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EDUCATION

2004 Ph.D. Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA
Dissertation title: *Violence and HIV Risk Behaviors among Latina Women with Co-Occurring Disorders*

1998 MPH Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

1990 MSW School of Social Work, State University of New York at Buffalo, NY

1987 BA University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Boston University School of Social Work

Clinical Professor, Clinical Practice (2017-present)
Director Global Health Core, Center for Innovation in Social Work and Health (CISWH) (2019-present)
Director Dual Degree in Public Health & Social Work (2021) and Associate Director (2010-2020)
Co-Coordinator Behavioral Health Specialization (2018-2019)
Clinical Associate Professor, (2011-2017)
Assistant Professor (2005-2011).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: Boston University School of Social Work

2013-present

HB752: *Exploring Culture through Narratives: Human Behavior & Clinical Perspectives.*

Co-designed this advanced elective course with competitive BU curriculum development award.

2005-present

CP 759: *Introduction to Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups*

CP 760: *Differential Social Work with Groups (now CP771- Clinical Practice with Groups)*

CP 809: *Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Intervention*

CP 803: *Clinical Practice and Trauma*

CP 762: *Advanced Group Work*

CP 770: *Clinical Practice with Individuals*

2006-present SSW Elective: *The Puerto Rico Cultural Immersion and Service trip.* A 2 to 3 weeks cultural immersion travel/study course held in Puerto Rico, in collaboration with the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras and the InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico

Other Courses

1994-1996 Instructor, Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA

- *Courses: Cross Cultural Issues in Social Work Practice & Human Development*

1993 Instructor, State University of New York, Brockport, NY

- *Course: Women in Latin America* (Foreign Language & Women's Studies Dept.)

1990-1993 Co-Instructor, State University of New York at Buffalo, NY

- *Course: Women in Latin America* (Women's Studies & American Studies Dept.)
- *Women in Contemporary Society* (Women's Studies Program, American Studies Department); weekly curriculum review meetings with instructors from different ethnic, cultural, religious and socio-economic backgrounds.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Boston Public Health Commission, Boston, MA

2000-2004 Program Manager. Coordinated clinical interventions, evaluation, and research for three national multi-site residential and outpatient addiction recovery programs funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT).

Boston University School of Public Health, Data Coordinating Center, Boston, MA.

1999-2000 Field Evaluation Coordinator. Coordinated evaluation at "Entre Familia," a residential treatment center for Latina women in recovery from substance abuse.

Latino Outreach/HIV Counseling and Testing, NO AIDS Task Force, New Orleans, LA.

1997-1999 Health Educator. Conducted HIV/AIDS education and prevention workshops; developed bilingual, bicultural educational material; conducted HIV counseling and testing; co-facilitated Latino HIV support group and home visits. Coordinated efforts with other New Orleans area HIV/AIDS service organizations.

Language Development Program (LDP), Buffalo, NY.

1990-1994 Bilingual Social Worker. Provided services to families of children with speech and hearing challenges. Made home visits, conducted family assessment and counseling sessions, served as liaison and parent advocate to Buffalo Board of Education, Department of Special Education; facilitated Latino parents' support group.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018-present Expert Panel consultant. National Latino and Hispanic Mental Health Technology Transfer Center. Provide input on educational materials for the Latino community. Presented at Symposium on Violence, Trauma and Mental Health taboos and interventions, Los Angeles, CA. & other National virtual symposiums.
- 2014-Present Co-facilitator, 8-weeks Women of Color Support Group (Fall & Spring). The Meeting Point, Jamaica Plain, MA.
- 2012-2017 Expert Panel Member Consultant, National Hispanic and Latino Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC), Hispanic ATTC Network, Universidad Central del Caribe Bayamon, Puerto Rico.
- 2010-2015 Trainer and Consultant, Casa Esperanza, Inc., Roxbury, MA
Provided staff training on trauma-informed substance abuse interventions, Motivational Interviewing, and other clinical issues. Consultation on other staff training needs.
- 2009 Consultant, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Expert Panel on Education and Practice with representatives from various US States. Assisted with the development of core competencies manual for Working with Women & Girls in Behavioral Health.
- 2008 Coordinator, MSW Student Exchange Program for BUSSW, InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico and University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras (October 19-27).
- 2008 Co-Coordinator, Boston University Institute on Immigrants and Refugees: Addressing Dislocation, Racism, Trauma and Resilience (October 25-26); collaboration of BUSSW and BU School of Education with local and national speakers, as well as practitioners.
- 2007-2009 Clinician/Facilitator, Trauma Informed Group, Casa Esperanza, Inc., Roxbury, MA.

- Conducted a weekly trauma support group in the men's residential substance abuse program utilizing the M-TREM curriculum (Men- Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Model). Provided staff trainings on trauma and related topics.
- 2006-2010 Consultant on Clinical Practice and Research, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) study of Hague Domestic Violence Cases. In collaboration with the University of Washington and University of Minnesota Schools of Social Work. Conducted qualitative interviews and assisted with data analysis and development of manuscripts.
- 2006-2008 Education and Evaluation Consultant, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Save Families from Domestic Violence multi-site study.
- 2007 Evaluation Consultant, Casa Esperanza, Inc., residential substance abuse treatment program, Roxbury, MA. Co-led a program evaluation to learn the views of staff and residents about the effectiveness of the program.
- 2005-2006 Consultant, Institute of Health and Recovery, Cambridge Massachusetts. SAMHSA, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Treatment (FAST) assessment collaborative.
- 2005 Consultant and Interviewer, Brown University and Fenway Community Health Center, Boston, Massachusetts. Multi-site National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) grant: "A Contextual Model of Microbicide Acceptability" Conducted face-to-face interviews and provided HIV prevention education and benefits of microbicide.
- 1995(summer) Research Fellowship: Center for Socio-Medical Research, School of Public Health Medical Science Campus, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

FUNDED RESEARCH

- 2021-2024 Consultant/Cultural Expert, Innovation in Anti-racism to Address the Overdose Crisis- CASA CHESS 2020 Implementation Grant. PI: Jordana Muroff
- 2016-2021 Co-Investigator, *Boston Medical Center & BU School of Social Work Primary Care Training and Enhancement*. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services. PI, Michael Silverstein, MD, Boston (Co-PI, Betty Ruth). Total BMC grant award = \$3,459,790. To BUSSW: \$337,729
- 2016-2019 Cultural Expert, *Smart-Phone Intervention to Reduce Relapse among Latinos in Residential Substance Abuse Treatment at Casa Esperanza, Inc.* (PI: Jordana Muroff). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA). Assist with the Spanish translation and cultural adaptation of smart phone applications and educational materials; work with bilingual research assistants.
- 2015-2017 Cultural Expert, *Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Interdisciplinary Training*. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant in collaboration with BU School of Medicine. Developed script and video recording of SBIRT interviews in English and Spanish
- 2013-2016 Consultant, *Outcome Evaluation of Door-to-Door HIV Outreach for Latinas*. SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT).
- 2008-2013 Principal Investigator, *Outcome Evaluation of Tapestry Health La Voz: Prevention of Substance Abuse and HIV for Latino Reentry Program in Springfield, Massachusetts*. SAMHSA, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). (Co-PI: Lena Lundgren). Grant award: \$337,333.
- 2008-2013 Co-Principal Investigator, *Outcome Evaluation of Tapestry Health HIV/AIDS & Substance Abuse Division; La Voz: Treatment for Homeless*. Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration. (PI: Lena Lundgren) grant award: \$400,000

2006-2015 Principal Investigator, *Voices Boricuas: Injecting Drug Users, HIV Risk Behaviors and Prevention in Puerto Rico*. Boston University School of Social Work: Dean's grant

PUBLICATIONS (*Denotes PhD or MSW student participation in publication).

Martinez LS, Chassler D, Cortes MA, Baum M, Guzman-Betancourt G, Reyes D, López, L, Roberts M, De Jesus D, Stewart E, Muroff, J. (2020). Visual Ethnography: Decriminalization and Stable Housing Equals Motivation, Stability, and Recovery Among Latinx Populations. *American Journal of Public Health* 110(6):840-841. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2020.305575>

Muroff J, Robinson W, Chassler D, López LM, Lundgren L, Guauque C, Dargon-Hart S, Stewart E, Dejesus D, Johnson K, Pe-Romashko K, Gustafson DH. (2019). An Outcome Study of the CASA-CHESS Smartphone Relapse Prevention Tool for Latinx Spanish-Speakers with Substance Use Disorders. *Substance Use and Misuse*. 2019; 54(9):1438-1449. doi: 10.1080/10826084.2019.1585457. PMID: 30931681

Sprague-Martinez, L, Walter, A, Acevedo, A, López, L, Lundgren, L (2018) Context Matters: Health Disparities in Substance Use Disorders and Treatment *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, Vol. 18, 2018 Issue 1, 84-98. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2017.1412979>

López, L, Fonseca, C*, Musoni, O.* (Submitted Nov 2018) Latinas and Health Issues in Carr Copeland, V. (Ed). *Health and Wellness for People of Color in Encyclopedia of Issues, Problems, and Solutions*. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Publisher

Muroff J, Robinson W, Chassler D, López LM, Gaitan E, Lundgren L, Guauque C, Dargon-Hart S, Stewart E, Dejesus D (2017). Use of a Smartphone Recovery Tool for Latinos with Co-Occurring Alcohol and Other Drug Disorders and Mental Disorders. *Journal of Dual Diagnosis* 13(4):280-290. PMID: 28692420

López, L., Vargas, E., Hermanto, J. (2017). Group work with immigrants and refugees. In L.G. Greif & C. Knight (Eds). *Group Work with Populations at Risk. Fourth Edition*, 201-220 New York: Oxford University Press.

Gonyea, J., López, L, & *Velasquez, E. (2016). The effectiveness of a culturally sensitive cognitive-behavioral group intervention for Latino Alzheimer's Caregivers. *The Gerontologist* (56), 292-302. PMID:24855313 PMCID: PMC4906638. DOI: 10.1093/geront/gnu045

Amodeo, M., & López, L. M. (2013). Making effective referrals to Alcoholics Anonymous and other 12 step programs. In R. Saitz (Ed.), *Addressing unhealthy alcohol use in primary care*. 73-84. New York: Springer.

Zerden, L., López, L., & Lundgren, L. (2012). HIV prevention with Puerto Rican injection drug users. In K. C. Organista (Ed.), *HIV Prevention with Latinos: Theory, Research and Practice*. 383-403. New York: Oxford University Press.

López, L., & *Vargas E. (2011). En dos culturas: Group work with Latino immigrants and refugees. In L.G. Greif & P. H. Ephross (Eds). *Group Work with Populations at Risk. Third Edition*.136-152. New York: Oxford University Press.

*Zerden, L., López, L., & Lundgren, L. (2010). Needle sharing of Puerto Rican injection drug users in a dual-site study: Location matters. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 45(10), 1605-1622.
PMID: 20438338 DOI: 10.3109/10826081003682842

López, L., *Zerden, L. *Fitzgerald, T., & Lundgren, L. (2008). Puerto Rican injection drug users: Prevention implications in Massachusetts and Puerto Rico. *Evaluation and Program Planning* 31(1), 64-73.
PMID: 17870164 DOI:10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2007.05.013

Amaro, H., McGraw, S., Larson, M. J., López, L., Nieves, R., & Marshall, B. (2004). Boston Consortium of Services for families in recovery: A trauma-informed intervention model for women's alcohol and drug addiction treatment. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 22(3/4), 95-119.

Sorensen W., López, L., & Anderson, P. (2001). Latino AIDS immigrants in the Western Gulf States: A different population and the need for innovative prevention strategies. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 13(1), 1-19.

Letter to the Editor

López, L.M, Zerden, L. D., Bourgois, P., Hansen, H., Abadie, R., Dombrowski, K., & Curtis, R. (2014). HIV/AIDS in Puerto Rican people who inject drugs: Policy considerations. *American Journal of Public Health*, 104(11), 2030. doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2014.302114

JURIED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (National and International)

López, L, Nathalia Jimenez (March 2021) Virtual Symposium, Covid-19 and Mental Health: Global Perspectives, Challenges and Strengths. In Collaboration with the National Hispanic and Latino, Technology Transfer Center Network and the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua.

Do D, Muroff J, Brinkerhoff C, Chassler D, Cortes MA, Baum M, Guzman-Betancourt G, Reyes D, Lopez L, Roberts M, et al. (2021) *Nuestra Recuperación: Understanding Latinx Spanish-Speakers SUD Recovery Through Photovoice*. Poster presented at the 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (January)

Ruth, BJ, Wachman, M, López, L. (2020) *Social Work in Global Health in the Next Decade: Strategies for Advancing the Workforce*. Social Work and Social development global conference, Calgary, Canada. July, 2020

López, L. Campos, M., Bowers-Sword, R, Loewinthan, P. & Alonzo P. (Nov 2019) *Global medical brigades: Integration of trauma screenings and domestic violence services in Nicaragua*. (poster) American Public Health Association, Denver, Colorado

López, L. (Nov 2019) *Immigration Policy, Discrimination, and Mental Health of Latinx Immigrants*. Moderator for presentation at the American Public Health Association Conference, Philadelphia.

Baum M, Murof, J. Chassler D, López L, Guzman-Betancourt G, Reyes D, Roberts M, Stewart E, De Jesus D, Pe-Romashko K (Nov 2019). *Can app help fill that gap? The CASA-CHESS relapse prevention tool for Latinx Spanish-speakers with substance use disorders*. (poster) American Public Health Association Conference, Philadelphia.

Rohani, M. López, L. Twikirize, J. Twesigye, J. (Oct. 2019) *Innovative approaches in clinical social work education and practice in Africa*. (Oral) International Federation of Social Workers, Africa Region International Social Work Conference, Kampala, Uganda, Africa. Collaboration between Makerere University, Uganda and Boston University School of Social Work.

López, L. (Aug 2019) *Rompiendo Tabúes del Abuso Sexual, Violencia Familiar, y Trauma para mantener la Salud Mental*. (Oral) National Hispanic and Latino Mental Health Technology Transfer Conference, Los Angeles, California.

- Belkin Martinez, D.; DeVoe, E.; López, Luz. (Oct 2019) *All In for Social Justice! Cohort Learning Communities for Faculty & Staff*. (Oral) Council of Social Work Education, Denver, Colorado.
- Baum M, Murof, J. Chassler D, López L, Guzman-Betancourt G, Reyes D, Roberts M, Stewart E, De Jesus D, Pe-Romashko K (Nov 2019). *Can app help fill that gap?: The CASA-CHESS relapse prevention tool for Latinx Spanish-speakers with substance use disorders*. (poster) American Public Health Association Conference, Philadelphia.
- López, L., Sylva Martinez, E. (Nov 2018) *Beyond Hurricane Maria: Collective responses to socio-political trauma*, (oral-roundtable) American Public Health Association Conference. San Diego, CA
- Ruth B, Wachman M, López L (July 2018) *Educating for health equity: Integrating public health approaches into social work education*. (Oral). Social Work, Education and Social Development, Dublin, Ireland.
- López, L, Rohani M, Twikirize J, Piworwarczyk L, Healey L (March 2018). *Sexual violence against refugees and internally displaced persons: A social work response*. (Oral) CRISOWO International Social Work Conference, Rwanda, Africa
- López, L, Hermanto, J, Chassler, D, & Lundgren L. (Nov. 2016). *Substance abuse patterns in Puerto Rico: Lessons from a community based participatory research experience*, (Oral) American Public Health Association, Denver, Colorado.
- López, L, Hermanto, Chassler, D, & Lundgren L. (Jan. 2016). *Heroin and Xylazine combined: A contributing factor to HIV risk behaviors in Puerto Rican drug users*.(Oral) Annual conference, Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC.
- López, L, Mendoza (March 2015). *A La Familia Bilingual Film and panel discussion*. League of United Latin American Citizens. National Women's Conference, Santa Ana, New Mexico.
- López, L, Hermanto, J., Russ A, Chassler, D., & Lundgren, L. (October 2014). *Injection of Xylazine mixed with heroin associated with poor health outcomes and HIV risk behaviors in Puerto Rico*. Oral presentation at the national Addiction Health Services Research conference, Boston, MA
- López, L, Chassler, D, & Lundgren, L, (March 2014). *Addiction, mental health and HIV prevention with Latinos: A global public health social work perspective*. (Oral) International Social Work Conference, Kampala, Uganda.
- López, L, Chassler, D, & Lundgren, L. (July 2013). *Cultural Experience in Addiction and HIV research with Latinos in Puerto Rico and the United States*. (Oral) International Consortium for Social Development, Kampala, Uganda.
- López, L., Ross A., Williams, M., Chassler, D., & Lundgren, L. (October 2012). *Injection of Xylazine: A contributing factor to HIV risk behaviors among Puerto Rican IV drug users*. (Oral) American Public Health Association (APHA) annual conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Ruth, B, Tobia, V., Ross, A., Lopez, L., Hill, E., & Marshall, J. (November 2012). *Mapping the practice of public health social work: Findings from an MSW/MPH program evaluation*. (Oral) American Public Health Association (APHA) annual conference, San Francisco, CA.
- McLaughlin, D, Gianino, M., & López, L. (November, 2012). *In the here and now: Teaching and learning experiential group-work methods*. (Oral) Council on Social Work Education annual program meeting, Washington, DC.
- López, L., Mehrotra, G, Lindhorst, T., & Edleson, J. (November, 2011). *Mothers fleeing to the US for safety due to domestic violence: Hague Convention cases & the Latinas' perspective*. (Oral) American Public Health Association (APHA), Washington DC.
- McLaughlin, D., Gianino M., & López, L. (June, 2011). *Group Work in the Classroom. The Experiential Lab*. (Oral) Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups (AASWG) annual meeting, Long Beach, CA.

- López, L., Mehrotra, G, Lindhorst, T., & Edleson, J. (January, 2011). *Battered Latina mothers fleeing to the US for safety: Hague convention cases & domestic violence*. (Oral) Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.
- López, L, Sheehan, D., Chassler, D., & Lundgren, L. (October, 2010). *MSW Students in Addiction Research with Latinos in Puerto Rico and the U.S.* (Oral) Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) annual program meeting, Portland, Oregon.

REGIONAL, NATIONAL and INTERNATIONAL INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- López, L, Glaser, L, Melian, Jocelyn (Oct- Dec 2021). Nicaragua virtual and in-person intensive six weeks seminar: *Psychosocial impact and health education in the context of COVID-19 pandemic* in collaboration with the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua (UNAN-FAREM), Estelí and the SUPEREMOS FOUNDATION.
- López, L (Sept.2021) Covid-19 Pandemic Impact on Intimate Partner Violence presentation for clinicians. Aspire Health Alliance, Quincy, MA.
- López, L. (June 2021), Presented on the Latino/Latinx immigrant and refugee experience of displacement as part of the *BU Initiative on Forced Displacement (SPHERES) summer intensive* with Dr. Zaman and Dr. Preston. BU presenters and students from all over the world brought rich perspectives from public health, social work and on the ground impact for immigrant & refugees.
- López, L (March 2021) *Latinx migrant families and COVID-19 immigration policies*. Part of 'Research on Tap' with the theme: Migration: How Movement in the World Shapes Populations & Population Health. Organized by the Boston University Office of the Vice-president and Associate Provost for Research and the Boston University School of Public Health.
- López, L & Chassler (March 2021). *Strategies and Digital Technology for Equity and Inclusion*. Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition and Americorps Group, Boston Massachusetts.
- López, L (Oct 2020) *Fiestas y Tradiciones Culturales con Seguridad para el COVID-19*, Webinar in Spanish. MassSupport Network Crisis Counseling, Riverside Trauma Center, Needham, MA
- López, L (June 2020) *Building the Inclusive Classroom: advancing intercultural practice*, Lightning Talk, Center for Teaching and Learning, Summer Speaker Series, Boston University, Boston, MA
- López, L., Palacios, L. Villareyna, K., Castillo, MF (Feb 2020). *Estrategias para manejar el impacto de la Violencia Familiar*. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua, (UNAN-FAREM) Estelí, Nicaragua & Superemos Foundation, Nicaragua.
- López, L & Chassler (March 2020). *Breaking the walls together for Equity and Inclusion*. Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition and Americorps Group, Boston Massachusetts.
- López, L. (March 2020). Research on Tap. *Traumatic separation and dislocation of Latinx immigrant families escaping violence: a social work response*. Organized by the Boston University Office of the Vice-president and Associate Provost for Research.
- López, L & Chassler (Jan 2019). *Breaking the walls together for Equity and Inclusion*, MIRA NAIP Americorps Group, 2018-2019, Boston, MA.
- López, L., Palacios, L. Villareyna, K., Castillo, MF (Feb 2019). *Motivational Interviewing and Family Violence*. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua, (UNAM-FAREM) Estelí, Nicaragua & Superemos Foundation, Nicaragua.
- López, L, Rohani, M (March 2018) *Developing a Trauma-Informed System of Care for Refugees*. Makerere University Social Work Program, Uganda, Africa.
- López, L (Dec 2018) *Family Separation Forum Social Work Perspectives & Resources*. Boston University School of Education, Boston, Massachusetts.

- López, L. (Nov 2017). *Beyond Hurricane Maria: Cultural Trauma, Forced Exodus, Collective Responses from the Puerto Rican Diaspora in the USA*. (Oral) University of Connecticut Collaborative to Advance Equity through Research, Connecticut.
- López, L. (May 2016). *A Social Work Response to Gender Based Violence in Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons*. Center for Innovation in Social Work and Health Symposium, Boston University Schools of Social Work and Public Health.
- López, L. (February, 2016). *Research on Tap. Latinos, Circular Migration & Addiction: A participatory research training on public health social work*. Organized by BU Office of the Vice-president and Associate Provost for Research.

MEDIA Presentations

- López, L. Boston University Diversity & Inclusion Office “*Thriving in Boston*” (January 2020) Video Series. Available on You Tube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSrB_zvLdEc
- López, L. (4/2006) *HIV prevention and microbicides* – Guest Speaker, Women’s Health Today Program, Local (Boston Channel 9). Boston, Massachusetts. April 2006.
- López, L., & Justo, M. *Families, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention* in Hablando de la Salud (Discussing Health) Dominican Republic TV station in Santo Domingo, November 2005.
- López, L. Radio Tropical and La Fabulosa (Latino radio stations). Provided commentary four times per year for programs on HIV and Latinos, New Orleans, LA. (1997-1999).

DVD/digital Video APPEARANCES

- “Thriving in Boston”: Video by the Boston University Provost’s Office for Diversity & Inclusion, Spring 2020, Boston, MA
- Featured in “A la Familia”: Before God we are all Family – Bilingual educational video, Human Rights Campaign, Washington DC, 2014-2016
- Participant in a video-taped focus group on responsible practice and responding to differences and diversity in clinical situations. Study tool accompanying Murphy, B. and Dillon, C. (2013, 2018) *Interviewing in Action in a Multicultural World*, (fourth edition). CA: Thomson Brooks/Cole. This textbook is used by graduate social work and counseling psychology programs nationally.

PEER REVIEWER FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

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| 2015-2017 | Journal of Social Work practice in the Addictions |
| 2015 | Substance Use and Misuse |
| 2008-2016 | Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved |
| 2010-2011 | Substance Abuse Prevention and Policy |
| 2010 | Journal of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (JIAPAC) |
| 2009 | Qualitative Health Research |

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

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| Fall 2020-present | Selected by the Office of President Brown and the BU Faculty Council to be in the <i>Anti-racist Working Group</i> . University wide initiative. |
| Fall 2020-present | Member of the Faculty Council Equity and Inclusion Committee |
| Fall 2019-2021 | Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground - Inaugural Faculty Council Liaison, Boston University, Boston, MA |
| Fall 2018-present | Faculty Recruitment Committee, Office of the Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion. |
| 2018-2020 | BU Faculty Council Alternate Representative and Member FC Equity and Inclusion Committee. |

Spring 2019	Selected Member Inclusive Practitioner Cohort, Office of the Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion
Fall 2016	Member of the BU Hub Satellite Committee on Diversity, Civic Engagement, and Global Citizenship. Convened by BU Provost & BU University-wide general education program.
2017	BU Faculty Council Nominations Committee
2011-2016	BU Faculty Council, SSW Representative 2012-2014; SSW Alternate 2014-2016
2011-present	BU Faculty Council, Equity and Inclusion Committee

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

2021-2022	Member Status Review Committee
2019-2021	Member Admission's Committee
2013-2019	Chair, Equity and Inclusion Committee (Formerly Diversity Committee)
2011-2014	Member, Admissions Review Committee & Equity and Inclusion Committee
2011-2012	Member, Online Program Committee & Equity and Inclusion (Formerly Diversity Committee)
2012-2016	Faculty Advisor, M.U.S.I.C (Currently Sabor Latino), undergraduate Latino dancing/cultural group
2010-2011	Member, Boston University Violence Prevention Task Force
2008-2010	Chair, Technology Committee
2008-2010	Member, Committee on Faculty Assignments
2007-2008	Member, Technology Committee
2005-2012	Member, Diversity Committee

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

2014 – 2016	Third Reader, Anna Rosales. Dissertation Title: Latino Immigrant Child Welfare Involvement & Street-Level Bureaucracy: Caseworkers Experiences within an Organizational Context
2012 - 2014	Third Reader, Michelle Novelle. Dissertation Title: "I'm Still Here": Adolescent Social Orphans in Colombian State Care: The Process of Identity Formation in the Absence of Permanency. Graduation 05/2014.
2012 - 2013	Third Reader, Antonia Basualdo-Delmonico, <i>The Invisible Hand in Youth Mentoring: Parent, Mentor and Agency Perspective on Parental Role</i> . Graduation, 05/2013.
2009 -2013	Outside Reader, Diane Block, Brandeis University, The Heller School for Policy and Management. <i>Is State Policy Associated with reduced Disparity in Alcohol Problems among Black, White and Hispanic Individuals?</i> Graduation, 05/2013.
2009-2011	First Reader, Terry Lewis: <i>The Phenomenon of LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in Black America</i> . Graduation, 12/2011.
2009 - 2010	Reader, Diane Gout, <i>Cultural identity and Familial Relationships as Protective Factors, against intimate partner violence among American Indian and Alaska Native Mothers</i> .
2007- 2009	Second Reader, Lisa Zerden, <i>Acculturation and needle sharing: A dual site study of Puerto Rican injection drug users</i> . Her dissertation data on homeless substance use was collected in Puerto Rico under my direction. Graduation, 5/2009
2006-2007	Third Reader, Therese Fitzgerald, <i>HIV/AIDS Risk Reduction Health Service Utilization among Injection Drug Using Women</i> . Graduation, 5/2007

OTHER STUDENT MENTORING

2012 - 2014	Second Reader, Anna Rosales. Critical Essay. Title: Latino Immigrant Child Welfare
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Involvement & Street-Level Bureaucracy: Caseworkers Experiences within an Organizational Context.

Summer 2014 Collaborated with Professor Betty Ruth to develop summer program for five MSW/MPH students selected for a Global Health Summer Fellowship Program. Provided guidance on literature review, data collection, and qualitative interviews with MSW/MPH alumni to develop scholarly report on the role of public health in global health. Students presented findings at the American Public Health Association conference.

AWARDS

2021 *Excellence in Teaching Award*, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA
2019 *Distinguished Master of Social Work Alumni Award*, State University of New York, at Buffalo (UBSSW), Buffalo, New York
2016 *Outstanding Contribution to Boston University School of Social Work*, Annual Alumni Awards Program, Boston University, Boston, MA
2015 Fellow, *The Partnership* Leadership Program. Selected for a one-year mid-career leadership program designed to strengthen the racial and ethnically diverse leadership in Boston and the State of Massachusetts. <https://www.thepartnershipinc.org/> Sponsored by the BU Office of Human Resources and BU School of Social Work.
2010 *Women of Courage Award* given by La Alianza Hispana, Boston, MA, for contributions to education in Massachusetts.
2009 *Staff Excellence Award*, *Casa Esperanza, Inc.*, for groundbreaking work in the addiction field and commitment to the staff and residents of this residential substance abuse treatment program.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2021 Selected by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), for *Executive leader's education: Understanding Washington*. Washington, DC.
2018 Selected to be Coach: Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration, Women Addiction Services Leadership Institute (WASLI)
2011 - 2014 Executive Board Member, National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter. Elected office voted on by the statewide NASW membership.
2013 - 2017 Member, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
2011 - 2014 Executive Board Member, National Association of Social Workers, MA Chapter
2011-2012 Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Casa Esperanza, Inc., Roxbury, MA
2010-2012 Member, Board of Directors, La Alianza Hispana, Boston, MA
2010-present Member of the Public Health Social Work national working group (PHSW)
2006-2008 National Association of Social Workers, MA - Steering Committee Annual Symposium.
2007- 2015 Member, Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse
1998-1999 Latino Representative, Governor's Commission on HIV/AIDS, New Orleans, LA
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