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Education

- 2003 **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**
Ph.D. Degree in Sociology
Dissertation: “Exploring the Pathways that Mediate the Relationship
Between Acculturation and Depression among Latinos”.
Advisor: Dan R. Hoyt.
- 1998 **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**
Master Degree in Sociology.
Thesis: “The Role of Fathers in Latino Families”. Advisor: Paul R. Amato
- 1996 **University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus**
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. Cum-Laude.

Teaching and Work Experience

- 2016-2018 **University of Central Florida**
Position: UCF Global Faculty Fellow
Part time position to help the UCF Global team with the comprehensive
internalization of UCF and providing support for the following activities:
International Education Week events, Faculty Center for Teaching and
Learning Summer Conference and other faculty outreach events, College
and Department visits, UCF Global Student Council, the Intercultural
Core Competencies initiative among others.
- 2015-2016 Position: Provost Faculty Fellow
Assisted the Provost and the Vice Provost for Teaching and
Learning and Dean of Undergraduate Studies on the University of Central
Florida Integrated Planning and Advising for Student Success in Higher
Education (iPASS): Mapping and Tracking for Success program and
assisted also with The Innovative Teaching and Learning Team.
Assisted the Vice Provost for International Affairs and Global Strategies
and her leadership team on a Distinguished Speaker Series with the Centro
Universitario Das Cataratas (Brazil), served as search committee chair for
the English Language Institute Director position, and assisted with other
initiatives including collaborative efforts with the University of
Cienfuegos (Cuba), assessing measures on intercultural knowledge and
global learning, among others.
Assisted the Vice Provost and the Office of Faculty Excellence staff on the
priority setting and strategy committees in response to the Collaborative
on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) survey results.

Along with the other Provost Faculty Fellow, Dr. William Self, assisted the Provost with the structural organization of UCF which resulted in a UCF Senate resolution (Resolution 2016-2017-14). I also worked on passing a UCF Senate resolution for the evaluation of associate professors to the rank of full (Resolution 2016-2017-18). We also put together a faculty-gathering event titled "Faculty Fridays".

- 2015-2017 Position: Associate Chair, Department of Sociology
As associate chair I assisted the Chair in the administration of department business (except for faculty salaries and promotion) and took the responsibilities of the Chair when the Chair was away from the University.
- 2011-2013 Position: Faculty-in-Residence McNair Scholars Program
Advised McNair scholars and travel with the scholars to the McNair Scholars Research Conference at the University of Puerto Rico, University of Delaware, and the University of Maryland-College Park.
- 2011-current Position: Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
Courses taught: Family Trends (face to face and online), General Sociology, Medical Sociology (face to face, honors, graduate, and on-line), Patterns of Mental Health in Society, Social Determinants of Health, Social Research in the Family (Graduate), Race and Ethnicity (Graduate).
- 2005-2011 Position: Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology
- 2003-2005 **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**
Position: Postdoctoral Fellow
Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research
- 1998-2000 **University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez Campus**
Position: Instructor
Department of Social Sciences
Courses taught: Introduction to Social Sciences I and II, Sociology of Health, Criminology.
- 1996-1998,
2000-2001 **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**
Position: Graduate Teaching Assistant
Department of Sociology
Courses taught: Introduction to Sociology, Marriage & Family, Nationality and Race Relations.

Research and Teaching Interests

Sociology of Mental Health, Medical Sociology, Latino/a Sociology, Race

and Ethnicity, Disasters, Family

Publications

Research Monographs

Kapucu, Naim, Hawkins, Christopher, and **Fernando I. Rivera**. (Eds.) 2013. *Disaster Resiliency: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Routledge: Taylor & Francis Group. ISBN: 978-0-415-62689-7

Rivera, Fernando I. and Naim Kapucu. 2015. *Disaster Vulnerability, Hazards, and Resilience: Perspectives from Florida*. Springer International Publishing, Switzerland. ISBN 978-3-319-16452-6

Rivera, Fernando I. (Editor). *Emerging Voices in Natural Hazards Research. Special Populations*. Elsevier Publishing Co. (forthcoming November 2018).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Burgos, Giovanni, **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Marc Garcia. 2017. "Contextualizing the Relationship between Culture and Puerto Rican Health: Towards a Place-Based Framework of Minority Health Disparities" *CENTRO: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*, Vol. 29, 3, 36-73.

Aranda, Elizabeth and **Rivera, Fernando I.** 2016 "Puerto Rican Families in Central Florida: Prejudice and Discrimination and their Implications for Successful Integration" *Women, Gender, and Families of Color*, Vol. 4, 1, 57-85.

Rivera, Fernando I. Kapucu, Naim, and Christopher Hawkins. 2015 "Rural Community Disaster Resiliency: Self-Organizing Collective Action among Farmworkers in Central Florida" *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*, Vol. 33, 2, 213-227.

Kapucu, Naim, Hawkins, Christopher, and **Fernando I. Rivera**. 2013 "Disaster Preparedness and Resilience for Rural Communities" *Risk, Hazards, and Crisis in Public Policy*, Vol. 4, 4, 215-233.

Burgos, Giovanni and **Fernando I. Rivera**. 2012 "Residential Segregation, Socioeconomic Status, and Disability: A Multilevel Study of Puerto Ricans in the United States" *CENTRO: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*, Vol. 24, 2, 14-47.

Rivera, Fernando I. and Giovanni Burgos. 2012. "A Review of Body Mass Index Reduction Interventions among Mexican Origin Latinos and

Latinas”. *California Journal of Health Promotion*, Vol. 10, Special Issue: Health Disparities in Latino Communities, 99-113.

Rivera, Fernando I. 2012. "Cultural Mechanisms in the Exchange of Social Support among Puerto Ricans Help after a Natural Disaster”. *Qualitative Health Research*, Vol. 22, 6, 801-809.

Rivera, Fernando I., Irene Lopez, Peter J. Guarnaccia, Ramirez, Rafael, Canino, Glorisa, and Bird, Hector. 2011. “Perceived Discrimination and Antisocial Behaviors in Puerto Rican Children” *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, Vol. 13, 3, 453-461.

Rivera, Fernando I., Lieberman, Leslie S, Rivadeneyra, Gloria, and Sallas, Anita. 2010. “Using a Social Marketing Framework to Transform an Education Program: Lessons from the Hispanic Obesity Prevention and Education (PESO) Program”. *Social Marketing Quarterly*, Vol. 16, 2, 2-17.

Rivera, Fernando I. and Giovanni Burgos. 2010 “The Health Status of Puerto Ricans in Florida”. *CENTRO: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*, Vol. 22, 1, 198-271.

López, Irene, **Fernando Rivera,** Rafael Ramirez, Peter J. Guarnaccia, Glorisa Canino, and Héctor R. Bird. 2009. “Ataques de Nervios and Its Association to Psychopathology in Puerto Rican Children”. *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, Vol. 197, 12, 923-929.

Burgos, Giovanni and **Fernando I. Rivera.** 2009. “The (In) Significance of Race and Discrimination among Hispanic Youth: The Case of Depressive Symptoms”. *Sociological Focus*, Vol. 42, 2, 152-171.

Rivera, Fernando I., Peter J. Guarnaccia, Norah Mulvaney-Day, Julia Lin, Maria Torres and Margarita Alegría. 2008 “Family Cohesion and its Relationship to Psychological Distress among Latino Groups”. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, Vol. 30, 3, 357-378.

Ford, Jason A. and **Fernando I. Rivera.** 2008. “The Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs among Hispanics”. *Journal of Drug Issues-Special Issue- Explaining Contemporary Hispanic Drug Use/Abuse: Issues and Challenges*, Vol. 38, 1, 285-310.

Rivera, Fernando I. 2007. “Contextualizing the Experience of Young Latino Adults: The Relationship between Acculturation and Depression”. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, Vol. 9, 3. 237-244.

Rivera, Fernando I. 2005. “Acculturation, Perceived Discrimination, and Depression Among a Sample of Latino Youth”. *Psychline: Journal of*

Hispanic American Psychiatry, Vol 4, 5, 18-29.

Torres-Stone, Rosalie., **Rivera, Fernando I.**, and Berdahl, Terceira. 2004. "Predictors of Depression among Non-Hispanic Whites, Mexicans, and Puerto Ricans: A Look at Race/Ethnicity as a Reflection of Social Relations" *Race and Society*, Vol. 7, 2, 79-94.

Amato, Paul R. and **Fernando Rivera**. 1999. "Paternal Involvement and Children's Behavior Problems". *Journal of Marriage & the Family* Vol.61, 2, 375-384.

Book Chapter

Rivera, Fernando I. and J. Scott Carter (In-Press). "The Future is Now: Colorblindness, Diversity, and the College Experience. Racial Differences in Perception of the Racial Campus Climate and Other Racial Issues" in *Underneath the Thin Veneer: Critical Diversity, Multiculturalism, Inclusion in the Workplace a volume of Studies in Critical Social Sciences*. Edited by D. Embrick, S. Collins, and M. Dodson. New York, NY: Brill.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters (* indicates student author)

Kapucu, Naim, Hawkins, Christopher V., and **Rivera, Fernando I.** 2013. "Disaster Resiliency: Interdisciplinary Perspectives" Pp. 15-20 in *Disaster Resiliency: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, edited by Kapucu, N., Hawkins, C. and **Rivera, F.I.**

Rivera, Fernando I. and Marc Settembrino* 2013. "Sociological Insights on the Role of Social Capital in Disaster Resilience" Pp. 48-60 in *Disaster Resiliency: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, edited by Kapucu, N., Hawkins, C. and **Rivera, F.I.**

Kapucu, Naim, Hawkins, Christopher V., and **Rivera, Fernando I.** 2013. "Emerging Research in Disaster Resiliency and Sustainability: Implications for Policy and Practice" Pp. 355-358 in *Disaster Resiliency: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, edited by Kapucu, N., Hawkins, C. and **Rivera, F.I.**

Carter, Shannon K. and **Fernando I. Rivera**. 2011. "Social Constructions of the Non-Prejudiced White Self." Pp. 111-133 in *Studies in Symbolic Interaction*, vol. 37. Edited by Norman K. Denzin. Emerald Group Publishing.

Book Reviews

Rivera, Fernando I. 2008. "Toxic Exposure: Contested Illnesses and the

Environmental Health Movement” by Phil Brown. *Contemporary Sociology* 37, 5, 474-475.

Rivera, Fernando I. 2002. “The Double-Edged Helix: Social Implications of Genetics in a Diverse Society” Edited by Joseph S. Alper, Catherine Ard, Adrienne Asch, John Beckwith, Peter Conrad and Lisa N. Geller. *Contemporary Sociology* 32, 4, 518-519.

Rivera, Fernando I. 2000. “Working with Latino Youth: Culture, Development, and Context” by Joan D. Koss-Chioino and Luis A. Vargas. *Great Plains Research* Vol. 10, 2, 429-430.

Encyclopedia Entries

Rivera, Fernando I. and Giovanni Burgos. 2014. “Stress and Health”. The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society. 2289-2294.

Reports

(* indicates student author)

Rivera, Fernando I. and Marc Settembrino*. 2011. “Social Capital Report: Building Disaster Resilience and Sustainability in Rural Communities in Central Florida”. USDA Award No. 2010-67023-21698.

Other Publications (non-refereed)

Rivera, Fernando I., (2018). "Puerto Ricans are Resilient, but Island Still Needs Our Help after Hurricane Maria" (2018). *UCF Forum*. 301.
<http://stars.library.ucf.edu/ucf-forum/301>

Rivera, Fernando I., (2018) "Some Collisions are Good, Some are Bad..." (2018). *UCF Forum*. 291.
<http://stars.library.ucf.edu/ucf-forum/291/>

Rivera, Fernando I., "It Has Taken Me Years to Understand What it Means to be Latino" (2017). *UCF Forum*. 283.
<http://stars.library.ucf.edu/ucf-forum/283>

Rivera, Fernando I. and Elizabeth Aranda. (2017). “When the U.S. Sneezes, Puerto Rico Already has a Cold”. *Contexts*, American Sociological Association. <https://contexts.org/articles/puerto-rico-already-has-a-cold/>

Rivera, Fernando I. "Should I Stay or Should I Go? A Disaster Researcher's Personal Dilemma" (2017). *UCF Forum*. 272.
<http://stars.library.ucf.edu/ucf-forum/272>

Articles and Other Work under Review or In Preparation (* indicates student author)

Catherine Pérez, Marc A. Garcia, Chi-Tsun Chui, **Fernando I. Rivera**, Mukaila Raji. "Life Expectancies with Depression by Age of Migration and Gender among Older Mexican-Americans". Revise and resubmit status at *The Gerontologist*.

Kelly Kibler, Geoffrey Cook, Lisa Chambers, Melinda Donnelly, Timothy Hawthorne, **Fernando Rivera**, Linda Walters. "Integrating sense of place into ecosystem restoration: a novel approach to achieve synergistic social-ecological impact". Revise and resubmit status at *Ecology and Society*.

Rivera, Fernando I., Kristine Molina and Ethel Nicdao. "Psychological Distress as a Function of Subjective Social Status among Different Latino Subgroups in the USA". Manuscript in preparation.

Rivera, Fernando I., Hannah Torres, and Tim Hawthorne. "Sense of Place, Place Attachment, and Environmental Activism". Manuscript in preparation.

Rivera, Fernando I. and Jose Rivera*. "Perceptions of Recovery of Hurricane Maria in Florida: A Whole Community Approach" Book proposal in preparation.

Arnaldo Perez* and **Fernando I. Rivera**. "Correlates of Depression: An Analysis of Puerto Rican Elderly Women". Manuscript in preparation.

Angela Vergara* and **Fernando I. Rivera**. "Another Way Forward: An Exploration of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) and Psychological Distress in the Hispanic Community". Manuscript in preparation.

Arianna Valle* and **Fernando I. Rivera**. "Narratives of Struggle, Resilience, and Migration of Puerto Ricans after Hurricane María". Manuscript in preparation.

Fernando I. Rivera and Sanya Georgieva*. "Racial Categories in Sociological Research: An Exploration of the Others". Manuscript in preparation.

External Fellowships, Grants, and Contracts

CNH-L: Restoration and Resilience in Coupled Human-Natural Systems: Reciprocal Dynamics of a Coastal 'Lagoon in Crisis'

This project combines the expertise of social scientists, engineers and natural scientists to examine the success of community-based oyster and shoreline restoration beyond the traditional restoration success metrics. Specifically, it will examine impacts on the ecosystem and on the volunteers themselves, 2016-2019. National Science Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator (17%). Total Amount: \$1,600,000. Co-PI Total:

\$256,430. Award No. 1617374.

Building Disaster Resilience and Sustainability in Rural Communities in Central Florida: Applications of Social Network Analysis

This project seeks to assess current hazard mitigation practices, emergency response networks, and disaster recovery methods used by rural counties and rural parts of urban counties in Central Florida. Specifically, the project will address Public Management and Policy, Planning and Rural Community Development, and Sociological, Behavioral and Social Networks perspectives to uncover fundamental relationships governing the functioning of resilient communities in response to disasters, 2010-12. U.S. Department of Agriculture Award No. 2010-67023-21698. Co-Principal Investigator (25%). Total Amount: \$387, 557. Co-PI Total: \$111,316

Household Energy Use Survey, Orange County

Household-level energy use patterns, attitudes, conservation, and efficiency opportunities. Orange County, 2009-10. Co-Principal Investigator (15%). Total Amount: \$15,000. Co-PI Total: \$2,250.

Research Education in Disaster Mental Health

A project, the purpose of which is to investigate the effects of social support and other societal processes and whether they help to buffer, exacerbate, or alleviate the short-and long-term traumatic effects of experiencing a disaster. In addition, it will also investigate these issues utilizing a longitudinal framework in areas that are at risk to suffer a disaster and survey communities before and after the disaster. Dartmouth College, 2006-2008, Principal Investigator. Amount: \$21, 600.

PESO-Programa de Educación Sobre la Obesidad

Addresses fundamental activities in the current Governor's Task Force on the Obesity Epidemic in Florida, the Obesity Prevention Program and the Governor's "Commitment to Prevention" with its emphasis on wellness. Florida Department of Health, Division of Family Health Services, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Obesity Prevention Program- Hispanic Obesity Prevention and Education (HOPE) Funding Mini-grant, 2006-2007. Co-Principal Investigator. Amount: \$4, 727.

Internal Fellowships and Grants

Before the Trauma-Social Support among Puerto Ricans

A qualitatively study about Puerto Ricans in Central Florida and their attitudes towards help-seeking, specifically, their views on their family and social support networks during a natural disaster situation. University of Central Florida, Office of Research and Commercialization, In House Research Grant, 2007-2008. Principal Investigator. Amount: \$7,500.

Honors and Awards

- 2018 **UCF-Latino and Faculty Staff Association**-Puerto Rico Support Recognition
- 2017 **University of Central Florida**-Office of Faculty Excellence-Scroll and Quill Society
- 2014 **University of Central Florida**-Teaching Incentive Program Award
- 2010 **Florida Education Fund**-William R. Jones Outstanding Mentor Award
- 2010 **Bronze Telly Award**-Along with Level 2 Productions recognized in the Education category for Online Course Content for the Medical Sociology course introduction video
- 2006 **National Institute of Mental Health/Dartmouth Medical School**-Disaster Mental Health Research Mentoring Program
- 2005 **University of Puerto Rico/Cambridge Health Alliance Exploratory EXPORT Center: Bridging Communities**-EXPORT Trainee
- 2004 **Family Research Consortium IV Summer Institute**-National Institute of Health Travel Award
- 2001-2003 **American Sociological Association**-National Institute of Mental Health Minority Fellowship Program, Cohort 28 (2001-2002)
- 2000-2002 **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**-Robert H. Larson Minority Fellowship
- 1996-1998 **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**- Robert H. Larson Minority Fellowship

Editorial Positions

- 2018-2021 Associate Editor-*Social Problems*
- 2017-2020 Editorial Board-*Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
- 2017-2018 Trial Editor-Social Science *Natural Hazards Review*
- 2013 Guest Editor-*Natural Hazards Review*

National Research Presentations

- (* indicates student author)
- 2018 Torres, H., Hawthorne, T.L., Altizer*, N., **Rivera, F.** 2018. "A Method for Integrating Sense of Place into Coastal Restoration". Presentation at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans,

Louisiana.

- 2018 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Sociological Perspectives on the phases of emergency management for Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico". Presentation at the Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2018 Valle Arianna* and **Fernando I. Rivera**, "¡Puerto Rico Se Levanta!: Hurricane María and Narratives of Struggle, Resilience, and Migration". Presentation at the Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2017 **Rivera, Fernando I.**, Giovanni Burgos and Marc Garcia. "Assessing the Health Status of Puerto Ricans". Presentation at the Annual Meeting of The American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 **Rivera, Fernando I.**, Hawthorne, Timothy., Walters, Linda., Chambers, Lisa G., Cook, Geoffrey, Donnelly, Melinda and Kibler, Kelly. "Interdisciplinary Approaches to Coastal Restoration: Understanding How Sense of Place Leads to Restoration Involvement and Change". Presentation at the Annual Meeting of The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 Bevc, Christine, Hu, Qian, Kapucu, Naim, and **Fernando I. Rivera**. "Shifting from Routine to Non-Routine: Identifying the Influence of the Everyday in Crises and Extreme Events" Paper presented at the 11th Annual UCF Public Administration Research Conference, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- 2017 Hawthorne, T.L. and **Rivera, Fernando I.**, Walters, L., Cook, G., Kibler, K., Chambers, L. "Encouraging Stakeholder Participation in the Indian River Lagoon through Participatory GIS" Oral Presentation at the Indian River Lagoon Symposium: An Estuary in Peril, Florida Atlantic University Harbor Branch, Ft. Pierce, FL.
- 2017 Walters, Linda; Cook, Geoffrey; Kibler, Kelly; Donnelly, Melinda; **Rivera, Fernando I.**; Chambers, Lisa; and Timothy Hawthorne. "Indian River Lagoon in Peril: Understanding Biodiversity, Water Movement, and Restoration". Presentation at the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival, Titusville, FL.
- 2016 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Ethel Nicdao. "Using the Stress Paradigm and Hispanic Health Paradox to Examine Psychological Distress among Different Latino Subgroups". Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Naim Kapucu. "The Path to Disaster Resilience

in the Face of Climate Change: Florida Perspectives”. Paper presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL.

Rivera, Fernando I. and Naim Kapucu. “Rural Community Disaster Resiliency”. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2014 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Eduardo T. Pérez. “Popular Media and the Sociological Imagination: Insights into a Teaching Sociology Exercise”. Paper presented at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA.

2013 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Ethel Nicdao. “More than Income: Socio-Economic Indicators, Culture, and Psychological Distress among Different Latino Groups”. Paper presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY.

Giovani Burgos and **Fernando I. Rivera.** “Segregation Stress and the Mental Health of Latino Youth”. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY.

2013 Aranda, Elizabeth and **Rivera, Fernando I.**, “Puerto Rican Families in Central Florida”. Paper presented at the Ninth Conference on Cuban and Cuban American Studies, Florida International University, Miami, FL.

2012 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Marc Settembrino*, “Communities and Disaster Resilience: Definitions, Perceptions, and Consequences”. Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems meetings, Denver, CO.

Garcia, Marc*, Garcia, Jesus, A.*, and **Rivera, Fernando I.**” Traumatic Life Events, Chronic Strains, and Self-Reported Health of Elder Mexican-Origin Individuals”. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Denver, CO.

2012 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Marc Settembrino*. “Sustaining Vulnerabilities: Disasters and Rural Resiliency Perceptions and Response”. Paper presented at the Rural Sociological Society Meetings, Chicago, IL.

2012 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Marc Settembrino*. “Bouncing Back: Resilience, Perceptions, and Disaster Emergency Management”. Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA.

Rivera, Fernando I. and Matthew Hiesterman*. “Through Their Eyes: Gaining a Sociological Imagination through Popular Culture”. Paper

- presented at the Southern Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA.
- 2012 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Marc Settembrino*. “Toward a Sociological Framework of Community Resilience”. Paper presented at the 6th Annual UCF Public Administration Research Conference, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- 2012 Aranda, Elizabeth, and **Fernando I. Rivera**. “Latinos/as and Their Incorporation into Central Florida”. Paper presented at The Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IULPR) Siglo XXI: Forging the Future of Latinos in a Time of Crisis conference. New York, NY.
- 2011 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Marc Settembrino*. “Sociological Insights in the Search of the Disaster Resilient Community: Past, Present, and Future”. Paper presented at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV.
- Giovani Burgos and **Fernando I. Rivera**. “Residential Segregation in Puerto Rican Disability: Does Social Class Matter”. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- Rivera, Fernando I.**, Singer, Lindsey*, Canan, Penelope, Pals, Heili, Lei, Lei*, Smith, Katelan*, Landon, Matthew*, and Vines, Paul*. “Residential Energy Use and Conservation: Social Survey Research”. Paper presented at the American Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Marc Settembrino*. “Roles of Behavioral and Social Networks in Building Resilient Communities”. Paper presented at the 5th Annual UCF Public Administration Research Conference, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- 2011 **Rivera, Fernando I.**, Irene Lopez, Peter J. Guarnaccia, Ramirez, Rafael, Canino, Glorisa, and Bird, Hector. “Is it Because I’m Puerto Rican or Because You Say I Can’t Speak English?-Assessing Site Differences in Ethnic and Language Discrimination among Puerto Rican Youth”. Poster presented at The Science of Research on Discrimination and Health. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.
- 2010 Burgos, Giovanni and **Fernando I. Rivera**. “Residential Segregation, Socioeconomic Status, and Disability: A Multi-Level Study of Puerto Ricans in the United States”. Paper presented at the Public Policy and Social Conditions Conference, Hunter College School of Social Work, New York City, NY.
- 2010 Canan, Penelope, Pals, Heili, and **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Ethnic

- Determinants of Residential Energy Consumption and Conservation”. Paper presented at the Sustainable Florida 2010 Conference, West Palm Beach, FL.
- 2010 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Burgos, Giovanni. “Social Support, Mental Health, And Latinos: Do Latino Youth Really Have Higher Levels of Social Support?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Lieberman, Leslie S. “One Size Fits All? A Comprehensive Review of Interventions for Obesity Prevention and Risk Reduction for Overweight, Type 2 Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease among Latinos/as”. Paper presented at Inter University Program for Latino Research Summer Research Workshop, University of Notre Dame, IN.
- 2009 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Burgos, Giovanni. Puerto Rican Health in Florida: What We Know, What We Need to Know? Paper Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Assessing the Health of Central Florida Puerto Ricans; Where We Are, Where We Need to Go. Paper presented at the 8th Conference of the Puerto Rican Studies Association, San Juan, PR.
- 2008 Lieberman, L.S., **Rivera, F.**, Rivadeneyra, G, Sallas, A, Grindle, T, Schooler, D, and Clayton, A. “Hispanic Obesity Prevention and Education: PESO- Programa de Educación Sobre la Obesidad”. Poster presented at Florida Public Health Association Annual Education Conference, Orlando, Florida.
- 2008 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Good to Have but not to Use: Puerto Rican Social Support and Help Seeking after a Natural Disaster”. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2007 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Social Support Among Puerto Ricans”. Paper presented at the REDMH Faculty meeting. Boston, MA.
- 2007 Rivadeneyra, Gloria, **Rivera, Fernando I.**, Lieberman, Leslie S., and Sallas, Anita. “P.E.S.O.-Programa de Educación Sobre la Obesidad”. Poster presented at the H.O.P.E. Best Practices Showcase Event. Orlando, FL.
- 2006 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Perceived Discrimination and Antisocial Behaviors Among Mainland and Island Puerto Rican Youth”. Paper presented at Critical Research Issues in Latino Mental Health. Special Topics in Latino Mental Health Research: Including Children, Comorbid Medical Disorders

and HIV. Santa Fe, NM.

- 2006 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Suffer in Silence: Latinos/as and Support”. Paper presented at the REDMH Faculty meeting. Boston, MA.
- 2006 Burgos, Giovanni and **Fernando I. Rivera** “The (In) Significance of Race and Discrimination among Hispanic Youth: The Case of Adolescent Depression” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 2006 **Rivera, Fernando I.**, Guarnaccia, Peter J., Chao, Zhun, and Alegria, Margarita “Family Cohesion, Family Conflict, and Psychological Distress Among Latino Groups” Poster presented at the Family Research Consortium IV, Third annual summer institute: On the move, Geographic Transitions, and the Mental Health of Families. Spokane, WA.
- 2006 Lopez, Irene, **Rivera, Fernando I.**, Ramirez, Rafael, Guarnaccia, Peter J., Canino, Glorisa and Bird, Hector “The Experience of Ataques de Nervios Among Puerto Rican Children” Poster presentation presented at the Family Research Consortium IV, Third annual summer institute: On the move, Geographic Transitions, and the Mental Health of Families. Spokane, WA
- 2004 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Acculturation, Perceived Discrimination and Depression Among a Sample of Latino Youth”. Paper presented at Critical Research Issues In Latino Mental Health. Mental Health and Addictions Among Latinos: Integrating Assessment and Treatment, San Antonio, TX.
- 2004 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Latino Youth Stress: Family Social Support as a Mediating Factor in the Relationship between Acculturation and Depression”. Paper presented at The Ninth International Conference on Social Stress Research, Montreal, Canada.
- 2004 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Techniques for Teaching Family to a Large Audience: My Personal Experience”. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, MO.
- 2002 Torres-Stone, Rosalie and **Fernando I. Rivera.** “Beyond Hispanic: A Look at Factors that Influence Depression Among Puerto Ricans and Mexicans.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2002 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Acculturation and Depression: The case of Latinos in the U.S.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Milwaukee, WI.

- 2002 Gonzalez-Kruger, Gloria and **Fernando I. Rivera** "Factors Related to the Access and Quality of Mental Health Services to Latinos." Paper presented at the Families and Health Research Conference, Provo, UT.
- 2001 Gonzalez-Kruger, Gloria and **Fernando I. Rivera** "Acculturative Stress Among Latino Mothers." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Rochester, NY.
- 2000 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Deconstructing Myths: Father Roles in Latino Families." Paper presented at the Puerto Rican Studies Association, Amherst, MA.
- 1998 Amato, Paul R. and **Fernando I. Rivera** "Paternal Involvement, Maternal Involvement and Children's Behavior Problems." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 1998 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "The role of fathers in Latino families." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, Missouri.

International Research Presentations

- 2017 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "The City of Orlando as a Place of Study and Innovation" Round Table Panelist. Creative Cities Conference, Orlando, FL.
- 2016 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Communicating Resilience". Paper presented at the 2016 International Crisis and Risk Communication Conference. Orlando, FL.
- 2007 **Rivera, Fernando I.** and Krys Kaniasty "Cultural Scripts and Earthly Realities of Social Support Dynamics in Latinos and US Hispanics". Poster presented at the Stress and Anxiety Research Society Conference, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- 2006 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Social Support and Trauma: Review of Studies with Latinas and Latinos". Paper presented at the IV World Congress on Traumatic Stress: Trauma and Community. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Invited Presentations

- 2018 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Puerto Rican Leadership". Presented at the Puerto Rican Student Association Student Leadership Conference. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- 2017 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Research Reflections on Puerto Rican and Latino/a

- Health”. Research Colloquium presentation at the department of sociology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- 2017 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Supporting Faculty in the Wake of Hurricane Maria". Panel presentation. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- 2017 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Sociological and public health observations on health and health care". Presented at the Health Care panel at the Puerto Rican Day at the Capital event. Florida Capitol Building, Tallahassee, FL.
- 2017 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Puerto Rican Diaspora in Florida". Presented at the local delegation of Central Florida State Legislators. Orange County Commission Chambers, Orlando, FL.
- 2016 **Rivera, Fernando I.,** Santana, Maria C., and Cyndia Muñiz. "Puerto Rico: The Diaspora in Florida". Panel presentation. International Education Week. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- 2016 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Resilience to Cope with Natural Disasters in a Farmworker Community". Presented at the Disasters, Extreme Events, Trauma and Resilience Conference. University of California-Riverside, Riverside, CA.
- 2016 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Puerto Rican Demographics, the Diaspora, Benefits and Challenges". Presented at the August Business Luncheon for the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville, FL.
- 2016 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Latin@ Health Reflections". Presented at The 3rd Annual Parren J. Mitchell Symposium-Racism: In Sickness and In Health. University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- 2016 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Mental Health Stigma in Minority Communities: Sociological Perspectives". Presented at the Multicultural Student Center event-We Weak the Mask: The Mental Health Stigma in Minority Communities. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- 2015 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Research, Academic Life, and Twitter". Presented at the New MFP Fellow Orientation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Research, Challenges, and Opportunities". Presented at the New MFP Fellow Orientation, American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY.
- 2011 **Rivera, Fernando I.** "Behind the Research: A Personal Reflection on my Academic Life". Presented at the New MFP Fellow Orientation,

American Sociological Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Research Experience/Training

- 2012 **Disaster Resiliency and Sustainability Workshop Program**
USDA, UCF-School of Public Administration and Department of Sociology, University of Central Florida-Organizer/Participant
- 2010 **Applied Methodologies for Reducing Obesity in Latino Communities**
Inter-University Program for Latino Research, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, Participant
- 2006 **Export Training Institute**-Condado Plaza Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Participant
- 2005 **Latino Health Research Workshop**, Inter-University Program for Latino Research, Notre Dame, Indiana, Participant
- 2002 **Concepts of Mental Health and Illness among Mexican Americans**
Principal Investigators: Gloria Gonzalez-Krueger, Ph.D. and Lisa Crockett, Ph.D.-University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Responsibilities: Focus group moderator
- 2000-2003 **Latino Research Initiative-L.R.I.**, Quality of Life Study, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Responsibilities: Codebook Construction and Data Analysis
- 1995 **National Science Foundation Summer Undergraduate Research Program**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Participant

Consulting

October 2013-
August 2014

- MCAT Foundational Concepts Sociology Content**
Funding to provide guidance in how to best sequence and structure content into a learning path as part of a tutorial for the MCAT Foundational Concepts. Collaborate on appropriate presentation methods for content. Mentor student content creators in best presentation methods and content, offering feedback on completed/draft videos and offer advice and guidance in how to create quiz questions that test both content and scientific inquiry and reasoning skills (SIRS). Khan Academy.
- April-August 2010 **Latino Overweight and Obesity Education Awareness and Prevention Initiative**
Research funding to developed the following report: "One Size Fits All? A Comprehensive Review of Interventions for Obesity Prevention and Risk Reduction for Overweight, Type 2 Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease among Latinos/as". Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR), Notre Dame, IN. Co-Principal Investigator.

- March-June 2010 **Puerto Rican Research and Public Policy Initiative**
 Research funding to developed the following manuscript: “Residential Segregation and Disability among U.S. Puerto Ricans: The Mediating effect of Social Class in Multi-Level Context”. The Center for Puerto Rican Studies (Centro).Co-Principal Investigator.
- September 2006 **Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative**
 Developing Models of Marriage Education that are Responsive to the Hispanic Culture, Saint Louis, MO Funded by the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- September 2006 **Developing Interventions for Latino Children, Youth and Families**
 April 2008 George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis, MO, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health

Leadership Training

- 2015-2016 **UCF Office of Faculty Excellence**
 Academic Leadership Program
 Program with the primary objective of developing future academic leaders.
- April 2016 **UCF College of Undergraduate Studies**
 IPASS Mapping and Change Essentials Workshop
- October 2015 **EDUCAUSE- Integrated Planning and Advising for Student Success**
 Change Essentials Workshop-Kotter International
 The program equipped participants to apply core principles of effective change.

Media Coverage-Expert Commentary

Hurricane Maria

Interview with Matt Galloway, September 27, 2017. "Scramble to Get Disaster Relief to Puerto Rico in the Midst of Epic Devastation", Metro Morning Show, CBC Radio One 99.1FM for Toronto, Canada.

Interview with Lisa Laco, September 27, 2017."Scramble to Get Disaster Relief to Puerto Rico in the Midst of Epic Devastation", CBC Radio Morning Show for Thunderbay, Canada.

Interview with Craig Norris, September 27, 2017. "Scramble to Get Disaster Relief to Puerto Rico in the Midst of Epic Devastation", CBC KW891 Morning Show for Kichener-Waterloo, Canada.

Interview with Tony Doucette, September 27, 2017. "Scramble to Get Disaster Relief to Puerto Rico in the Midst of Epic Devastation", CBC 97.5FM Morning Show for Windsor, Canada.

Interview with Loren McGinnis, September 27, 2017. "Scramble to Get Disaster Relief to Puerto

Rico in the Midst of Epic Devastation", The Trailbreaker Morning Show, CBC North Radio One.

Interview with David Gray and Angela Knight, September 27, 2017. "'Scramble to Get Disaster Relief to Puerto Rico in the Midst of Epic Devastation", Calgary Eyeopener Morning Show, CBC Radio One for Calgary, Alberta.

Interview with Gregor Craigie, September 27, 2017. "Scramble to Get Disaster Relief to Puerto Rico in the Midst of Epic Devastation", On the Island Morning Show, CBC 90.5FM for Victoria, British Columbia.

Interview with Leisha Grebinski, September 27, 2017. "Scramble to Get Disaster Relief to Puerto Rico in the Midst of Epic Devastation", Saskatoon Morning Show, CBC 94.1FM for Saskatoon, Canada.

Interview with Sheila Coles, September 27, 2017. "Scramble to Get Disaster Relief to Puerto Rico in the Midst of Epic Devastation" The Morning Edition Morning Show, CBC Radio One for Saskatchewan, Canada.

Interview with Matthew Peddie, September 29, 2017 "Hurricane Maria's Aftermath in Puerto Rico", Intersection, WMFE 90.7FM for Orlando, Florida.
<http://www.wmfe.org/intersection-hurricane-marias-aftermath-in-puerto-rico/78508>

Interview with Alban Zamora, November 9, 2017. "Crece el éxodo puertorriqueño a la Florida". Noticias Telemundo, National Broadcast.
<http://www.msnvideo.com/es-us/video/viral/crece-el-%c3%a9xodo-puertorrique%c3%b1o-a-la-florida/vi-BBEMMgb>

Interview with Lourdes Del Rio, February 2, 2018. "¿Regresar o quedarse?: El dilema que vienen los puertorriqueños tras el paso del huracán María", Noticiero Univisión, National Broadcast.
<https://www.univision.com/shows/noticiero-univision/regresar-o-quequedarse-el-dilema-que-viven-los-puertorriquenos-tras-el-paso-del-huracan-maria-video>

Interview with Nancy Alvarez, February 16, 2018. "UCF Knights help hurricane-devastated island", WFTV Channel 9 Eyewitness News, Orlando, Florida.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhS3SX6kGX8>

Interview with Nancy Alvarez, February 26, 2018. "Hurricane Maria: Nearly 3,000 new residents moved to Central Florida", WFTV Channel 9 Eyewitness News, Orlando, Florida.
<https://www.wftv.com/news/local/hurricane-maria-nearly-3000-new-residents-moved-to-central-florida/707570923>

Puerto Ricans in Florida

Interview with Víctor Manuel Ramos, June 15, 2016 "Pulse shooting exposes 'layers of grief' in two communities", Newsday, Long Island Newspaper.
<https://www.newsday.com/news/nation/pulse-shooting-exposes-layers-of-grief-in-two->

[communities-1.11922140](#)

Interview with Anne Schindle. September 13, 2016 "Puerto Rican exodus comes with a human sacrifice". First Coast News, WLTN-TV, Jacksonville, FL.

<https://www.firstcoastnews.com/article/news/health/zika-virus/puerto-rican-exodus-comes-with-a-human-sacrifice/317993026>

Interview with Anne Schindle. September 22, 2016 " Project Zika: Mass exodus from Puerto Rico". First Coast News, WLTN-TV, Jacksonville, Florida.

<https://www.firstcoastnews.com/video/news/project-zika-mass-exodus-from-puerto-rico/77-2370447>

Interview with José Javier Pérez. March 20, 2018 " Migración de boricuas a Florida impacta positivamente su economía". El Nuevo Día, Puerto Rican Newspaper.

<https://www.elnuevodia.com/noticias/eeuu/nota/migraciondeboricuasafloidaimpactapositivamentesueconomia-2407255/>

Interview with Nadeen Yanes, May 30, 2018. "DNC national chairman rallies for Puerto Rican votes during midterm election. UCF professor studying economic, political impact of Puerto Ricans in Florida". WKMG News 6, Orlando, Florida.

<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/dnc-national-chairman-rallies-for-puerto-rican-votes-during-midterm-election>

Media Coverage of Academic Work

Article by Scott Powers, February 3, 2017. "Puerto Rico crisis panel brings it home to Florida". Florida Politics.

<http://floridapolitics.com/archives/231540-231540>

Article by Kim O'Connell for AIA Architect. March 30, 2017. "Preparedness Beyond the Coast: What does resilience mean for an inland city like Orlando?" Architect Magazine.

http://www.architectmagazine.com/aia-architect/aiadesign/preparedness-beyond-the-coast_o

Teaching Materials and Publications

Rivera, Fernando I. and Hyung Sam Park "The Health and Society Reader: Health and Disease in a Changing Environment", Preliminary Edition, Cognella Academic Publishing, 2017, ISBN: 978-1-5165-1548-6 (Proceeds from the reader will be used to create a scholarship for undergraduate students with an interest in medical sociology or the sociology of health)

Rivera, Fernando I. (forthcoming) "Waves of Migration: A Brief History of the Hispanic/LatinX Presence in the U.S." Book Chapter for Hispanics in the U.S. Media edited by Katie Coronado and Erica Rodriguez Kight, Routledge, Francis and Taylor Group.

Teacher Development Activities

- Summer 2015 **UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference**
Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning
University of Central Florida
- Summer 2014 **UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference**
Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning
University of Central Florida
- Summer 2010 **UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference**
Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning
University of Central Florida
International Studies Track
- Fall 2009 **Interactive Distributed Learning for Technology-Mediated Course
Delivery Training**
Course Development & Web Services
University of Central Florida
- May 2007 **UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference**
Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (Diversity Track)
University of Central Florida
- May 2006 **UCF Summer Faculty Development Conference**
Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (SoTL Track)
University of Central Florida
- January 2006 **Classroom Management Strategies**
Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning
University of Central Florida
- 2005 **New Faculty Orientation Workshop**
University of Central Florida
- 2001-02 **Fellow, Preparing Future Faculty Program**
Seminar Topics Included: Undergraduate Assessment,
Professional development, diversity and the college
curriculum, higher education missions and issues, and
instructional technologies.
- 1999 **New Faculty Orientation Workshop**
University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez.
- 1996 **Sociology 995: Teaching Sociology in the University Curriculum**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

1996 **Teaching and Learning Center Workshop**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Seminar Topics Included: First day of class preparation, student learning and retention, syllabi construction, students assessment, instructional technologies, and professional development.

Guest Lectures

UCF

March 2016 **PAD 7827 Network Governance**
“Networks in Community and Economic Development”

February 2016 **College of Medicine. Philosophy of Medicine Club**
“Social Inequality and the Role of Medicine: A Conversation”

February 2015 **PAF 7317 Social Inquiry & Public Policy**
“Social, Economic, and Political Factors Shaping Research”

October 2010/11 **Office of International Studies**
“The Looking Glass Self: Sociological Insights on the Formation of Individual Identities”

September 2010 **Center for Distributed Learning**
Web-veteran presentation “SYO-4400: Medical Sociology”

Kenyon College

May 2012 **Department of Psychology-Cross Cultural Psychology Course**
“Cultural Mechanisms in the Exchange of Social Support among Puerto Ricans Help after a Natural Disaster”

Doctoral Dissertations Supervised-In Progress

Co-Chair. Ting Du "Understanding the Role of Social Networks in Influencing Adults' Physical Activity and Obesity Risk in Unequal Physical and Social Environments with GIS". UCF-Department of Sociology.

Member. Boniface Noyongoyo. "Foodways Adaptations of International Students". UCF-Department of Sociology.

Member. Christine Ittai. "Left out? The Intersection of Race & Class in Women's Maternity Leave Experiences". UCF-Department of Sociology.

Post-Doctoral Supervision

2017-2019 Hannah Torres, PhD.-UCF-Department of Sociology

Doctoral Dissertations Supervised-Completed

2018 Outside Member. Marcelo Julio Maturana. "The Unheard Voices of Nontraditional Students in Higher Education: Learning to Become a Student". UCF-Department of Educational and Human Sciences, Higher Education and Policy Studies.

- 2016 Chair. Alyssa Mullins. "I am asked a question about children at least once a week": Exploring Differences in Childbearing Habitus in Pronatalist Fields". UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2015 Outside Member. Olga L. Bedoya-Arturo. "The Education Pathway to Social and Economic Integration of the Highly Educated Latino Immigrants: The Case of Colombians in the United States of America". UCF-Department of Educational and Human Sciences, Higher Education and Policy Studies.
- 2015 Outside Member. Cherie Boyce. "Organizational Complexity, Emergency Management Plan Adequacy, and Nursing Home Resiliency". UCF-Doctoral Program in Public Affairs
- 2015 Member. Nicole Owens. "The Interspecies Family: Attitudes and Narratives". UCF-Department of Sociology
- 2015 Member. Jessica Racine Jacques. "Women on the Line: A Qualitative Study of Women's Experience of Work in the Beef Industry". UCF-Department of Sociology
- 2015 Outside Member: Marc J. Williams. "Big Ten Athletic Administrators Perceived Effectiveness of NCAA Life Skills Programs". West Virginia University-Department of Curriculum and Educational Leadership.
- 2014 Outside Member: Cihan Demirhan. "Managing Effective Collaboration in Public Security Networks in Fight against Terrorism and Organized Crime: The Role of Trust, Network Leadership, Organizational Culture, and Goal Convergence". UCF-Doctoral Program in Public Affairs
- 2014 Member: Joanna Eisele. "The Effect of Free Primary Education Programs on Marriage for Kenyan Women". UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2014 Outside Member. Elizabeth Schuster. "The Effects of Viewing Sexually Explicit Materials on Men's Body Image Satisfaction, Interest in Pursuing Cosmetic Surgery, and Other Body Enhancement Procedures". UCF-Psychology Department
- 2013 Chair: Tangela Towns. "Predictors of Food Insecurity in 3 Central Florida Communities". UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2013 Chair: Marc R. Settembrino. "When There's No Home to Prepare: Understanding Natural Hazards Vulnerability among the Homeless of Central Florida". UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2013 Member: Anne Bubriski-McKenzie. "Interracial Lesbian and Gay Couples: Navigating

Private and Public Experiences”. UCF-Department of Sociology

- 2013 Outside Member: Cyndia Morales. “Puerto Rican Women in Pursuit of the Doctorate: A Qualitative Analysis of Doctoral Students at a Predominantly White Institution and a Hispanic Serving Institution”. UCF-Department of Educational and Human Sciences, Higher Education and Policy Studies
- 2012 Outside Member: M. Leigh Broxton. “The Relationship Between Nonprofit Capacity Building, Organizational Learning, and Organizational Effectiveness: A Case Study of Strengthening Communities in Central Florida” UCF-Doctoral Program in Public Affairs
- 2012 Outside Member: Fatih Demiroz. “Cross-Sector and Inter-Organizational Collaborative Capacity in Community Disaster Resilience and Sustainability: Evidence from Central Florida Counties”. UCF-Doctoral Program in Public Affairs
- 2012 Outside Member: Nick Lebredo. “Implementing Sustainability Initiatives: A Study of U.S Local Governments”. UCF-Doctoral Program in Public Affairs
- 2012 Member: Earl S. Mowatt. “Affective Reactions of African American and European American Students to Portrayals of Cross-racial Interactions on Television”. UCF-Department of Sociology
- 2011 Member: Chastity Blankenship. “Student Perceptions of Race and Gender Representations within College Textbooks”. UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2010 Member: Deborah J. Barr. “More than Meets the Eye: An Examination of How Marital Conflict Transforms Newlywed Relationships.” UCF- Department of Sociology.
- 2009 Outside Member. Vidya Kamath. “Association between Unirhinal Olfactory Processing and Self-Reported Empathy in Schizophrenia”. UCF, Psychology Department.

Master Theses Supervised-Completed

- 2017 Member. Corey Pomykacz “Sexual Violence and Prescription Drug Misuse: An Analysis Using General Strain Theory”. UCF-Department of Sociology
- 2016 Member. Kensington A. Shields-Dutton. “Attitudes Towards Cohabitation: A Cross-Sectional Study.” UCF-Department of Sociology
- 2016 Member. Diego Plaza. “The Gold Wrapper Standard: An Investigation into the Preference for Larger Condoms”. UCF-Department of Sociology
- 2014 Member. Jessica Kleinberger “Down in the Mouth: Homelessness and Oral Health”. UCF-Department of Sociology
- 2013 Chair. Matthew P. Hiesterman. “High School Students Attending College: A Study of the Dual Enrollment Program and Its Impact on the Postsecondary Institution of Brevard

- Community College”. UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2012 Chair. Mergin Akin. “Exploring Theology and Practice in Islamic Parenting”. UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2012 Member. Evan Chabot. “Thematic Patterns in Millennial Heavy Metal: A Lyrical Analysis”. UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2012 Member. Lindsay Singer Bares. “What is the Effect of Race, Religion, Skin Color, and National Origin of Duration of Processing Permanent Resident Visas” UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2011 Member. Chris McDaniel. “In Search of Satanists: Examining the Accounts of Deviant Religious Practitioners”. UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2010 Member. Lillian O’Connell. “Energy-Use Behavior among College Students”. UCF-Department of Sociology.
2010. Autumn Bishop. “Muslims in the Media: The New York Times From 2000-2008”. UCF-Department of Sociology.
- 2009 Chair. Meagan Arrastia. “Have you Heard? Predictors of HPV Awareness Among a Random Sample of College Students”. UCF- Department of Sociology.
- 2009 Chair. Patrick Sacleux. “A Study of Regional Language and Identities in a Small Occitan Village”. UCF- Department of Sociology.
- 2009 Chair. Tangela Towns. “Race and Health behaviors; A Study of Diabetes among African Americans”. UCF- Department of Sociology.
- 2009 Member. Wendi Kane. “Working Hard and Barely Making it: Explanations for Why the Working Poor Remain Silent”. UCF- Department of Sociology.
- 2009 Member. Nnenia M. Campbell. “Hurricane Katrina and the Perception of Risk: Incorporating the Local Context”. UCF- Department of Sociology.
- 2009 Member. Brandon Presley. “Testing Bias in the Occupational Interview: A Pilot Study on Racial Discrimination”. UCF- Department of Sociology.
- 2008 Chair. Brian Gentry. “Technological Disasters: An Investigation of the Conservation of Resources Theory on Depression”. UCF- Department of Sociology.
- 2006 Member. Michelle Coleman. “The 1980’s and Today; An Analysis of Women’s Subjective Well-Being”. UCF- Department of Sociology.

Honors in the Major Undergraduate Theses-Completed

- 2014 Member. Alexandra Minnick. “Just Eat It: An Examination of the Sociological Factors that Influence the Eating Habits of College Students”. UCF, Department of Sociology, Honors in the Major.
- 2014 Member. Shaun Richardson. “That’s So Ghetto: A Study of the Racial/Socioeconomic Implications Associated with the Term ‘Ghetto’”. UCF, Department of Sociology, Honors in the Major.
- 2013 Member. Katelynn Messer. “Psychological Distress and Substance Use among College Students”. UCF, Department of Sociology, Honors in the Major.
- 2013 Member. Angelo Montagner. “Socio-Economic Influences on the Party Affiliation of Hispanic Voters”. UCF, Department of Political Science, Honors in the Major.
- 2013 Member. Kathleen Ortiz. “Parenting and the off-line impact of Cyber-bullying”. UCF, Department of Sociology, Honors in the Major.
- 2013 Member. Natasha Tate. “Collegiate Perspectives on Sleep and the Relationship between Sleep and Productivity.” UCF, Department of Anthropology, Honors in the Major.
- 2012 Member. Angela Vergara. “What Do You Think of Others who Pursue Cosmetic Surgery? Influences Associated with Perceptions of Cosmetic Surgery. UCF, Department of Psychology, Honors in the Major.
- 2011 Member. Lindsay Dhanani. “Discrimination of Arabs and Muslims in Hiring Decisions: The Role of Multiple Categorization, Perceived Job Fit, and Social Dominance”. UCF, Department of Psychology, Honors in the Major.
- 2011 Member. Marlaine Monroig. “Associations between Positive Health Behaviors and Psychological Distress”. UCF, Department of Psychology, Honors in the Major.
- 2010 Member. Samantha H. Snyder. “Impact of Sport Participation on Academic Achievement”. UCF, Department of Sociology, Honors in the Major.
- 2010 Member. Patricia S. Urdzik. “From the Land of the Inca to the Land of Mickey Mouse: The Trajectory of Female Peruvian Migration to Central Florida”. UCF, Department of Anthropology, Honors in the Major.

McNair Scholars Program Faculty Mentor

- 2010-11 Laura Adarve (UCF-Sociology). “Examining Environmentally Friendly Behaviors: A comparison of Native-and Foreign Born Latinos in the United States”.

Research and Mentoring Program Mentor (RAMP)

Fall 2017-

Current

Jose L. Rivera (UCF-Economics)

Fall 2015-
Spring 2017

Arnaldo Perez Negron (UCF-Biomedical Sciences)

Fall 2013-
Spring 2015

Joanna Borissova (UCF-Biomedical Sciences)
*2nd place winner in the Health Sciences Division for the 2015 Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence
March 2015- UCF Office of Undergraduate Research-Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

Fall 2012-
Spring 2013

Nelson Santos (UCF-Molecular Biology and Microbiology)

Fall 2011-
Spring 2013

Elssy Lopez (UCF-Molecular Biology and Microbiology)

Fall 2007-
Spring 2008

Kaitlin Martinez (UCF-English)

Independent Undergraduate Mentoring

Fall 2017-
Current

Arnaldo Perez Negron (UCF-Biomedical Sciences)
*Judges Choice and Peer Choice award winner in the Social Sciences Division for the 2018 Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence

Fall 2015-
Fall 2016

Taylor Wagner (UCF-Health Sciences, Pre-Clinical)

Fall 2015-
Summer 2016

Bruce Lee (UCF-Sociology)

Editorial Activity

Occasional reviewer for: *American Journal of Community Psychology*, *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, *Anxiety, Stress, and Coping*, *Centro-Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*, *Emerald Group Publishing*, *Family Relations*, *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*, *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*, *Journal of Drug Issues*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, *Homicide Studies*, *Humanity and Society*, *PLOS Currents Disasters*, *Roxbury Publishing Company*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*, *Society and Mental Health*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Sociology Compass*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociology of*

Professional Service

- 2018 **American Sociological Association**-Section Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Early Career Award Committee
- 2017 **American Sociological Association**-Member-Federal Statistics Working Group
- 2017 Panel Reviewer for **National Science Foundation**
- 2017-2019 **Society for the Study of Social Problems**-Member-Board of Directors
- 2017-2019 **Society of the Study of Social Problems**-Chair-Society and Mental Health Division
- 2017 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-Organizer and Presider: Regular Section. Environment Policy; Section of Latino/a Sociology-Best Article Award Committee; Presider: Minority Fellowship Program Research Session. Issues in Health, Well-Being, and Stratification.
- 2017 **Natural Hazards Center Research and Applications Workshop**-Panel moderator, Hazards Research by New Professionals
- 2017 **Southern Sociological Society**-Program committee member for the 2018 Annual Meeting
- 2015-2017 **American Sociological Association**-Minority Fellowship Program Panel Advisory Member
- 2015 **American Sociological Association**-Section of Latino/a Sociology-Book Award Committee
- 2014 Reviewer for **National Science Foundation** Sociology Program Proposal
- 2015-2016 **Society for the Study of Social Problems**- Chair-Accessibility Committee
- 2014-2015 **Society for the Study of Social Problems**-Chair, Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee; Chair-Elect, Accessibility Committee
- 2013-2014 **Society for the Study of Social Problems**-Chair-Elect, Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee

- 2014 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-President: Regular Section. Mental Health.
- 2013 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-Panel Participant: Norma Williams Graduate Student/New Faculty Professional Development Workshop
- 2013 **Natural Hazards Center Research and Applications Workshop** Panel organizer and presider: Disaster Resiliency in Times of Rising Inequality
- 2012 **Southern Sociological Society**-Panel presider: Case Study Approaches to Studying the Environment
- 2011 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-Panel Participant: Norma Williams Graduate Student/New Faculty Professional Development Workshop; Committee Member: Norma Williams Mentoring Workshop Committee and Local Arraignments Committee, Latino/a Sociology Section
- 2011 **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**-5th Annual Symposium Participant: New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming
- 2011 **Southwestern Social Science Association** annual meeting-Organizer and Chair: Modern Families: Diversity and Change
- 2011-2013 **American Sociological Association**-Minority Fellowship Program Panel Advisory Member
- 2009-2011 **American Sociological Association**-Council Member, Section on Latino/a Sociology
- 2008 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-President: Regular Section. Medical Sociology: Medical Professions and Medical Institutions
- 2008 **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**-3rd Annual Symposium, Participant: New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming
- 2007 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-Panel participant: Sociology of Mental Health Teaching Workshop
- 2005 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-Panel organizer and Presider: Regular Section. Mental Health; Chair: Local Arrangements Committee, Section on Latino/a Sociology

- 2005 **Midwest Sociological Society** annual meeting-Panel organizer and President: Providing Change Beyond the Medical and Individual Sphere: Sociological Contributions to the Study of Mental Health and Cirque du Soc: Juggling Teaching and Research
- 2004 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-Panel organizer: Section on Sociology of Mental Health Roundtables
- 2004-2008 **American Sociological Association**-Sociology of Mental Health section Newsletter Editor
- 2004 **Family Research Consortium IV First Annual Summer Institute**-Participant: Life Span, Transitions, Families, and Mental Health
- 2004 **Midwest Sociological Society** annual meeting-Panel co-organizer and President: The Sociology of Mental Health and The Family and The Sociology of Mental Health; Panelist: Looking for an Academic Position in Higher Education in Various Sorts of Institutions
- 2004 **Midwest Sociological Society**-Program Committee Member (2005 Meetings)
- 2003 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-Panel President: Childhood and Family. Undergraduate Research Roundtable Session.
- 2003 **Midwest Sociological Society** annual meeting-Panel Organizer and President: Sociology of Health I and II Learning Communities
- 2002 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-Panel President: Non-profit Organizations, State-Sponsored Social Service Agencies, and Community Action: The Road toward Greater Collaborations and Alliances. Special Roundtable Session. Minority Opportunities through School Transformation (MOST) Program Student Presentations.
- 2002 **Midwest Sociological Society** annual meeting-Panel Organizer and President: Families and Health
- 2001 **American Sociological Association** annual meeting-Panel President: Ethnicity, Gender and Social Inequality. Special Roundtable Session. Minority Opportunities through School Transformation (MOST) Program Student Presentations.
- 2001 **The Latino Research Program Project**-Participant: Advancing the Next Generation of Latino Mental Health Research.
- 2001- 2002 **Nebraska Association of Graduate Sociology Students**-Position:

President

2000-2003 **Midwest Sociological Society**-Ad-Hoc Student Committee Member

2002 -2005 **Midwest Sociological Society**-Committee on Teaching and Learning

2000 **Puerto Rican Studies Association** meeting-Panel Organizer and Chair:
Challenging Views: Toward Critical Perspectives on Latino Families

2000 **Midwest Sociological Society Meetings** annual meeting-Session
Organizer and Presider: Latino Families; Session Discussant: Latino/a
Americans

**Service Committees University of Central Florida
Department of Sociology**

2017-2018 Graduate Committee, Budget Committee, Faculty Search Committee

2016-2017 Advisory Committee-Annual Evaluation and Standards Procedures (AESP)
Chair, Speaker Committee

2016 Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

2014-2015 Departmental Advisory Committee, Geospatial Analysis Cluster Hire

2014-2015 Chair, Personal Committee

2013-2015 Undergraduate Committee

2013 Chair, Faculty Search Committee

2012 Chair, Faculty Search Committee

2011-2015 Facebook Page Administrator

2011-2013 Graduate Committee

2009-2010 Faculty Search Committee

2008-2010 Master Non-Thesis Comprehensive Exam Committee

2006-2011 Undergraduate Committee

2005-2007 Faculty Search Committee

2005 Ad-hoc Committee on the PhD Examination in Sociology

College of Sciences

2016-2017	Recognition and Scholarship Committee
2014-2015	Search Committee-Geospatial Analysis Cluster Hires
2013	Internal Search Committee-Assistant/Associate College of Sciences Dean
2012-2016	Dean's Advisory Council
2011-2014	Dean's Research Advisory Council

University Wide

2018	Office of Administration and Finance -Chief of Police Search Committee
2018	College of Health and Public Affairs -Resilience Faculty Search Committee-School of Public Administration
2017	Multicultural Academic & Support Services (MASS) -Academic Faculty Panel Presentation, 2017 MASS Student Success Conference
2017-2018	Office of Pre-Health Advising -Mock-Interviewer
2017-2018	Office of Diversity and Inclusion -Mentor, Leadership Empowerment Program
2016-present	Office of Diversity and Inclusion -Hispanic Serving Institution Task Force
2016-2017	Office of Faculty Excellence -Advisory Council
2016-present	Student Development and Enrollment Services (SDES) -UCF Excelencia Accelerating Latino College Completion team
2016-2018	Office of the Provost -Dean Search Committee for The Burnett Honors College
2015-2018	International Affairs and Global Strategies (Now UCF Global) -International Affairs Committee Internal Board
2015-2016	College of Undergraduate Studies - Teaching and Learning Downtown Committee
2015-2017	College of Undergraduate Studies - Quality Enhancement Plan Advisory Board

- 2016 **Office of Faculty Excellence**-Strategy Committee- co-Chair
Departmental Leadership Priority Area, The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) survey
- 2015 **Office of Faculty Excellence**-Priority Setting Committee
The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) survey
- 2014-2015 **Office of Pre-Health Advising**-Mock-Interviewer
- 2015 **McNair Scholars Program**- Presenter-Faculty Panel
- 2015 **College of Graduate Studies**-Faculty Judge-Graduate Research Forum
- 2014 **Multicultural Academic & Support Services (MASS)**-Academic Enrichment Presentation, 2014 MASS Student Success Conference
- 2014 **Latin American Student Association**-Hispanic Heritage Month Committee Member
- 2011 **College of Undergraduate Studies**-Search Committee-Vice Provost and Undergraduate Dean
- 2008-2010 **Faculty Senate**-Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee
- Community Service**
- 2014-2017 **The William Averette Anderson Fund for Hazard and Disaster Mitigation Education and Research**-Feeder Council Member
Graduate Student Workshop Committee Member and Organizer (2017)
- 2015 **Florida Education Fund**- Discussant-Sociology and Anthropology Panels, McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program, 2015 Mid-Year Research & Writing Conference
- 2012-2014 **Hispanic Health Initiatives, Inc.**-Executive Board Member/Vice President (May-December 2014)
- 2008 **“Puerto Ricans in Central Florida 1940s to 1980s: A History”**, a project from UCF’s Digital Ethnography Lab with funding from the Florida Humanities Council/National Endowment for the Humanities. Advisory Board Member
- 2006-2008 **Central Florida Partnership on Health Disparities**-Governing committee member

Reviewer for Promotion Cases:

2017 Megan Reynolds, The University of Utah (sociology, mid-tenure review)
2017 Kimberly Huyser, University of New Mexico (sociology, associate)
2013 Irene Lopez, Kenyon College (psychology, associate)
2012 Ethel Nicdao, University of the Pacific (sociology, associate)
2011 Marta Maldonado, Iowa State University (sociology, associate)

References

Available Upon Request