

# Angela Vergara, PhD

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Dr. Angela Vergara is a lecturer at the University of Central Florida in the Department of Sociology, where she serves as the Undergraduate Director of Sociology and Social Sciences. With a robust academic background and a passion for fostering educational growth, Dr. Vergara is dedicated to enhancing the undergraduate experience and guiding students on their academic and professional journeys. Dr. Vergara's research expertise lies in community participatory research, Latin American sociology, global and social inequalities, and medical and reproductive health. Her research focuses on crucial issues such as gender differences, immigration status, culture, language, the educational achievement gap, social class, health inequalities, and mental health accessibility within the Hispanic/Latinx population. As an educator, Dr. Vergara is committed to aligning college experiences with NACE Career Competencies for Career Readiness, ensuring that students are well-prepared for their future careers. Her teaching interests include qualitative research methods, medical sociology, and social inequalities which she incorporates into her curriculum to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the field.

## EDUCATION

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### Ph.D. Sociology

Summer 2020

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Dissertation: *Puerto Rico After Hurricane Maria: Responses to Trauma and Constructing a New Life in Central Florida*

### M.A. Experimental Psychology

May 2015

St. John's University, New York, NY

Master's Thesis: *Assessment of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy-PTSD for the Treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Non-Suicidal Self-Injury Behaviors in Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse: An Examination of Treatment Efficacy.*

### B.S. Psychology

August 2012

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Undergraduate Honors Thesis: *What Do You Think of Others that Pursue Cosmetic Surgery? Influences Associated with Perceptions of Cosmetic Surgery.*

Minor: Sociology

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Cox, J. M., Stone, A., **Vergara, A.**, Carter, S. K., & Carter, J. S. (2023). *To See or Not to See: Latinx (In)Visibility at a Newly Designated Hispanic-Serving Institution*. *Humanity & Society*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/01605976231201657>

**Vergara, A.**, & Carter, S. K. (2021). *#Amamantar: Representations of breastfeeding targeting Hispanic/Latinx populations on social media*. *Women's Studies International Forum* (Vol. 87, p. 102498). Pergamon.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Lecturer**

**May 2022 – Present**

*Undergraduate Director of Sociology and Social Sciences*  
NSF REU/RET Faculty Mentor  
University of Central Florida  
Department of Sociology

### Undergraduate

- Research Methods (face-to-face and online)
- Data Analysis (face-to-face and online)
- Introduction to Sociology (face-to-face, online, and synchronous)
- Sociological Social Psychology (face-to-face and online)
- Race and Ethnicity (online only)
- Family Trends (online only)
- Global Inequalities and Society (online only)
- Sex and Gender (online only)
- Qualitative Methods (online only)
- Honors Medical Sociology (face-to-face)
- Careers in Sociology (online)
- Qualitative Methods (Study Abroad – Belize)

### Graduate

- Topics in Social Inequality - Global Inequalities and Society (synchronous)
- Health Inequalities (face-to-face)
- Qualitative Methods (face-to-face)

**Research Consultant**  
**Multilingual Translator in Spanish English**

**Summer 2023**

National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities Hrant Project  
Department of Sociology  
Department of Public Health  
University of Central Florida

Project: *Facilitators of and Barriers to Healthcare Utilization among Racially and Ethnically Diverse Transgender and Gender Nonbinary Young Adults*

Investigators: PI: Lindsay Taliaferro; Co-PIs: J. Scott Carter, Elena Cyrus, Eric Schrimshaw

- Translated research surveys, questionnaires, and interview scripts from English to Spanish, ensuring accuracy and cultural relevance.
- Adapted marketing materials, including brochures, flyers, and social media content, from English to Spanish to effectively reach Spanish-speaking audiences.
- Maintained consistency in terminology and style while translating a variety of documents, including reports, presentations, and promotional materials.
- Collaborated with researchers and marketing teams to understand project requirements and deliver high-quality translations on time.
- Conducted thorough reviews of translated materials to ensure grammatical correctness and adherence to project specifications.
- Provided cultural insights and suggestions to enhance the impact of translated materials on Spanish-speaking audiences.

**Visiting Lecturer**

**August 2019 – May 2022**

University of Central Florida  
Department of Sociology

Undergraduate

- Research Methods (face-to-face and online)
- Data Analysis (face-to-face and online)
- Introduction to Sociology (face-to-face, online, and synchronous)
- Sociological Social Psychology (face-to-face and online)
- Race and Ethnicity (online only)
- Family Trends (online only)
- Global Inequalities and Society (online only)
- Sex and Gender (online only)
- Qualitative Methods (online only)

Graduate

- Topics in Social Inequality - Global Inequalities and Society (synchronous)

**Adjunct Professor**

**June 2022 – May 2023**

Valencia College – East Campus  
College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Department of Psychology and Sociology

- Introduction to Psychology (face-to-face and online)
- Developmental Psychology (face-to-face)
- Introduction to Sociology (face-to-face and online)

**Adjunct Professor**

**Fall 2018 – May 2020**

Valencia College/UCF Downtown

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Department of Psychology and Sociology

- Introduction to Psychology (face-to-face and online)
- Developmental Psychology (face-to-face)
- Introduction to Sociology (face-to-face and online)

**Adjunct Professor**

**January 2017 – August 2022**

Valencia College – West Campus

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Department of Psychology and Sociology

- Introduction to Psychology (face-to-face and online)
- Developmental Psychology (face-to-face)
- Introduction to Sociology (face-to-face and online)

**Substance Abuse Counselor**

**April 2019 – December 2020**

Premium Counseling Group, LLC

- Clinical diagnostics associated with a substance abuse disorder
- Provide counseling and assessment services at the individual and group level
- Create and manage group therapy sessions utilizing Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, and other therapeutic techniques
- Provide mental health services in both English and Spanish

**Research Consultant**

**Fall 2019**

**Multilingual Translator in Spanish English**

Vega Nguyen Research

Bellingham, WA

Project: *2020 King County Housing Survey*

Investigator: Jenny Nguyen

- Performed various translation and interpretation duties from Spanish into English, including research texts, IRB proposals, survey metrics, and written text.
- Translated text projects, including legal documents, research packet content, articles, and data reports.
- Upheld strict confidentiality policy when translating personal and research material.
- Provided interpretation and transcription services as needed by the research team.

**Newsletter Editor and Social Media Content Manager****August 2017 – August 2019**

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Society of Mental Health Division

Division Officer: Fernando Rivera, Ph.D.

- Newsletter Editor
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) content manager

**Research Assistant****Summer 2019****Qualitative Data Analyst and Multilingual Translator in Spanish and English**

Department of Social Work

University of Central Florida

Orlando, FL

Project: *Strong Foundations Courts*

Investigator: Julie Stein, PhD

- Assessment of the court processes for governing the reunification of foster children with their families.
- Focus groups and phone interviews with employees and volunteers who work on child welfare cases that are passing through the courts.
- Discussions with participants will focus on their perceptions of the Conditions for Return model and the ways the practice of the model can be improved/strengthened.
- Performed various translation and interpretation duties from Spanish into English, including research texts, IRB proposals, survey metrics, and written text.
- Translated text projects, including legal documents, research packet content, articles, and data reports.
- Upheld strict confidentiality policy when translating personal and research material.
- Arranged concurrent translation during research interviews and focus groups to allow data collection.
- Transcription of data in Spanish and English.
- Qualitative analysis of focus groups and interview data.

**Graduate Teaching Associate****June 2017 – May 2019**

University of Central Florida

College of Sciences

Department of Sociology

- Introduction to Sociology
- Sociological Social Psychology (face-to-face and online)
- Race and Ethnicity (online)

**Graduate Teaching Assistant****August 2016 – May 2017**

University of Central Florida

College of Sciences

Department of Sociology

- Contribute to the development of appropriate teaching materials to ensure content and methods of delivery meet learning objectives
- Participate in the assessment process using a variety of methods and techniques and provide effective timely and appropriate feedback to students to support their learning
- Supervise practical work advising on skills methods and techniques to assist the transfer of knowledge
- Health and Illness in Society

**Research Analyst**

**August 2016**

**Multilingual Translator in Spanish-English**

Department of Sociology

University of Central Florida

Orlando, FL

Title: *Can Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Act as a Point of Entry into the Healthcare System? Evaluating the Motivating Factors behind the Use of CAM services by the Hispanic/Latinx Population.*

- Constructed Qualtrics Survey to seek to understand the processes associated with the decision to utilize Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) by the Hispanic community.
- Develop semi-structured interviews and conducted face-to-face interviews with participants in both English and Spanish.
- Interpreted and analyzed quantitative and qualitative results.
- Upheld strict confidentiality policy when translating personal and research material.
- Arranged concurrent translation during research interviews and focus groups to allow data collection.
- Transcription of data in Spanish and English.

**Clinical Assessment and Evaluation**

**September 2014 – May 2015**

**Multilingual Clinical Translator in Spanish-English**

*Child HELP Partnership*

*St. John's University Center for Psychological Service*

**New York, NY**

Executive Director and Founder: Elissa Brown, Ph.D.

*Project CONNECT (Community Networks Negotiating Evaluations and Counseling for Trauma)* is an approach developed by **Child HELP Partnership** to bridge science and practice in the field of children's mental health. The goal is to alleviate barriers to accessing mental health services for traumatized families. Building on established relationships with local multicultural communities, we bring the evidence-based treatment we provide at our clinic into community settings.

- Conducted suicide risk assessment interviews in both English and Spanish
- Conducted trauma interview and assessment in both English and Spanish

- Performed various translation and interpretation duties from Spanish into English, including clinical assessments and diagnosis, research texts, IRB proposals, survey metrics, and written text.
- Translated text projects, including legal documents, research packet content, articles, and data reports.
- Upheld strict confidentiality policy when translating personal and research material.
- Arranged concurrent translation during research interviews and focus groups to allow data collection.

### **Dialectical Behavioral Therapy**

**– Group Therapy Clinical Co-facilitator**

**June 2013 – June 2014**

Center for Motivation and Change

- Utilized DBT skills to co-facilitate group psychotherapy
- Preparation of clinical notes and diagnostic tools for facilitating clinician
- Maintain patients' clinical records and follow-ups associated with weekly therapy meetings

### **Research Assistant**

**January 2014 – July 2014**

**Multilingual Clinical Translator in Spanish-English**

**Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY**

Department of Psychiatry

Principal Investigator: Adriana Feder, MD

*Trajectories of Psychological Risk and Resilience in World Trade Center Responders* – the study aims to characterize longitudinal trajectories of World Trade Center (WTC) related Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and depressive symptoms in WTC first responders through administering a web-based survey.

- Pre-screening for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- Reaching out to WTC responders for their participation in our online survey and following up with participants who agreed to participate but have not completed the survey yet.
- Collect and record study data. Inputs information in the database.
- Conduct patient-oriented research and work with human subjects in research.
- Performed various translation and interpretation duties from Spanish into English, including clinical assessments and diagnosis, research texts, IRB proposals, survey metrics, and written text.
- Translated text projects, including legal documents, research packet content, articles, and data reports.
- Upheld strict confidentiality policy when translating personal and research material.
- Arranged concurrent translation during research interviews and focus groups to allow data collection.

### **Clinical Research Assistant**

**June 2013 – June 2014**

Center for Motivation and Change, New York, NY

- Research and training reviewing assessments, entering data (MS Office, Excel, SPSS, etc.), conducting empirical literature searches and compiling reviews of relevant findings.
- Work with members of the clinical staff assisting with research on clinical issues.
- Management of case files and assisting with daily operations.
- Participation on behavioral therapy groups and preparing notes for the facilitating clinician.
- Attend weekly meetings including group discussions of case issues, review and discussion of cutting-edge research, and training in clinical techniques.
- Training and research in evidence supported treatments such as motivational interviewing, community reinforcement approach, and cognitive behavioral therapy/dialectical behavioral therapy.
- Screening for depression, generalized anxiety disorder, and suicide.

### **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (\*Student presentation)**

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\*Damarla, A. & Vergara, A. (2024) *Relationship of Patient Ethnicity/Race/Culture to Physician-Patient Communication: A Mixed-Methods Systematic Review*. UCF Student Scholar Symposium. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL

\*Nguyen-Luu, ML. & Vergara, A. (2024) *Attitudes and Perceptions of Mental Health in the Vietnamese Community: A Comprehensive Analysis*. UCF Student Scholar Symposium. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL

Hawthorne, T., Graham., Vergara, A., \*Wilkerson, B., \*Palacio, V., Cota, J. & Braden, D. (2024) *Community Geography to Understand Connections Between Coastal Debris and Sense of Place*. American Association of Geographers. Waikiki, Hawaii

Vergara, A., Hawthorne, T., Graham, L., \*Wilkerson, B., \*Palacio, I., \*Fermin, C., Cota, J. & Braden, D. (2024) *Participatory Action Research in Belize: Lessons learned from a National Science Foundation REU/RET Site to Prepare the Next Generation of Global Scholars through Community Geography and Geographic Information Systems*. American Association of Geographers. Waikiki, Hawaii

\*Rodriguez, L. & Vergara, A. (2024) *#PRStatus: A social media analysis of public opinion towards Puerto Rico's political status after Hurricane Maria*. Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA

\*Londoño, E. & Vergara, A. (2024) *"We're girls and girls have a lot of feelings": Critical analysis of gendered medical dismissiveness in the diagnostic and treatment journey of PMDD*. Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA



\*Labuhn, L. & Vergara, A. (2024) *"That's crazy!": Exploring the social construction of mental illness using Google search engine results from 2012-2022*. Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA

Vergara, A. (2024) *Where are we now? Donde estamos? The impact on reproductive rights and healthcare access of Latinas in the United States*. Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA

\*Nguyen-Luu, ML. & Vergara, A. (2024) *Attitudes and Perceptions of Mental Health in the Vietnamese Community: A Comprehensive Analysis*. University of Central Florida. Central Florida Brain Bee presented by the UCF Neuroscience Alliance. Orlando, FL

Vergara, A. (2024) *Exploring the Impact of Marginalized Identities on Teaching Inequality: A Multifaceted Analysis of Political Discourse*. Sociologists for Women in Society. Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

Vergara, A. (2023) *Screaming to be Heard! Autoethnography, Intersectionality, the Medical Institution, and Chronic Illness*. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA

Vergara, A. & Fernandez, K. (2023) *Rompiendo el Silencio! An Intersectional Approach to Understanding Hispanic/Latinx Women's Experiences with Domestic Violence*. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA

\*Rush, L., Vergara, A. (2023) *Gender Differences in Adult Diagnoses of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Mental Health Outcomes*. UCF Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship. Orlando, FL

Vergara, A., Stone, A., Cox, J., Carter, S.K., Carter, S. (2023) *Navigating the (non-Hispanic) White Space of a Hispanic Serving Institution of Higher Education*. Southern Sociological Society. Myrtle Beach, SC

Ibanez, N.\* & Vergara, A. (2022) *StonerTok: Effect of Cannabis Content and Social Acceptance via Tiktok*. Sociology Student Research Showcase. Orlando, FL

Senecharles, M.\* & Vergara, A. (2022) *Representation of the Mental Health of Black Women*. UCF Scholar Symposium. Orlando, FL

Vergara, A. (2022) *Screaming to be Heard! A Collaborative Autoethnography, the Medical Institution, and Chronic Illness*. Southern Sociological Society. Birmingham, AL

Vergara, A., Fernandez, K. & Londono, E. (2022) *Rompiendo el Silencio! An*

*Approach to Understanding Hispanic/Latinx Women's Experiences with Domestic Violence.* Southern Sociological Society. Birmingham, AL

**Gallot, J.\* & Vergara, A.** (2022) *The Impact of Race/Ethnicity on Obstetric and Gynecologic Diagnoses and Treatment.* Southern Sociological Society. Birmingham, AL

**Domech, CA.\* & Vergara, A.** (2022) *Exploring the History of Cuban Americans and the Responses to the July 2021 Protest in Cuba.* Southern Sociological Society. Birmingham, AL

**Vergara, A.** (2022) *Screaming to be Heard! A Collaborative Autoethnography, the Medical Institution, and Chronic Illness.* Sociologists for Women in Society. Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

**Vergara, A.,** Fernandez, K. & Londono, E. (2022) *Rompiendo el Silencio! An Approach to Understanding Hispanic/Latinx Women Experiences with Domestic Violence.* Sociologists for Women in Society. Santa Ana Pueblo, NM

**Matos, E.\* & Vergara, A.** (2021). *Impact of Community Doulas on the Perinatal Outcomes of women of Color: A Meta-Analysis.* Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting. Postponed due to COVID-19.

**Vergara, A.** (2021) *Puerto Rico After Hurricane Maria: Responses to Trauma and Constructing a New Life in Central Florida.* Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference, April 2021.

**Eisenstark, L.\* & Vergara, A.** (2021). *Sorority Women in STEM and Impostor Syndrome.* Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference, April 2021.

**Cahow, J.\*, Bubriski, A., Vergara, A.** (2021). *The Girlhood Double-Standard: Girl's Perceptions of Gendered Classroom Expectations.* Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference, April 2021

**Matos, E.\* & Vergara, A.** (2021). *Impact of Community Doulas on the Perinatal Outcomes of women of Color: A Meta-Analysis.* Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference, April 2021

**Vergara, A.** (2020). *Netflix and the New Sociological Lens: Everyday Use of the Sociological Imagination.* American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference.

**Vergara, A.** (2020). *Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria: Overcoming Trauma and Constructing a New Life in Central Florida.* Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. Postponed due to COVID-19.

- Vergara, A.,** Carter, S. (2020). *#Amamantar: Representations of Breastfeeding Targeting Hispanic/Latinx Populations*. International Sociological Association. Porto Alegre, Brazil. Postponed due to COVID-19.
- Vergara, A.,** Rivera, F. (2020). *Can Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Act as a Point of Entry into the Healthcare System? Evaluating the Motivating Factors behind the Use of CAM services by the Hispanic/Latinx Population*. International Sociological Association. Porto Alegre, Brazil. Postponed due to COVID-19.
- Quamina, P.\* & Vergara, A.** (2020). *Difference in Racial Disparities in Childbirth Mortality Rates: Why are Black Women Dying?* Southern Sociological Society. Jacksonville, FL. Postponed due to COVID-19.
- Ellis, J.\* & Vergara, A.** (2020). *Can Daily Internet Use Cause Self-Reported Anxiety?* Southern Sociological Society Jacksonville, FL. Postponed due to COVID-19.
- Isaiah, J. A.\* & Vergara, A.** (2020). *Effects of LGB Awareness on LGB Mental Health*. Southern Sociological Society. Jacksonville, FL. Postponed due to COVID-19.
- Matos, E.\* & Vergara, A.** (2020). *Content Analysis of Community Doulas' Impact on Women of Color with Low-income*. UCF Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence (SURE). Cancelled due to COVID-19
- Vergara, A.,** Carter, S. (2019). *#Amamantar: Representations of Breastfeeding Targeting Hispanic/Latinx Populations*. Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY
- Vergara, A.,** Rivera, F. (2019). *Can Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Act as a Point of Entry into the Healthcare System? Evaluating the Motivating Factors behind the Use of CAM services by the Hispanic/Latinx Population*. Presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- Vergara, A.,** Carter, S. (2019). *#Amamantar: Global Breastfeeding Representations Targeting Hispanic/Latinx populations*. Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- Vergara, A.** (2019). *Netflix and the New Sociological Lens: Everyday Use of the Sociological Imagination*. Upcoming presentation at North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Cincinnati, OH.
- Vergara, A.,** Carter, S. (2018). *#Amamantar: Social Media Representations of Breastfeeding Targeting Hispanic/Latinx Populations*. Presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. Orlando, FL
- Vergara, A.,** Rivera, F. (2018). *Another Way Forward: An Exploration of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) and Psychological Distress in the Hispanic Community*.

Presented at 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.  
Philadelphia, PA.

Nicholson, H., **Vergara, A.** (2017). *Factors Affecting Telemedicine Use in Mental Health Facilities Throughout the U.S.* Presented at the Graduate Research Forum at University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

Rivera, F., **Vergara, A.** (2012). *Complementary and Alternative Medicine: A pathway or an alternative for the Hispanic community.* Presented at the Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence at University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

Cohn, M., Remy, C., **Vergara, A.**, Wax, A. (2011). *Is there a stigma associated with gender composition in teams? An in-depth analysis of gender bias in peer evaluations.* Presented at the Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

### **STUDENT ONE-ON-ONE MENTORSHIP (\* Undergraduate/Graduate Thesis Chair/Dissertation Chair)**

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Olmos, Katherine. *The prevalence and determinants of substance use disorders among Hispanic sexual minorities in the United States* Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member. Spring 2024

Namur, Douglas. University of Central Florida. **Dissertation Chair\***. Spring 2024

Damarla, Akhila. *Relationship of Patient Ethnicity/Race/Culture to Physician-Patient Communication: A Mixed-Methods Systematic Review.* University of Central Florida. Burnett Honors College. **Honor Undergraduate Thesis Chair\***. Spring 2024.

Ommi, Elizabeth. *Determining the differences Racial Microaggressions faced by Multiracial versus Monoracial Minority Patients within Healthcare Settings.* University of Central Florida. Burnett Honors College. **Honor Undergraduate Thesis Chair\***. Spring 2024.

Yazdiya, Abigail. *Effects of Language Differences on Healthcare Barriers Experienced by Arab Americans.* University of Central Florida. Burnett Honors College. **Honor Undergraduate Thesis Chair\***. Spring 2024.

Guadalupe, Jean. University of Central Florida. Burnett Honors College. **Honor Undergraduate Thesis Chair\***. Spring 2023.

Gabriel, Daniel. University of Central Florida. Burnett Honors College. Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member. Spring 2023

Carson, Saphronia. University of Central Florida. *Constructions of Pregnant and Fetal Bodies in*

*Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* Graduate Thesis Committee Member. Spring 2023.

Lugo, Maria. University of Central Florida. Burnett Honors College. **Honor Undergraduate Thesis Chair\***. Fall 2022.

Jacobs, Eliana. University of Central Florida. *Diabetes Mellitus Among Black/African Americans: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Epigenetics Research*. Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member. Fall 2022.

Combs, Sean. University of Central Florida. *It is Deaf, not Death! Social Inequalities and Health*. Graduate Independent Study Faculty Advisor. Fall 2022

Alonso Domech, Carolina. University of Central Florida. *History of the Cuban Diaspora and Responses to July 2021 Protest in Cuba: An in-depth Examination of an Emerging Social Movement*. **Masters Thesis Chair\***. Fall 2022

Matos, Emely. University of Central Florida. *A Critical Intersectional Analysis of Black Doulas' Experiences in Maternal Healthcare*. Graduate Thesis Committee Member. Summer 2022

Damarla, Akhila. University of Central Florida. *Culturally Responsive Care and Patient-Centred Attitudes in the Medical Institution*. Undergraduate Independent Study Faculty Advisor. Summer 2022

Watkins, Chloe. University of Central Florida. *Are Social Factors Hindering Infant and Maternal Survivability rates for African Americans in the United States?* Committee Chair Masters Comprehensive Examination. Department of Biomedical Sciences. Summer 2022

Gallot, Jennifer. University of Central Florida. *The Impact of Race/Ethnicity on Obstetric and Gynecologic Diagnoses and Treatment*. Undergraduate Independent Study Faculty Advisor. Summer 2022

Senecharles, Maya. University of Central Florida. *Representation of the Mental Health of Black Women*. Undergraduate Directed Research Faculty Advisor. Spring 2022

Cal, Camila. University of Central Florida. *La Carroza Dorada*. Department of English Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member. Spring 2022.

Mendez, Aixa. University of Central Florida. *Qué pasa? BASTA! The Adventure of Colonialism in Puerto Rico at the Wake of Hurricane Maria*. Graduate Independent Study Faculty Advisor. Fall 2021

Namur, Douglas. University of Central Florida. *Social Inequalities Comprehensive Examination Study Guide*. Graduate Independent Study Faculty Advisor. Fall 2021

Matos, Emely. University of Central Florida. *Content Analysis of Community Doulas' Impact on Women of Color with Low-income*. Graduate Directed Research Faculty Advisor. Fall 2021

\*Resulting coauthored paper presented at SDA Annual Meeting, October 2021

Cahow, Juliet. University of Central Florida. Department of Sociology. *The Girlhood Double-Standard: Girl's Perceptions of Gendered Classroom Expectations*. Student Scholar Symposium Faculty Mentor Spring 2021

\*\$500 Scholarship winner in Social Sciences category

Eisenstark, Lyndsey. University of Central Florida. Department of Sociology. *Sorority Women in Stem and Impostor Syndrome*. Student Scholar Symposium Faculty Mentor Spring 2021

Quamina, Pavia. University of Central Florida. Department of Sociology. *Differences in Racial Disparities for Childbirth Mortality Rates: Why are Black Women Dying?* Student Scholar Symposium Faculty Mentor Spring 2021

Cahow, Juliet. Burnett Honors College. *The Girlhood Double-Standard: Girl's Perceptions of Gendered Classroom Expectations*. Honors in the Major Thesis Co-Chair Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

Poulsen, Julie. University of Central Florida. *The Sociology of Media and Culture*. Research Faculty Advisor. Fall 2020

Matos, Emely. University of Central Florida. *Content Analysis of Community Doulas' Impact on Women of Color with Low-income*. Undergraduate Independent Study Faculty Advisor. Summer 2020

\*Resulting coauthored paper presented at SSS Annual Meeting, April 2021

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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Faculty Keynote Speaker, *Navigating Success: The Impact of Latin American Student Presence on Academic Achievement in a Hispanic-Serving Institution*. First ISLAC Global Symposium: Mapping Contemporary Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean. College of Arts and Sciences. University of South Florida. Tampa, FL. Spring 2024

Invited Faculty Panelist. *The Research Journey: Panel for Undergraduate Students*. Office of Undergraduate Research. Introduction to Research Panel. Burnett Honors College. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL. Spring 2024

Invited Faculty Panelist and Moderator. “*Redefining Internationalism: What does it Mean?*” UCF Global Perspectives & International Initiatives International Education Week. UCF Global. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL. Fall 2023

Invited Faculty Panelist and Moderator. GPII hosted a panel discussion titled: Redefining Internationalism. The panel included esteemed scholars and community experts who addressed the rapidly changing world and how individuals from different background fit within its context. The conversation included insightful personal perspectives on how it can be both a scourge and great opportunity for growth. Panelists included Dr. Fernando Rivera, Director of the Puerto Rico Research Hub; Dr. Sandra Sousa, Associate Professor of Portuguese at UCF's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures; Dr. Francisco Fernandez-Rubiera, Professor at the College of Arts and Humanities and Honorary Consul of Spain; and Marlyn Bonzil-Juste, Chairwoman for Greater Haitian American Chamber of Commerce in Orlando.

Faculty Keynote Speaker, *Social Media, Bias, and Breastfeeding: A Latinx Psychosociological Approach*. Department of Sociology and Anthropology Spring 2023 Colloquium. Co-Sponsored by the Psychology Department, CLACS, and WGSS. St. John's University, New York, NY. Spring 2023

Invited Faculty Panelist, *The Hispanic/Latinx Experience in the United States*. FAMU Law Review-Hispanic American Law Student Association (HALSA) Symposium. College of Law. Florida A & M University. Orlando, FL. Spring 2023

Invited Lecturer, January 2023: "Hispanic/Latinx; Culture and Identity in the United States". Undergraduate Student Workshop. College of Business and Public Management. School of Criminal Justice and Public Administration. Kean University. Union, NJ

Invited Lecturer, September 2022: "Hispanic/Latinx Culture and Racial/Ethnic Stereotypes: Acculturation and Assimilation: Criminal Justice System, Health Care, and the Workforce". Undergraduate Student Workshop. College of Business and Public Management. School of Criminal Justice and Public Administration. Kean University. Union, NJ

Invited Lecturer, March 2022: "Medical Sociology Training: Health Inequities and Sociological Factors Affecting Health Care Access" Multicultural Association of Pre-Health Students at UCF. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL

Invited Speaker, December 2021: "Emotional Regulation and Distress Tolerance During the Holidays" QLatinx. Orlando, FL

Invited Lecturer, November 2020: "Medical Sociology and Minority Health" Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law. Undergraduate Student Workshop. University of Florida. Gainesville, FL.

Invited Faculty Panelist, October 2020: “Latinos Stand Together Against Covid” UCF Student Government & Latino Medical Association. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL

Invited Faculty Presenter, October 2020 - Present: Professional Development Seminar Faculty Mentoring Panel Session. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL

Invited Faculty Panelist, September 2020: “What’s in a Name? Latin/a/o/x a Discussion” Virtual Event. Orlando, FL

Panelist, February 2020: “Decolonizing your Syllabus: Creating a Curriculum” Department of Sociology. Graduate Student Workshop. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL.

Invited Lecturer, January 2020: “Minorities in American Society: Hispanic/Latinx Population” Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law. Undergraduate Student Workshop. University of Florida. Gainesville, FL.

Invited Lecturer, September 2019: “Minority Population: Hispanic/Latinx in America” Department of Sociology. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL.

Invited Faculty Presenter, Summer 2018: “Stress, Emotions, and Healthy Communication: A Biopsychosocial Approach to Health”. 6<sup>th</sup> Hispanic Health Conference. New York, NY. Arlington, TX. Commerce, CA.

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

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**Summer Mentor Fellowship**  
**University of Central Florida**  
Department of Sociology  
Advisor: Fernando Rivera, Ph.D.

**Summer 2016**

## **AWARDS**

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- UCF Sociology Department Faculty Excellence in Research Award **May 2024**
- UCF Graduate Student Research Paper Award **May 2020**
- UCF Graduate Student Research Paper Award **May 2019**
- Summer Mentorship Program **Summer 2016**

## **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY**

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Invited Speaker, October 2022: “Uniquely Sociology” Department of Sociology Podcast.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxGgXsPBDTo>

Interview Article, April 2022: “Mujeres Latinas e Hispanas enfuerzan representación en puestos de liderazgo y posiciones administrativas”



[http://www.nicholsonstudentmedia.com/knightly\\_latino/mujeres-latinas-e-hispanas-enfuerzan-representacion-en-puestos-de-liderazgo-y-posiciones-administrativas/article\\_6dbb3dd0-962c-11eb-8bc4-e704299a46ed.html](http://www.nicholsonstudentmedia.com/knightly_latino/mujeres-latinas-e-hispanas-enfuerzan-representacion-en-puestos-de-liderazgo-y-posiciones-administrativas/article_6dbb3dd0-962c-11eb-8bc4-e704299a46ed.html)

Invited Panelists, March 2022: “Race, Ethnicity, and Sex” The Sex Café Podcast.  
<https://rss.com/podcasts/thesexcafe/455527/>

Newspaper Article, March 2022: “Let’s talk about sex: UCF professor hosts Sex Cafe Podcast” <https://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/education/os-ne-ucf-professor-podcast-about-sex-20220405-h3q66mq2pncbpazeotrpk24obe-story.html?fbclid=IwAR0pRRJoWnh6bOKjzSZwAEPSL3XjXQuYm87BQ6Ax0tqEmrwG8kZZ14cw5NY>

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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### Leadership Positions

NSF REU/RET Faculty Mentor. Citizen Science GIS. Department of Sociology, Spring 2022 - Present.

Chair, PR/Social Media Committee. Department of Sociology, Spring 2021 – Present.

Member, Departmental Graduate Comprehensive Examination: Social Inequalities Grading Committee. Department of Sociology, Spring 2021 – Spring 2023

Member, Departmental Graduate Program Committee. Department of Sociology, Spring 2021 – Present

### Professional Service

Faculty Judge, UCF Student Scholar Symposium. College of Sciences. University of Central Florida. Spring 2024

Faculty Presenter. *CV/Resume Writing Workshop*. Department of Sociology. University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL. Spring 2024

Subcommittee Award Chair. *SWS Barbara Rosenblum Scholarship for the Study of Women and Cancer*. Sociologists for Women in Society. Spring 2024

Moderator, *Breakfast with Scholars: Mindfulness and Well-being in Academia*. Sociologists for Women in Society. New Orleans, LA. Spring 2023

Moderator, *Navigating the Conflicts Around Scholar Activism: Co-Sponsored by the Student Caucus and Academic Justice Committee*. Sociologists for Women in Society. New Orleans, LA. Spring 2023

Faculty Presenter, First Year Experience at UCF. Transfer Students and Family Orientation. Well-Being at UCF. (In Spanish). University of Central Florida. Fall 2022

Anonymous (double-blind) Peer Reviewer. *UCF Research Foundation – Understanding and Advancing Racial Equity on Social Media*. Fall 2022.

Anonymous (double-blind) Peer Reviewer. *Sociological Inquiry*, Summer 2022.

Mentor, Alpha Kappa Delta. Spring 2022.

Faculty Judge, UCF Student Scholar Symposium. College of Sciences. University of Central Florida. Spring 2022

Presider, Experiences with Interpersonal Violence. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. April 2022.

Moderator, Rethinking Feminist Sociologies in the Era of Global Pandemics. Southern Sociological Society. Birmingham, AL Spring 2022

Committee Member, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Program. English Department Mentor. Burnett Honors College. Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Sociology Faculty Representative, Department of Sociology, Co-Listed Courses Collaboration Initiative. UCF/VC Downtown. Fall 2021

Faculty Facilitator, Syllabi Workshop. Department of Sociology. University of Central Florida. Spring 2021

Presider & Discussant, Reproductive Experiences on the Margins \*Co-Sponsored by SWS – South and SSS Committee on Gender and Sexuality. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference, April 2021.

Presider, Racializing Women's Health. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference, April 2021.

Faculty Member, High Impact Practices (HIP) Course Coach Scholarship Program. Division of Student Learning and Academic Success. University of Central Florida. Spring 2021.

\* Spring 2021: Data Analysis Class: Mentor two student coaches

1. Undergraduate student received a scholarship of \$300

2. Graduate student received scholarship of \$300

Faculty Member, SWS Latin Liberatory Praxis Group. Sociologist for Women in Society. Spring 2021 – Present

Faculty Research Mentor, Honors Independent Research Program. UCF/Valencia College Downtown. Fall 2020 – Present

Anonymous (double-blind) Peer Reviewer. *The Pegasus Review: UCF Undergraduate Research Journal*, 2020

Presider, Latina/Latino Sociology Roundtables. Table: Institutions and Community. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual Conference, August 2020.

### Teaching Development

UCF Summer Faculty Development Institute: Career Development: Classroom to Careers Track. Spring 2024

UCF Summer Faculty Development Institute: Hispanic Serving Institution Track. Spring 2023

Introduction to Sociology (SYG2000) Quality Online Course Designation. Center for Distributed Learning. Fall 2021

Alpha Kappa Delta and Teaching & Learning. Workshop on Teaching Theory. Spring 2021

TLC-z Teaching with Lecture Capture: Zoom Edition Certificate. Faculty Development. Center for Distributed Learning. Spring 2021.

Alpha Kappa Delta and Teaching & Learning. Workshop on Teaching Research Methods. Spring 2021.

Essentials of Online Teaching Certification. Orlando, FL. Center for Distributed Learning. Summer 2020. University of Central Florida.

Digital Professor Certification. Orlando, FL. Faculty Development. Summer 2020. Valencia College.

Summer Faculty Development Conference. Orlando, FL. 2020 Diversity Track: Diversity and Inclusion: Navigating Difficult Conversations on Campus. Summer 2020. University of Central Florida. Cancelled due to COVID-19.

Women Faculty Mentoring and Networking Community. Orlando, FL. New Women Faculty Track. Spring 2020. University of Central Florida

Faculty Development. Orlando, FL. SEED I: Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity Track. Summer 2019. Valencia College

### Other University Service

Graduate Faculty Member, College of Graduate Studies. Applied Sociology, Domestic Violence, and Medical Sociology MA track. Sociology PhD. Fall 2020 – Present

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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**Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certified** **2017 – Present**  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

- Completed training

**Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certified** **2014**  
Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

- Completed training

**Question, Prevent, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper** **2010**  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

- Completed training

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** **2010**  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

- Completed training

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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### **Professional Memberships**

- American Sociological Association
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Southern Sociological Society
- Sociologist for Women in Society - South
- American Psychological Association
- Tau Sigma National Honor Society
- Alpha Kappa Delta
- Psychological Society at the University of Central Florida

## **SKILLS**

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### **Languages**

- Fluent in English, Spanish, and working knowledge in French

**Computer Skills**

- Microsoft Office Applications – Experienced in Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Publisher
- PAWS Statistics 18 Software
- STATA Statistic Software
- DARS – Degree audit system
- NVIVO