

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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### **EDUCATION/TRAINING**

<b>INSTITUTION AND LOCATION</b>	<b>DEGREE</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>FIELD OF STUDY</b>
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA	Ph.D.	In-Progress	Social Work
California State University, East Bay, Oakland, CA	M.S.W.	2017	Social Work
California State University, East Bay, Oakland, CA	B.A.	2014	Human Development
Laney Community College, Oakland, California	A.A	2012	Social Sciences

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Criminogenic Needs and Dynamic Risk Factors of Forensic Populations with Substance Use Disorders, Cultural and Gender Risk and Responsivity, Homelessness and Permanent Supportive Housing, Translational and Applied Social Work Science.

### **AREAS OF RESEARCH**

Substance Abuse  
 Substance Use Disorder Treatment  
 Serious Mental Health Disorders  
 Forensic Populations with Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorders  
 Homelessness and Permanent Supportive Housing

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

07/20 - Present    Doctoral Candidate, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California  
 2022                USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Fellowship Award (Fifth-Year Tuition and Stipend, \$44,545)  
 2021                Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Dissertation Grant, California State University Office of the Chancellor (\$5,000)  
 2017-2021        USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Fellowship Award (Full Four-Year Tuition and Stipend, \$140,000+)  
 2018-2021        Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Mini-Grant, California State University Office of the Chancellor (\$6,912)  
 2017-2021        Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Fellowship, California State University Office of the Chancellor (\$30,000)  
 2017-2019        Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Travel Grant, California State University Office of the Chancellor (\$4,500)  
 2019                NIDA Women & Sex/Gender Differences Research Junior Investigator Travel Award, Division of Neuroscience and Behavior, National Institute on Drug Abuse (\$1,500).  
 2018, 2019        USC Summer Research Award, University of Southern California (\$17,500)  
 2016-2018        Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship, Hispanic Scholarship Fund  
 2016-2018        Hispanic Community Affairs Council Scholarship, Hispanic Community Affairs Council (\$4,500)  
 2016                California Pre-Doctoral Summer Research Award, California State University Office of The Chancellor (\$6,800)  
 2015-2016        California Pre-Doctoral Scholarship, California State University Office of The Chancellor (\$3,000)  
 2016                CalSWEC II Mental Health Stipend Award, California Social Work Education Center-UC Berkeley (\$18,500)  
 2016                Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial Scholarship, National Association of Social Workers (\$2,000)  
 2014                Graduate Equity Fellowship Scholarship, California State University, East Bay (\$1,500)  
 2014                The President's Volunteer Service Award, Corporation for National and Community Service  
 2012                California State University, East Bay University Grant (\$5,000)

## **RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 8/20 - Present    Principal Investigator  
Dean Rivera, MSW, PhD Candidate  
USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work  
*Dissertation:* Substance Use Disorder Treatment Clinician and Director Challenges Working with Collaborative Justice Courts: A Multisite Qualitative Study  
*Funding Support:* Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Dissertation Grant, California State University Office of the Chancellor  
(\$5,000)
- 07/20 - Present    Research Assistant  
Dr. Benjamin Henwood  
USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work  
*Randomized Controlled Trial:* Piloting the CAPABLE Model in Permanent Supportive Housing  
*Funding Support:* SC CTSI  
\$40,000
- 10/18 - 06/19    Research Assistant  
Dr. Monica Perez-Jolles  
USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work  
*Pilot Study (Mixed Methods):* Exploring the Concept of Activation Training among Adults Experiencing Homelessness as a Way to Increase Their Engagement in Services with Nursing Personnel  
*Funding Support:* Research Council, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work  
\$11,613
- 6/15 - 10/19    Research Assistant  
Dr. Hortensia Amaro  
USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work  
*Randomized Clinical Trial:* Neural Mechanisms in Women's Treatment and Early Recovery  
*Funding Support:* U.S. NIH Grant/Contract: 5R01DA038648  
\$2,222,311
- 04/13 - 04/14    Field Researcher  
Feeding America  
2014 Hunger in America Study  
*Funding Support:* U.S. Department of Agriculture

## **ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 01/19 - 05/19    Graduate Research Fellow, *Semester Tutorial*, Laboratory of Dr. Carl Castro, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
- 06/18 - 06/19    Graduate Research Fellow, Laboratory of Dr. Suzanne Wenzel, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
- 08/18 - 12/18    Graduate Research Fellow, *Semester Tutorial*, Laboratory of Dr. Jordan Davis, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
- 02/16 - 08/17    Graduate Research Fellow, Laboratory of Dr. Holly Vugia, California State University, East Bay
- 06/15 - 09/16    USC Summer Research Fellowship, Laboratory of Dr. Hortensia Amaro, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
- 06/15 - 09/15    Graduate Research Assistant, Laboratory of Dr. Sarah Taylor, California State University East Bay

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES**

Quantitative: Multinomial/Binomial Logistic Regression and Multiple Regression  
Qualitative: Grounded Theory and Phenomenology Approaches  
Mixed Methods: Convergent, Explanatory Sequential, and Exploratory Sequential Designs

## **COMPUTER SOFTWARE SKILLS**

Statistical Software: STATA and SAS  
Qualitative Software: ATLAS.ti and NVivo  
Data Collection Software: REDCap

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Schneiderman, J. U., Nedjat-Haiem, F., **Rivera, D.**, & Perez Jolles, M. (2021). Nurse and case manager views on improving access and use of healthcare for adults living in permanent supportive housing. *Research in Nursing and Health*, 1-12. doi.org/10.1002/nur.22193 [2 year IF = 2.228]

**Rivera, D.**, Dueker, D., Sanchez, M., & Amaro, H. (2021). Examination of referral source and discharge outcomes among women in residential substance use disorder treatment. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 125, 108319. doi.org/10.1016/j.jsat.2021.108319. [2 year IF = 3.77]

**Rivera, D.**, Dueker, D., & Amaro, H. (2021). Examination of referral source and retention among women in residential substance use disorder treatment: a prospective follow-up study. *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*, 16(1), 21. doi:10.1186/s13011-021-00357-y. [2 year IF = 2.583]

Perez Jolles, **M.**, **Rivera, D.**, Jacobs, G., Thomas, K. C., Schneiderman, J. U., & Wenzel, S. (2021). Views on health activation and support services among formerly homeless adults living in Permanent Supportive Housing in the United States. *Health & Social Care in the Community*. doi.org/10.1111/hsc.13384. [2 year IF = 2.821]

Davis, J. P., Diguseppi, G., De Leon, J., Prindle, J., Sedano, A., **Rivera, D.**, . . . Rice, E. (2019). Understanding pathways between PTSD, homelessness, and substance use among adolescents. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 33(5), 467. doi.org/10.1037/adb0000488. [2 year IF = 3.288]

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Rivera, D.**, Dueker, D., Sanchez, M., & Amaro, H., (2021). *Examination of referral source and discharge outcomes among women in residential substance use disorder treatment*. Poster presented at National Hispanic Science Network National Conference, Virtual Conference.

**Rivera, D.**, & Amaro, H. (2019). *Mandated status, perceived stress, child custody status, and mental health disorders: Risk or protective factors in women's SUD treatment retention?* Poster presented at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual College on Problems of Drug Dependence Scientific Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.

**Rivera, D.**, & Amaro, H. (2018). *Is mandated substance use disorder treatment associated with increased retention?* Poster presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual International National Hispanic Science Network Conference, Rockville, MD.

**Rivera, D.** (2017). *Acceptability of an adapted CBT curriculum for justice-involved individuals with co-occurring disorders: Addressing criminogenic needs, substance abuse and recidivism*. Poster presented at National Hispanic Science Network National Conference, Neuroscience Data Blitz, Phoenix, AZ.

## **TEACHING**

Graduate Student Instructor (2021)  
University of Southern California  
*Course:* Science of Social Work (2 In-Person Hybrid Design Classes)  
*Role:* Instructor

Graduate Student Instructor (2021)  
University of Southern California  
*Course:* Clinical Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups  
*Role:* Co-Instructor

Teaching Assistant (2019)  
University of Southern California  
*Course:* Substance Related and Behavioral Addictive Disorders and Recovery  
*Role:* Teaching Assistant

### **ADDITIONAL PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

USC Center for Excellence in Teaching, Future Faculty Teaching Institute (2018)  
*Training:* USC Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Training That Prepares Future Faculty to Pursue Excellence in their Teaching, Beginning with Exposure to An Essential Background in Course Design and Teaching.  
*Certificate of Completion Earned*

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

09/16 - 08/17 Graduate Intern, Alameda County Behavioral Health Court, Oakland CA  
09/16 - 08/17 Graduate Intern, East Bay Community Recovery Project, Oakland, CA  
09/15 - 06/16 Graduate Student Assistant/Intern, California Department of Rehabilitation, Fremont, CA  
12/11 - 07/13 Assistant Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist, Bonita House Inc., Oakland, CA  
01/05 - 04/06 Non-Medical Detox Volunteer, Southern Solano Alcohol Council, Vallejo, CA  
01/03 - 08/04 Residential SUD Treatment Counselor; Project Coordinator, House of Acts, Vallejo, CA

### **JOURNAL AD HOC REVIEWER**

Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment  
Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy  
Substance Use and Misuse  
Psychology of Addictive Behaviors

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

National Hispanic Science Network (NHSN)  
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)  
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)  
National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD)

### **REFERENCES**

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Benjamin Henwood, Associate Professor  
*Role:* School of Social Work Mentor/Dissertation Chair  
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Steven Sussman, Professor  
*Role:* Dissertation Committee Member/Advisor  
*Contact:* ssussma@usc.edu

Avelardo Valdez, Professor  
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