

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2023 Ph.D. Social Work
Boston University – School of Social Work, Boston, MA
Dissertation title: Brinkerhoff, C. A. (2023). *Brazilian immigrant mothers' social networks: implications for mental health and wellbeing* (Doctoral dissertation).
- 2014 M.A. Applied Sociology
University of Massachusetts Boston – Department of Sociology, Boston, MA
- 2011 B.A. Sociology
University of Massachusetts Boston – Department of Sociology, Boston, MA

RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2024-2026 Principal Investigator. **Brinkerhoff, C.A.**. The Impact of Wage-Theft on the Wellbeing of Brazilian Workers and Their Families. Boston University School of Social Work Small Grants Fund, \$19,700.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Brinkerhoff, C. A. (2024). Immigrant Health Disparities in the United States: Challenges, Structural Violence, and the Role of Social Work. *Clinics Biopsychosocial*, 2(1), 10-17. <https://doi.org/10.54727/cbps.v%25.i36>
2. Martinez, L. S., **Brinkerhoff, C. A.**, Howard, R. C., Feldman, J. A., Kobetz, E., White, J. T., ... & Lobb, R. Strategies to promote language inclusion at 17 CTSA hubs. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*, 1-29. <https://doi.org/10.1017/cts.2024.13>
3. Sprague Martinez, L., Ginzburg, S. L., Ron, S., **Brinkerhoff, C. A.**, Haque, S., England, S. A., ... & Brugge, D. (2024). Communities catalyzing change with data to mitigate an invisible menace, traffic-related air pollution. *BMC Public Health*, 24(1), 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-024-17864-9>
4. Muroff, J., Do, D., **Brinkerhoff, C.A.**, Chassler, D., Alfaro Cortes, M., M. López, L., Jesus, D., Stewart, E., Roberts, M., Baum, M., Guzman-Betancourt, G. & Sprague Martinez, L. (2023). Nuestra Recuperación [Our Recovery]: Using photovoice to understand the factors that influence recovery in Latinx populations. *BMC Public Health*, 23(1), 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-023-14983-7>
5. Buitron de la Vega, P., Dimitri, N., **Brinkerhoff, C. A.**, Stern, A., Damus, K., Miselis, H., ... & Martinez, L. S. (2022). Virtual Reality Simulated Learning Environments: A Strategy To Teach

Interprofessional Students About Social Determinants Of Health. *Academic Medicine*, 10-1097.
DOI: [10.1097/acm.0000000000004776](https://doi.org/10.1097/acm.0000000000004776)

6. Ginzburg, L. S., Dimitri, N. C., **Brinkerhoff, C.A.**, England, S. A., Haque, S. & Sprague Martinez, L. (2022). Exploring intergroup conflict and community-based participatory research partnerships over time. *Research for All*. Vol. 6(1).
7. Sprague Martinez, L., Negrón, R., **Brinkerhoff, C.A.**, Tracy, N., Troncoso, M., Reich, A.J., ... Eduardo Siqueira, C. (2023). Project AquíLá: Community-engaged Planning to Explore the Relationship between Culture and Health. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action* 17(2), 307-317. <https://doi.org/10.1353/cpr.2023.a900211>.
8. Dimitri, N. C., Lerman Ginzburg, S., Ron, S., Xu, D., Angali England, S., Lowe, L., ... & Sprague Martinez, L. (2023). Advancing environmental justice in the community using Charrette: a case study in Boston Chinatown. *Environmental Justice*, 16(6), 461-472. <https://doi.org/10.1089/env.2022.0001>
9. Sprague Martinez, L., **Araujo Brinkerhoff, C.**, Conner, B, Troncoso Lama, M., Siqueira, C. E., Negrón, R. (2021). El Sancocho, la bandera y la familia: The social life of food and its implications for Dominican immigrant health. *Health Promotion and Practice*. 1524839920974603. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524839920974603>
10. Tang Yan, C., Johnson, K., Kwelese, C, **Araujo Brinkerhoff, C.** & Sprague Martinez, L. (2021) Critical reflections from doctoral students engaging in local and transnational Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) approaches to health promotion. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 1 - 14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2021.1883491>
11. **Brinkerhoff, C. A.**, Siqueira, C. E., Negrón, R., Tracy, N., Troncoso Lama, M., & Sprague Martinez, L. (2019). ‘There You Enjoy Life, Here You Work’: Brazilian and Dominican Immigrants’ Views on Work and Health in the US. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 16(20), 4025. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph16204025>

Under review

1. R. Negrón, **Brinkerhoff, C.A.** Siqueira, C.E., Korn, A. and Sprague Martinez, L. Cultural Models, Social Networks, and Health Among Transnational Brazilian Immigrants. *Social Science & Medicine*, (under review).

In preparation

1. **Brinkerhoff, C.A** (in preparation). Brazilian Immigrant Mothers Social Network of support.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Brinkerhoff, C.A** (2025). Here is what we know about Brazilian students in Massachusetts: Not much. in *Critical Perspectives on Latino Education in Massachusetts*. Riveira & Colón, eds., UMass Press.
2. Negrón, R., Sprague Martinez, L., Siqueira, E., **Brinkerhoff, C.** (2021). A Multi-Level Framework for Understanding Knowledge Sharing in *Transnational Immigrant*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Brinkerhoff, C. A.** (2023). “Brazilian immigrant mothers social networks: Implications for mental health and wellbeing.” An oral presentation for the 2023 International Sunbelt Social Network Analysis Conference, Portland, OR.
2. de Barros Souza, B., Bezerra, I. M. P., de Oliveira, M. A. F., Costa, S. L., & **Brinkerhoff, C. A.** (2024, April). Nenhuma mulher é ilegal: boas práticas em integração local de mulheres e meninas imigrantes nas Américas. In *Congresso Internacional de Política Social e Serviço Social: desafios contemporâneos; Seminário Nacional de Território e Gestão de Políticas Sociais; Congresso de Direito à Cidade e Justiça Ambiental* (Vol. 5, No. 1, pp. e3923-e3923).
3. **Brinkerhoff, C. A.**, Reason, L., Sprague Martinez, L. (2022). “Community organization strategies for COVID-19 vaccination for immigrant communities.” An oral presentation as part of the round table session “COVID-19 still here!”: A Roundtable on the Aftermath Impact of COVID-19 Virus on Refugee, Immigrant and Forcibly Displaced Communities. American Public Health Association Conference 2022, Boston, MA.
4. Spencer, R., Johnson, K., **Brinkerhoff, C.A.**, John, R., Nicholson, J., (2019). “Teaching and Learning Through Doing Qualitative Methods: *Researcher belonging and the challenge of bias in Brazilian immigrant mothers’ transnational networks of support.*” A Plenary presentation for the 2019 Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology Annual Conference on Qualitative Research Methods, Boston, MA.
5. **Brinkerhoff, C. A.**, Sprague Martinez, L., Negrón , R., Siqueira, C. E., (2019). “Immigration in the age of information and communication technologies: Implications for social support and health.” An oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
6. **Brinkerhoff, C. A.**, Sprague Martinez, L., Negrón , R., Siqueira, C. E., (2018). “Immigration in the age of information and communication technologies: Implications for social support and health.” A poster presentation for the American Public Health Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
7. Negrón , R., Sprague Martinez, L., Siqueira, C. E., **Brinkerhoff, C. A.** (2015). “Transnationalism Networks and Culture: Implications for Health and Behavior.” A panel presentation for the XXXV International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Brighton, UK.
8. Siqueira, C.E., Negrón , R., Reich, A., Tracy, N., Troncoso, M., **Brinkerhoff, C. A.**, Diaz, Y., Jaquez, J, Sprague Martinez, L. (2014). “Cultural Conversations with Dominican and Brazilian Transnationals: Implications for Health and Wellbeing.” A poster presentation for the 2014 Minority Health and Health Disparities Grantees’ Conference: Transdisciplinary Collaborations Evolving Dimensions of US and Global Health Equity, National Harbor, MD.
9. Negrón , R., Sprague Martinez, L., Reich, A., Jaquez, J., **Brinkerhoff, C. A.**, Diaz, Y., Tracy, N., Troncoso, M., Siqueira, C.E. (2014). “Transnational Networks: Implications for the Study of Culture and Health.” A poster presentation for the 2014 Minority Health and Health Disparities Grantees’ Conference: Transdisciplinary Collaborations Evolving Dimensions of US and Global Health Equity, National Harbor, MD.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. **Brinkerhoff, C.A.** (October 17, 2025). “About Brazilian Immigrant Students in Massachusetts: What we know about the population to meet the moment.” In Pursuit of Equity Accountability and Success (PEAS) Symposium on Latine Education. Worcester State University, MA.
2. **Brinkerhoff, C.A. & Reason, L.** (November 05, 2025). “Intersectorialidade das Políticas nas Cidades: Impacto da Comunidade Imigrante em Massachusetts e Região Metropolitana de Boston.” *A remote panel presentation (in Portuguese)*. III International Symposium of Public Policies and Sustainable Development. Social Justice and Human Rights in the 21st century: challenges for the formulation of public policies. Vitória, Espírito Santo, Brazil.
3. **Brinkerhoff, C.A.** (July 15, 2025). “Bioética e Direitos Humanos.” *Online Class for the Centro Universitario Tiradentes*. Jaboatão dos Guararapes, PE, Brazil.
4. **Brinkerhoff, C.A.** (May 15, 2025). “Leveraging community capital and qualitative data in personal network research.” *S &H Fellow Panel: Community Engaged Research*. Social Networks and Health Workshop Fellowship – Duke University Durham, NC
5. **Brinkerhoff, C.A.** (November 21, 2024). “Building Healthy Communities: the Global is Local” A keynote panel presentation on the II International Symposium of Public Policies and Sustainable Development. Conectando Metas Globais: ODS, Políticas Públicas e Movimentos Sociais. Vitória, Espírito Santo, Brazil.
6. **Brinkerhoff, C.A.** (April 26, 2023). “Brazilian immigrant mothers social networks: Implications for mental health and wellbeing.” Panel presentation for Tufts University Symposium: Building Collaborations to Support the Health and Wellbeing of Brazilians in the U.S., Medford, MA.
7. **Brinkerhoff, C.A., Reason, L, Perkins, R., Gergen-Barnett, K** (October 20, 2022). “Equity, Engagement and Vaccines”. Boston University Clinical and Translational Science Institute: Community Engagement Program Speaker Series. Virtual Event, Boston, MA.
8. **Brinkerhoff, C. A.** (March 05, 2022). “Sheroes from History: Léila Gonzalez.” Winter workshop for the Women’s Institute for Leadership Development (WILD). Winter Institute: “Fighting for Social Justice” Zoom Conference, Boston, MA.
9. **Brinkerhoff, C. A. & Ewing, T.** (June 25 and 26, 2021). “Leadership Workshop: Marielle Franco.” A day long workshop for the Women’s Institute for Leadership Development (WILD). 35th Annual Summer Institute: “Building a Better Future” Zoom Conference, Boston, MA.
10. **Brinkerhoff, C. A.** (May 29, 2021). “Career Planning, Resume, Interview: Step by Step” - Dreamer’s Fellowship. Workshop presentation for immigrant youth. Brazilian Worker Center, Allston, MA
11. Tracy, N., Siqueira, E., Ruf, A. & **Brinkerhoff, C. A.** (July 09, 2020). “Let’s Talk about Race.” A Panel discussion in Portuguese about the intersections of race and health in immigrant communities. Facebook Live. Available at <https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=919377361903512&ref=search>

12. International Woman Network in Solidarity Conference. **Brinkerhoff, C. A.** (March 16, 2018). Panel presentation about the impact of immigration status and work environments on mental health of immigrant women. Massachusetts State House, Boston, MA.
13. Capetillo-Ponce, J., **Brinkerhoff, C.A.**, Gecker, W., Andrews, A., Hanson, B., & Dewar, M. “Visual Media and Urban Space: Finding the Connection Between Where We Live and What We See: *Media and Gentrification in Jamaica Plain.*” A panel presentation for the X Annual Social Theory Forum (April 24 and 25, 2013). Boston, MA.
14. Little, T.V., Torres, M.I., Gubrium, A., **Brinkerhoff, C. A.** & Manrique A.(2012). ““Uno le transmite todo a los hijos”: Latino Parents’ Views of Their Roles as Sex Educators.” A student poster presentation for the Fourth Biennial Siglo XXI Conference Sponsored by the Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR). City University of New York (CUNY), NY.

TEACHING

Fall/2025	Instructor of Record MP780 – Advocacy for Equity and Justice Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
Fall/2025	Instructor of Record HB735 - Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
Spring/2025	Instructor of Record MP759 – Communities and Organizations: Analysis and Intervention Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
Fall/2024	Online Facilitator MP759 – Communities and Organizations: Analysis and Intervention Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
Fall/2024	Online Facilitator HB735 - Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
Fall/2024	Instructor of Record MP780 – Advocacy for Equity and Justice Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
Fall/2024	Instructor of Record FE800 – Field Education Seminar Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
Spring/2024	Instructor of Record MP759 – Communities and Organizations: Analysis and Intervention Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
Fall/2023	Online Facilitator

HB735 - Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression
Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA

- Spring/2021 Instructor of Record
HB743 – Social Work Theory and Practice with Refugees and Immigrants
Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
- Fall/2019 Online Facilitator
HB735 - Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression
Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
- Spring/2019 Teaching Assistant
HB743 - Social Work Theory and Practice with Refugees and Immigrants
Boston University School of Social Work, Boston MA
- Spring/2014 Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Sociology
University of Massachusetts, Boston, Boston MA
- Fall/2013 Teaching Assistant
SOCIOLOG 605: Applied Sociological Theory
University of Massachusetts, Boston, Boston MA
- Spring/2013 Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Criminal Justice
University of Massachusetts, Boston, Boston MA

SERVICE

Boston University

- 2024 Macro Practice Student Mixer: Meet the Faculty and Networking Event- Faculty organizer. Boston University, School of Social Work, Boston, MA.
- 2021 Syllabus development Assistance, Social Justice Values and the Social Work Profession (WP 901). First Year Required Doctoral Seminar. Dr. Margaret Lombe, Boston University, School of Social Work, Boston, MA.
- 2019 Department Fellow. Macro Department, Boston University, School of Social Work, Boston, MA.

University of Massachusetts Boston

- 2013 Organizing Committee. Member X Annual Social Theory Forum. University of Massachusetts Boston, Sociology Department, Boston, MA.
- 2013 Vice President of the Graduate Sociology Students Association (GSSA). University of Massachusetts Boston. Sociology Department. Boston, MA.

MENTORING

*Examining Board Member of masters in Public Policy at Escola Superior de Ciências da Santa Casa de Misericórdia (EMESCAM) – Dissertation of **Maria do Perpétuo Socorro Oliveira De Souza**. “Trabalho em enfermagem e Políticas de Saúde: Conexões entre condições laborais, sofrimento psíquico e qualidade de vida.” Vitoria, ES, Brazil, April 30, 2026*

*Outside Reader / Reviewer – Dissertation of **Dr. Yareliz Diaz**. “A Longitudinal, Mixed Methods Study of Cascading Disasters and Mental Health Among Puerto Rican Families after Hurricane María”. Boston University School of Public Health (BUSPH), Boston, March. 2025.*

*Examining Board of the Postgraduate program in Sociology at the Federal University of Paraná
Thesis: *Práticas Transnacionais da Segunda Geração de Imigrantes Brasileiros em Massachusetts**

- November 27, 2023, Student **Rafaella Theis**

Qualitative Research and dissemination mentor, Transdisciplinary Participatory Research Lab, Boston University School of Social Work

- 2020-2022 Undergraduate mentee Sophia England, Boston University
- 2020-2021 Post Masters mentee Samiya Haque, Boston University
- 2021 High School Student mentee Marina Ferreira, Woodward School for Girls

Healthy ME Project, Institute for Community Health (ICH)

- 2017 Undergraduate Student, Iman Allawzi, Harvard University Research Intern

Qualitative Research training and mentorship, Project Aqui La

- 2015-2016 Masters of Public Health Student, Caitlin Pohl, Tufts University
- 2015-2016 Masters of Social Work Student, Luciana Quintanilha, Simmons College, Boston
- 2016 Undergraduate Student, Latifa Pina, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- 2015 Undergraduate Student, Dorothy Lima, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- 2015 Undergraduate Student, Caique Mello, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- 2015 Undergraduate Student, Conrado Santos, University of Massachusetts, Boston

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 – 2024 Dir. of Research Evaluation and Development, Brazilian Worker Center, Boston, MA

2019–2020 *Research Assistant II*, Women’s Health Unit, Boston Medical Center. Boston, MA

2016–2017 *Research Associate*, Institute for Community Health. Malden, MA

2012–2013 *Research Assistant*. Applied Sociology Graduate Program. UMass Boston. Boston, MA

2015 *Evaluator*. Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development & Public Policy. Boston, MA

2011–2015 *Graduate Research Assistant/Research Consultant*. Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development & Public Policy. Boston, MA

- 2013 *Research Fellow*. Department of International Health & Department of Preventive Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine. NY, NY. Placement: Oswald Cruz Foundation. Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
- 2011, 2012 *Telephone Interviewer*. Center for Survey Research. Boston, MA
- 2011–2012 *Executive Assistant to the Dean*. Lesley University. Cambridge, MA

AD HOC JOURNAL REVIEWER

- *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, 2020*
- *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, 2022*
- *Social Work Journal, 2021*
- *Journal of Health Promotion and Practice, 2023*

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2024-2025 Social Networks and Health Workshop Fellowship – Duke University Durham, NC
- 2014 James E. Blackwell prize for graduate outstanding academic achievement – Boston, MA
- 2013 Mount Sinai International Exchange for Minority Students Fellowship – NY, NY/ RJ-Brazil
- 2011 Distinction in Sociology, University of Massachusetts – Boston, MA
- 2011 John F. Kennedy Award nominee, University of Massachusetts – Boston, MA

AFFILIATIONS

- 2024– Present *Board President*, Brazilian Worker Center, Boston, MA
- 2021- 2023 *Social Media Chair*, Refugee and Immigrant Health Caucus, American Public Health Association.
CRIH Caucus organizing committee member, APHA 150 Year History Project
- 2015– 2024 *Board Clerk*, Brazilian Worker Center, Boston, MA
- 2019 - 2021 *Board Treasurer*, Brazilian Worker Center, Boston, MA.
- 2019- Present *Member*, Society Social Work and Research (SSWR)
- 2011– Present *Member*, Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society.

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in Portuguese
- Proficient in Spanish

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint; Prezi, SPSS, QSR NVivo, RefWorks, Zotero, Qualtrics, RedCap, Survey Monkey, R, Egonet, VennMaker, UCINET.