Workers) On The U.S. – Mexico Border.” Third International Conference on Urban Health. Boston, October 20-22.
- 2005 “HCV Risk Factors Among Mexican American Non-Injecting Heroin Using Networks.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. August 12 –14.
- 2005 “Informal Social Control Processes on Adolescent Delinquent Behavior among Two Types of Mexican American Gangs.” American Society of Criminology, Toronto, CA. November 16-19.
- 2005 “Brief Strategic Family therapy: Drug Using Gang Affiliated Adolescents and Their Families.” National Association of Social Workers – Texas Chapter, Galveston, TX. November 10-12.
- 2006 “A Paradox of Autonomy and Risk: Substance Use Demands, Negotiations and Dependency Among Mexican *Sexoservidoras*” Sex Work Matters: Beyond Divides, A Conference at The New School and CUNY Graduate Center, March 30.
- 2006 Panelist, “Trafficking Women: A Forum on the Role of Houston in the International Trafficking of Women.” The James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, April 12.
- 2006 “Livelihood and Migration Experiences of Sex Workers on the U.S./Mexico Border.” Internationales Promotionsprogramm Gesellschaftswissenschaften, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universitat Frankfurt am Main, May 8 – 12.
- 2006 “In the Business: Substance Use Demands, Negotiations and Dependency on the U.S./Mexico Border” American Sociological Association, Montreal, CA. August 11-14.

- 2006 “The Influence of Personal/Behavioral Susceptibility and Community Norms: Understanding Qualitatively the Risk of Transitioning to Injecting Among Mexican American NIUs” American Sociological Association, Montreal, CA. August 11-14.
- 2006 “Ethnographic Strategies in the Tracking and Retention of a Community Based Sample of Mexican American Heroin Sniffers” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Montreal, CA. August 10 –12.
- 2006 Co-President. “Town Hall meeting with the NIDA Director.” Sixth Annual National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona, September 12 – 16.
- 2006 Panelist. “Houston and Human Trafficking.” Baylor College of Medicine, Baylor World Health and Human Rights Organization, November 9.
- 2006 Participant. “Disasters and Substance Abuse.” National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research, Bethesda, Maryland. December 7 – 8.
- 2007 “A Paradox of Autonomy and Risk: Mexican *Sexoservidoras* (Sex Workers) on the U.S. – Mexico Border,” Texas A&M University Sociology Department Colloquium, College Station, Texas, Feb 23. [National]
- 2007 “Community Based Research in Practice,” National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse- Summer Research Training Institute, Houston, TX, June 4 – 12. [Local]
- 2007 “Substance Use and Other Health Consequences among Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in Houston,” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York City, August 10 –12. [National]
- 2007 Heroin Transition Risk Among Daily and Non-Daily Marijuana Users,” National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, *Seventh Annual International Conference Drug Use & Adaptation to Rapidly Changing Environments*, Miami, September 26 – 28. [National]
- 2007 Interuniversity Institute for Research Seminar on Gangs, Armed Violence, Urban Transformation and Governance Port-au-Prince, Haiti. October 24 – 27. [International]
- 2007 Participant “Substance Use Patterns among Hurricane Katrina Evacuees Living in High Crime Neighborhoods in Houston,” American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 14 - 17. [National]
- 2008 “A Family Based Intervention for Gang Affiliated Adolescent Drug Users” American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 1-4, 2008. [National]

- 2008 "High Risk Drug Use by Hispanic Immigrants in New Orleans" Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, July 31 – August 2. [National]
- 2008 "Community Based Participatory Research in Practice," National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse- Summer Research Training Institute, Houston, TX, June 10-16. [Local]
- 2008 "Your Name Carries Weight": The Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Drug Use Behaviors among Evacuees in Houston" International Conference on Urban Health, Vancouver, BC, October 29-31. [International]
- 2008 "Your Name Carries Weight": Katrina evacuee's adjustment to Houston's criminal networks", American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO, November 12 -15. [National]
- 2009 "Contextual and Cultural Influences of Substance Use among U.S. Hispanics". Montgomery County United Way. Conroe, TX. May 26. [Local]
- 2009 "*Fumando La Piedra: Patterns of Crack Use among Latino Immigrant Day Laborers in New Orleans*". Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 7 – 9. [National]
- 2009 "Transitions to Injecting Drug Use among Mexican American Noninjecting Heroin Users". American Sociological Association, San Francisco. August 9 - 11. [National]
- 2009 "Health Consequences of Latino Immigrant Day Laborers in New Orleans: New Patterns of Settlement and Destination". Social Science Research on Immigration: The Role of Transnational Migration, Communities and Policy, Arizona State University; School of Justice and Social Inquiry. Tempe, AZ. September 10 – 11. [National]
- 2009 "Jornaleros inmigrantes Hispanos en Nueva Orleans: Nuevos patrones de asentamiento y destinos". XII Congreso Internacional Sobre Integración Regional, Fronteras Y Globalización En El Continente Americano. Venezuela 26-28 De Noviembre. [International]
- 2010 "Black on Brown Violence: Victimization of Latino Immigrant Day Laborers in Post-Katrina New Orleans." Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), March 31-April 3, Houston, TX. [Local}
- 2010 "Family Context in the Life Course of *tecatos*: An ethnographic analysis of aging Mexican American heroin users." Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), March 31-April 3, Houston, TX. [Local]

- 2010 “Emerging Drug Use Patterns, New Settlement Destinations & Career Trajectories: Social and Health Risks among Latino Populations”. University of Nebraska Lincoln, Department of Sociology Colloquium. May 5th. [National]
- 2010 “Post-Disaster Substance Use Patterns among Disadvantaged Hurricane Katrina Evacuees: A Multivariate Risk Factor Analysis.” American Sociological Association (ASA), August 14-17, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 “Health Consequences among Aging Mexican American Heroin Users: An Ethnographic Analysis.” American Sociological Association (ASA), August 14-17, Atlanta, GA. [National]
- 2010 “Transitions to Injecting Drug Use Among Mexican American Non-injecting Heroin Users: The Influence of an Injecting Culture.” American Sociological Association (ASA), August 14-17, Atlanta, GA. [National]
- 2010 “Social Network Analysis of Aging Mexican American Heroin Users.” Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 13-15, Atlanta, GA. [National]
- 2010 “Crack Smoking in Ageing Mexican American Injecting Heroin Users.” Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 13-15, Atlanta, GA. [National]
- 2010 “Examining the etiology of crack use among Latino immigrant day laborers in New Orleans.” American Public Health Association (APHA), November 6-10, Denver, CO. [National]
- 2011 “Social Stressors, Special Vulnerabilities and Violence Victimization among Latino Immigrant Day Laborers in Post Katrina New Orleans” Southwestern social Science Association, March 16 – 19, Las Vegas, NV. [National]
- 2011 “Mexico's Drug War Exposes Transitional Social Problem and Political Crisis”. Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 19-21, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 “Social Stressors, Special Vulnerabilities and Violence Victimization among Latino Immigrant Day Laborers in Post Katrina New Orleans” Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 19-21, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 “Drug Use Health Consequences for Mexican American Former Gang Members” American Sociological Association (ASA), August 20-23, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 “Trajectories of Long-Term Mexican American Heroin Injectors: The “Maturing Out” Paradox”. American Sociological Association (ASA), August 20-23, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 A border milieu of violence: Mexican female sex workers on the US - Mexico border” American Society for Criminology, November 17 – 20, Washington, D.C.

- 2012 “Social Consequences of Serial Incarceration among Young Adult Mexican American Men” Southwestern Social Science Association, April 4- 7, San Diego, CA. [National]
- 2012 “Developmental Patterns of Crack Use in Mexico City.” Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 16-18, Denver, CO. [National]
- 2012 “High Risk Sexual Behaviors among Drug Using Mexican Female Sex Workers.” Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 16-18, Denver, CO. [National]
- 2012 “Intimate Partner Relationships and Life course Trajectories of Drug Using Mexican American Male Gang Members.” American Sociological Association (ASA), August 18-20, Denver, CO. [National]
- 2012 “The Process of Diffusion: Adoption and Transmission of Crack Use in Mexico City.” American Sociological Association (ASA), August 18-20, Denver, CO. [National]
- 2012 “The Role of Stress Patterns in Depression, and Suicidal Ideation among Disadvantaged Mexican American Adults.” American Sociological Association (ASA), August 18-20, Denver, CO. [National]
- 2013 “High Risk Methods and Paraphernalia Practices of Crack Smoking in Mexico City” College on Problems of Drug Dependence, June 15-20, San Diego, CA [National]
- 2013 “Precocious Transitions and Injection Drug Use: A Longitudinal Study of Mexican-American Males” College on Problems of Drug Dependence, June 15-20, San Diego, CA [National]
- 2013 “Access To and Use of Health Services among Post-Katrina Drug Using Latino Day Laborers in NOLA” Southwestern Social Science Association, March 27 – 30, New Orleans, LA [National]
- 2013 “Contextual and cultural influences on Substance Use among Latinos in the U.S.” Society for Social Work Research, January 16 – 20, San Diego
- 2013 “Emerging Patterns in Drug Use: Social and Health Risk Consequences among Mexican-Origin Populations in the U.S. and Mexico”, University of California Riverside. February 20. Invited Presentation.

- 2013 “Emerging Patterns in Drug Use: Social and Health Risk Consequences among Mexican-Origin Populations in the U.S. and Mexico”, University of Texas at El Paso. April 13. Invited Presentation.
- 2013 “Educational Career Trajectory Mentoring,” *Comisión Femenil San Fernando Valley. March 8. Invited Presentation.*
- 2013 “Variations in Mental Health Conditions, Substance Use and Incarceration, Mexican American Young Adult Men with a History of Gang Membership”, Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 9-11, New York City.
- 2014 “Diffusion of Crack: The Influence of Macro-Level Factors, Migration, and Existing Interdiction Efforts”, Society for Social Work Research, January 15-19, San Antonio, TX [National]
- 2014 “The Road Less Travelled: Challenges, Strategies, and Successes in a Research Career Path”, Vulnerability to Drug Abuse among Hispanics (VIDA), May 29-30, El Paso, TX.
- 2014 “Risk, Resilience and Migration: Implications for Drug Use, Mental Health and Services Delivery”, Vulnerability to Drug Abuse among Hispanics (VIDA), May 29-30, El Paso, TX.
- 2014 “Substance Use, Mental Health and Incarceration among Mexican-American Young Adult Men with a History of Gang Membership”, College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), June 14-19, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 “Prevalence of Biological Risk Factors and STIs among Drug Using Mexican American Men with Histories of Gang Membership”, Society for Study on Social Problems (SSSP), August 15-17, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 “Emerging Patterns of Crack Use in Mexico City”, American Sociological Association (ASA), August 16-19, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 “Ethnographic Methods in Accessing a Street-Recruited Community Based Sample of Crack Users in Mexico City”, American Sociological Association (ASA), August 16-19, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 “Social Determinants of Crack Use among Drug Using Women in Mexico City”, American Public Health Association, November 14-20, 2014, New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 “Longitudinal Outreach Strategies in the Relocation and Street Recruitment of Latino Young Adults with Histories of Adolescent Gang Membership and Drug Use”. International Conference on Outreach Work: Youth Gangs, Violence and Female Delinquency, December 3-5, Hong Kong.
- 2016 “Transitions Among Opiate Users”. Society for Prevention Research (SPR), May 31-June 3, San Francisco, CA.

- 2016 “Precocious Transitions and Long-term Heroin use Outcomes: A Longitudinal Study of Gang-affiliated Mexican-American Males”. American Sociological Association (ASA), August 20-23, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Practical Morality: Social Order in a Mexico City Impoverished Neighborhood”. 66th Annual Meeting, Globalizing Social Problems, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 19-21, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Implications of Race and Class in the Shift from a War on Drugs to Treatment Interventions for the Opiate Epidemic”. Globalizing Social Problems, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 19-21, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Tirando Esquina: Methodological Considerations in the Implementation of a Projection Mapping Intervention for Crack Users in Mexico City”. Sixteenth Annual International Conference, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), June 15-17, Palm Desert, CA.
- 2016 “Metaphors of Crack Use in Mexico City Users and Neighborhoods”. Sixteenth Annual International Conference, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), June 15-17, Palm Desert, CA.
- 2016 “The Social Response to Crack Users Seeking Treatment”. Sixteenth Annual International Conference, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), June 15-17, Palm Desert, CA.
- 2016 “HIV and STI Risk Profile of Crack Users: Preliminary Data from a Projecting Mapping Intervention in Mexico City”. Sixteenth Annual International Conference, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), June 15-17, Palm Desert, CA.
- 2016 “The Consequences of Drug Policies on Latino Offending and Incarceration”. Sixteenth Annual International Conference, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), June 15-17, Palm Desert, CA.
- 2016 “Building and Sustaining Effective Intra-University Collaborations in Mentoring and Training”. Sixteenth Annual International Conference, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), June 15-17, Palm Desert, CA.
- 2016 “The Science of Team Research: Notes from the Field”. Summer Institute, Interdisciplinary Research Training Institute on Hispanic Drug Abuse (IRTI), June 7-13, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2016 “Tirando Esquina – Interveniendo Muros de Salud: International Intervention Science Collaboration” Summer Institute, Interdisciplinary Research Training Institute on Hispanic Drug Abuse (IRTI), June 7-13, Los Angeles, CA.

- 2017 “Tirando Esquina: Methodological Considerations in the Implementation of a Projection Mapping Intervention for Crack Users in Mexico City” . Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), January 11-15, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 “Implications of Long-Term Injecting Heroin Use Among Mexican American Users”. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), January 11-15, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 “Transitions and Harm Reduction Strategies Among Diverse Opiate Users”. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), January 11-15, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 “Prevalence of Polydrug Use, STIs and HSV-2 in Young Mexican American Women from a Disadvantaged Community” . Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 11-13, Montréal, Québec.
- 2017 “The Experiences of Opiate Use Transitions Among Residentially Instable Adults Utilizing Harm Reduction Services in Skid Row, Los Angeles” . Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 11-13, Montréal, Québec.
- 2017 “Fifteen Year Incarceration Trajectories and Mental Health among Drug Using Mexican American Young Adult Men” . Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 11-13, Montréal, Québec.
- 2017 “Promoting Health Behaviors through Projection Mapping: Effectiveness of an HIV Education and Harm Reduction Intervention among Active Crack Users in Mexico City” . Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 11-13, Montréal, Québec.
- 2017 “STI, HC and Drug Use among a Longitudinal Cohort of Mexican-American Women in a Disadvantaged Community” . American Sociological Association (ASA), August 11 – 16, Montréal, Québec.
- 2017 “Just Say Know: The Wall Between Criminal and Social Justice” . National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), October 4-6, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2017 “Frontiers: Latino Drug Abuse Research from a Veterana to the Next Generation of Scientists” . National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), October 4-6, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2017 “Effectiveness of a Projection Mapping HIV Education and Harm Reduction Intervention Among Crack Users in Mexico City” . National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), October 4-6, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2017 “STIs, HCV, and Drug Use Among a Longitudinal Cohort of Mexican-American Women in a Disadvantaged Community” . National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), October 4-6, Phoenix, AZ.

- 2017 “Drug Use Among Mexican-American Men with Histories of Incarceration” . National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), October 4-6, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2017 “Health and Drug Use Disparities Among Latina Women Who have Sex with Women and Men (LWSWM) in a Disadvantaged Community” . National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), October 4-6, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2017 “Perceived Barriers and Recommendations for Improving Opiate Addiction Treatment Entry and Retention Among Residentially Instable Opiate Users in Skid Row, Los Angeles” . American Public Health Association (APHA), November 4-8, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 “Understanding Overdose Experiences and Related Risks Among Homeless Opiate Users in Skid Row, Los Angeles” . Society for Prevention Research (SPR), May 29-June 1, Washington, DC.
- 2018 “Understanding the Accessibility of Naloxone through Pharmacies: An Ethnographic Approach” . Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 10-12, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “Mexico’s Anexos: A Case Study of the Dialectics Enabling and Disabling Factors in Therapeutic Communities for Addiction Treatment” . Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 10-12, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “‘I May Come Up Dirty’: Substance Use Factors Associated with Non-disclosure of IPV to Law Enforcement among Mexican American Young Adult Women” . Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), August 10-12, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “Drug Use, Incarceration, and Health Indicators of Latina Women who have Sex with Women and Men” . American Sociological Association (ASA), August 10-15, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “Correlates of Drug Dependence and Drug Treatment Among a Longitudinal Sample of Mexican American Women in a Disadvantaged Community” . National Hispanic Science Network (NHSN), October 3-5, Rockville, M.D.
- 2018 “Trajectories of Heroin Use: Longitudinal Models Based on a 15-Year Follow-Up Study of Mexican American Men” . National Hispanic Science Network (NHSN), October 3-5, Rockville, M.D.
- 2018 “Understanding the role of socio-cultural context on prescription opioid and heroin use among gang-affiliated females in San Antonio”. American Public Health Association (APHA), November 10-14, San Diego, CA.
- 2019 “Cumulative trauma and drug use outcomes among a sample of Mexican-American women living in a marginalized community” . College on Problems of Drug Dependence, June 15-19, San Antonio, TX.

- 2019 “Opioid use and related socioeconomic and health outcomes among marginalized Mexican-American women” . College on Problems of Drug Dependence, June 15-19, San Antonio, TX.
- 2019 “Feasibility And Effectiveness Of An HIV Education And Harm Reduction Projection Mapping Intervention Among Crack Users In Mexico City” . NIDA International Forum, College on Problems of Drug Dependence, June 15-19, San Antonio, TX.
- 2019 “Understanding the social structural production of HIV Risk among a population of marginalized Latina young women: Prevention efforts among changing risk environments” . International AIDS Society (IAS), July 21-24, Mexico City, Mexico.

HONORS

- 2017 Award for Excellence in Mentoring in the category of Faculty Mentoring Graduate Students. University of Southern California.
- 2015 National Award of Excellence in Mentoring. National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse.
- 2010 National Award of Excellence in Research by a New Investigator. National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse.
- 2010 Junior Scholar Award. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Drinking and Drugs Division.
- 2002 National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN), “National Award of Excellence in Research by a Student.” Los Angeles, California.
- 1999-2002 Dean K. Harrison Fellowship. City University of New York Graduate Center
- 2001 “Somos El Futuro Foundation Fellowship.” Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies, City University of New York Graduate Center.
- 1998 “Exploring the Relationship between Violence and Females Associated with Male Gangs.” Graduate Student Small Grants Program. University of Texas at San Antonio, College of Behavioral Sciences.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIP

- 1995 – Present American Sociological Association
- 2000 - Present American Society of Criminology
- 2003 - Present Society for the Study of Social Problems

2016-Present	Steering Committee, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse
2001-Present	Member, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse
2009-Present	Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice-Network
2013-Present	Society for Social Work Research

NATIONAL SERVICE

2016	Reviewer, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Diversity Scholars Network. Mock Review Workshop, September 22-23.
2014 –2016	Chair, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Drinking and Drugs Division
2013 – 2015	ASA Council Member, Section of Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco.
2016 - Present	Steering Committee, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse,
2011 - 2014	Chair, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, Early Career Leadership Committee
2012	Chair, American Sociological Association, Alcohol Drugs and Tobacco Student Paper Award Committee
2010 – 2012	Advisory Panel Member, American Sociological Association, Minority Fellowship Program
2006 – Present	Society for the Study of Social Problems, Drinking and Drug Division, Student Paper Award Committee
2005 - Present	National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, Summer Research Training Institute Subcommittee
2006 - 2008	ASA Council Member, Section of Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco.
2008	Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship Program Predoctoral Sociology Panel Review, Washington, D.C. March 6 - 8
2009	Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship Program Sociology Panel Review, Washington, D.C. March 19 – 21.

2009 Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice-Network Summer Workshop Panel, The Ohio State University, Criminal Justice Research Center. Ohio State University, July 23-24, 2009.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

2012 – 2015 Investigador Invitado, Instituto para la Atención y Prevención de las Adicciones en la Ciudad de México (IAPA).

2011 Primera Reunión Internacional de Investigadores y Académicos, Organizada por el Instituto para la Atención y Prevención de las Adicciones en la Ciudad de México (IAPA). November 30, 2011. Ciudad de México, D.F.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND COMMITTEES

2018 – present **Member, Provost Oversight Committee on Athletic Academic Affairs,** University of Southern California

2018 – present **Member, MSW Admissions Committee,** School of Social Work, University of Southern California

2011 – present **Member, Doctoral Committee –** School of Social Work, University of Southern California

2015 – 2017 **Course Lead, SOWK 635 -** School of Social Work, University of Southern California

2014 – 2015 **Chair, Research Sequence –** School of Social Work, University of Southern California

2013 – 2014 **Member, Faculty Council –** School of Social Work, University of Southern California

2012 – 2013 **Member, Faculty Search Committee –** School of Social Work, University of Southern California (served on two search cycles)

STUDENT COMMITTEES and MENTORING

University of Southern California

2019 – present Research Mentor, **Emily Rodriguez,** Research in Science Program at Marlborough High School

- 2018 – present Ph.D. Qualifying Exam Committee Member, **Daniel Chu**, Preventive Medicine
- 2014 – present Ph.D. Mentor, **Tasha Perdue**, School of Social Work
- 2014 – present Ph.D. Mentor, **Qianwei Zhao**, School of Social Work
- 2014 – present Ph.D. Qualifying Exam Committee Member, **Mee-Young Um**, School of Social Work
- 2016 – 2017 Ph.D. Mentor, **Grecia Ramos**, School of Social Work
- 2014 – 2016 Graduate Student Mentor, **Jessica Frankeberger**, Preventive Medicine
- 2014 – 2015 Graduate MSW Student Mentor, **Berenice Castillo**, School of Social Work
- 2012 – 2014 USC Undergraduate Honors Mentor, **Tanya Behnam**. Department of Psychology Honors Program.
- Fall 2012 SOWK 590 Directed Research Faculty Supervisor, **Kati Ann Kelleher**. USC MSW School of Social Work
- Spring 2013 SOWK 590 Directed Research Faculty Supervisor, **Andrew Warren Trindle**, USC MSW School of Social Work

Colorado University at Boulder

- 2012 – 2016 Dissertation Committee Member, **Kathryn M. Nowotny**. Department of Sociology, Colorado University, Boulder.

Drexel University

- 2018 – 2019 Dissertation Committee Member, **Ekaterina V. Fedorova**. Community Health and Prevention, Drexel University.

University of Houston

Thesis Committee Chair. **Ginni van Katwijk**. “Employment as an Informal Social Control Mechanism and its Effect on Current Illegal Activities of Former Adolescent Mexican American Gang Members”. Department of Sociology. May 2011.

Thesis Committee Chair/Member. **Lucia Galvan**. “The Impact of Male Migration on Gender Roles in Mexico” Department of Sociology May 2011.

Thesis Committee Member. **Isolina Sanchez**. “Negotiation and Reconstruction of Gender Identity: The Experience of Women Refugees from Bhutan.” Department of Sociology. December 2010.

Thesis Committee Chair. **Ozge Coskun**. “The Expatriate Worker Experience: The Case of Professional Turkish Workers”. Department of Sociology. August 2010.

Thesis Committee Chair. **Gianncarlo Muschi**, “Approach to the Expectations Held by Professional Immigrants and their Evolution through the Migration Experience: The Case of the Latin Americans Working as Bilingual Teachers in the Houston Independent School District” Department of Sociology. May 2010.

Dissertation Committee Member. **Sonia Vasan**, “Women’s Participation in the Death Metal Subculture” College of Education, Department of Educational Psychology. May 2010.

Thesis Committee Member. **Simay Ozlu Diniz**, “Turkish Community Based Organizations in Houston: Replicating Home Country Tensions” Department of Sociology. May 2009

Senior Thesis Committee Member. **Ginni van Katwijk**, “Prison Gang Influence on Youth Street Gangs” Department of Sociology. May 2009

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2012 – present **Member**, Cannabis, Health and Young Adult Study (CHAYA/ CHAYA II) – Community Advisory Board, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

2013 – 2015 **Member**, Prevention Council, Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles

2013 – 2015 **Member**, Comision Femenil of the San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles