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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-current **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 Winter and Summer Conferences 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-current Position: Associate Chair, Department of Sociology
As associate chair I assist the Chair in the administration of department business (except for faculty salaries and promotion) and take the responsibilities of the Chair when the Chair is away from the University.
- 2011-2013 Position: Faculty-in-Residence McNair Scholars Program
- 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, 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 (In Rank Order)

Sociology of Mental Health, Medical Sociology, Latino/a Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Disasters, Family

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

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.

Books

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

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

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 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 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.

Current Funded Grants

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.

Grants Funded

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.

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.

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.

National Research Presentations

April 2017

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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.

February 2017

Hawthorne, T.L. and **Rivera, Fernando I.**, Walters, L., Cook, G., Kibler, K., Chambers, L. (2017) "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.

January 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.

August 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.

August 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.

August 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.

- August 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.
- May 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.
- August 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.
- July 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.
- March 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.
- March 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.

- February 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.
- August 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.
- March 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.
- February 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.
- December 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.
- October 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.
- August 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.

- July 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.
- August 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.
- October 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.
- July 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.
- March 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.
- October 2007 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Social Support Among Puerto Ricans”. Paper presented at the REDMH Faculty meeting. Boston, MA.
- June 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.
- November 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.
- September 2006 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Suffer in Silence: Latinos/as and Support”. Paper presented at the REDMH Faculty meeting. Boston, MA.
- August 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.
- June 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.
- June 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
- October 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.
- May 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.
- April 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.
- August 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.
- April 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.
- March 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.
- November 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.
- October 2000 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Deconstructing Myths: Father Roles in Latino

- Families.” Paper presented at the Puerto Rican Studies Association, Amherst, MA.
- August 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.
- April 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

- March 2016 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Communicating Resilience”. Paper presented at the 2016 International Crisis and Risk Communication Conference. Orlando, FL.
- July 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
- June 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

- April 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.
- February 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.
- November 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.
- November 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.
- August 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.

- April 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.
- February 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.
- August 2015 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Research, Academic Life, and Twitter”. Presented at the New MFP Fellow Orientation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- August 2013 **Rivera, Fernando I.** “Research, Challenges, and Opportunities”. Presented at the New MFP Fellow Orientation, American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY.
- August 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.

**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”

Awards

- April 2017 **University of Central Florida**

Office of Faculty Excellence-Scroll and Quill Society

April 2014 **University of Central Florida**
Teaching Incentive Program Award

October 2010 **Florida Education Fund**
William R. Jones Outstanding Mentor Award

May 2010 **2009 Bronze Telly Award**
Along with Level 2 Productions recognized in the Education category for
Online Course Content for the Medical Sociology course introduction video

March 2006 **National Institute of Mental Health/Dartmouth Medical School**
Disaster Mental Health Research Mentoring Program

November 2005 **University of Puerto Rico/Cambridge Health Alliance Exploratory
EXPORT Center: Bridging Communities**
EXPORT Trainee

July 2004 **Family Research Consortium IV Summer Institute**
National Institute of Health
Travel Award

August 2001-
June 2003 **American Sociological Association**
National Institute of Mental Health
Minority Fellowship Program, Cohort 28 (2001-2002)

August 2000-
May 2002 **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**
Robert H. Larson Minority Fellowship

August 1996-
May 1998 **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**
Robert H. Larson Minority Fellowship

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

Research Experience/Training

March 2012

Disaster Resiliency and Sustainability Workshop Program

USDA, UCF-School of Public Administration and Department of Sociology
University of Central Florida
Organizer/Participant

July 2010

Applied Methodologies for Reducing Obesity in Latino Communities

Inter-University Program for Latino Research
University of Notre Dame, Indiana
Participant

January 2006

Export Training Institute

Condado Plaza Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Participant

July 2005

Latino Health Research Workshop

Inter-University Program for Latino Research
Notre Dame, Indiana
Participant

Summer 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

Fall 2000-

Latino Research Initiative-L.R.I.

Spring 2003 Quality of Life Study
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Responsibilities: Codebook Construction and Data Analysis

Summer 1995 **National Science Foundation Summer Undergraduate
Research Program**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Participant

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.

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.

Ph.D. Dissertations Committee Chair

2016

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.

2013

Tangela Towns. “Predictors of Food Insecurity in 3 Central Florida Communities”. UCF-Department of Sociology.

Marc R. Settembrino. “When There’s No Home to Prepare: Understanding Natural Hazards Vulnerability among the Homeless of Central Florida”. UCF-Department of Sociology.

Ph.D. Dissertations Committee Member

2015

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.

Cherie Boyce. “Organizational Complexity, Emergency Management Plan Adequacy, and

Nursing Home Resiliency”. UCF-Department of Public Affairs

Nicole Owens. “The Interspecies Family: Attitudes and Narratives”. UCF-Department of Sociology

Jessica Racine Jacques. “Women on the Line: A Qualitative Study of Women’s Experience of Work in the Beef Industry”. UCF-Department of Sociology

Marc J. Williams. “Big Ten Athletic Administrators Perceived Effectiveness of NCAA Life Skills Programs”. West Virginia University-Department of Curriculum and Educational Leadership.

2014

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-Department of Public Affairs

Joanna Eisele. “The Effect of Free Primary Education Programs on Marriage for Kenyan Women”. UCF-Department of Sociology.

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

Anne Bubriski-McKenzie. “Interracial Lesbian and Gay Couples: Navigating Private and Public Experiences”. UCF-Department of Sociology

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

M. Leigh Broxton. “The Relationship Between Nonprofit Capacity Building, Organizational Learning, and Organizational Effectiveness: A Case Study of Strengthening Communities in Central Florida” UCF-Department of Public Affairs

Fatih Demiroz. “Cross-Sector and Inter-Organizational Collaborative Capacity in Community Disaster Resilience and Sustainability: Evidence from Central Florida Counties”. UCF-Department of Public Affairs

Nick Lebrede. “Implementing Sustainability Initiatives: A Study of U.S Local Governments”. UCF-Department of Public Affairs

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

Chastity Blankenship. "Student Perceptions of Race and Gender Representations within College Textbooks". UCF-Department of Sociology.

2010

Deborah J. Barr. "More than Meets the Eye: An Examination of How Marital Conflict Transforms Newlywed Relationships." UCF- Department of Sociology.

2009

Vidya Kamath. "Association between Unirhinal Olfactory Processing and Self-Reported Empathy in Schizophrenia". UCF, Psychology Department.

In-progress

Candice Campanaro. "Social Disorganization and Emotional Well-Being". UCF, Department of Sociology

Diane Clow. "Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Qualitative Study of Student Challenges in Higher Education" . UCF- Department of Educational Research, Technology and Leadership.

Sabrina Deaton" TBD". UCF, Department of Sociology

Scott Larson. "Minority Owned Businesses in white Suburbia: Hiring and Maintaining Minority Workers in white America" UCF-Department of Sociology

Alfredo Massa. "Determinants of Health Care Utilization among Gulf II War Veterans". UCF- Department of Public Affairs

Heidi Shaw. "Single Mothers in Graduate School: An Exploration of the Continuum of Motivation". UCF- Department of Educational and Human Sciences Higher Education and Policy Studies.

Master Theses Committee Chair

2013

Mattew 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

Mergin Akin. "Exploring Theology and Practice in Islamic Parenting". UCF-Department of Sociology.

2009

Meagan Arrastia. "Have you Heard? Predictors of HPV Awareness Among a Random Sample of College Students". UCF- Department of Sociology.

Patrick Sacleux. "A Study of Regional Language and Identities in a Small Occitan Village". UCF- Department of Sociology.

Tangela Towns. "Race and Health behaviors; A Study of Diabetes among African Americans". UCF- Department of Sociology.

2008

Brian Gentry. "Technological Disasters: An Investigation of the Conservation of Resources Theory on Depression". UCF- Department of Sociology.

Master Theses Committee Member

2016

Kensington A. Shields-Dutton. "Attitudes Towards Cohabitation: A Cross-Sectional Study." UCF-Department of Sociology

Diego Plaza. "The Gold Wrapper Standard: An Investigation into the Preference for Larger Condoms". UCF-Department of Sociology

2014

Jessica Kleinberger "Down in the Mouth: Homelessness and Oral Health". UCF-Department of Sociology

2012

Evan Chabot. "Thematic Patterns in Millennial Heavy Metal: A Lyrical Analysis". UCF- Department of Sociology

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

Chris McDaniel. "In Search of Satanists: Examining the Accounts of Deviant Religious Practitioners". UCF-Department of Sociology

2010

Lillian O'Connell. "Energy-Use Behavior among College Students". UCF-Department of Sociology

Autumn Bishop. "Muslims in the Media: The New York Times From 2000-2008". UCF- Department of Sociology

2009

Wendi Kane. "Working Hard and Barely Making it: Explanations for Why the Working Poor Remain Silent". UCF- Department of Sociology.

Nnenia M. Campbell. "Hurricane Katrina and the Perception of Risk: Incorporating the Local

Context”. UCF- Department of Sociology.

Brandon Presley. “Testing Bias in the Occupational Interview: A Pilot Study on Racial Discrimination”. UCF- Department of Sociology.

2006

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

Committee Member

2014

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.

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

Katelynn Messer. “Psychological Distress and Substance Use among College Students”. UCF, Department of Sociology, Honors in the Major.

Angelo Montagner. “Socio-Economic Influences on the Party Affiliation of Hispanic Voters”. UCF, Department of Political Science, Honors in the Major.

Kathleen Ortiz. “Parenting and the off-line impact of Cyber-bullying”. UCF, Department of Sociology, Honors in the Major.

Natasha Tate. “Collegiate Perspectives on Sleep and the Relationship between Sleep and Productivity.” UCF, Department of Anthropology, Honors in the Major.

2012

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

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

Marlaine Monroig. “Associations between Positive Health Behaviors and Psychological Distress”. UCF, Department of Psychology, Honors in the Major

2010

Samantha H. Snyder. "Impact of Sport Participation on Academic Achievement". UCF, Department of Sociology, Honors in the Major.

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

Fall 2010- Laura Adarve (UCF-Sociology). "Examining Environmentally Friendly
Spring 2011 Behaviors: A comparison of Native-and Foreign Born Latinos in the United States".

Research and Mentoring Program Mentor (RAMP)

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 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 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 Race and Ethnicity, Substance Use and Misuse, Oxford University Press

December 2013 Guest Editor-*Natural Hazards Review*

2014 Reviewer for National Science Foundation Sociology Program Proposal

2017 Panel Reviewer for National Science Foundation

2017 Editorial Board-Sociology of Race and Ethnicity Journal

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

Fall 16/Spring 17 Advisory Committee-Annual Evaluation and Standards Procedures (AESP)
Chair, Speaker Committee

Spring/Summer 16 Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

Fall/Spring 2014-15 Departmental Advisory Committee
Geospatial Analysis Cluster Hire

Spring 2014-
Summer 2015 Chair, Personal Committee

Fall 2013-
Spring 2015 Undergraduate Committee

Spring/Fall 2013 Chair, Faculty Search Committee
Spring/Fall 2012 Chair, Faculty Search Committee

Fall 2011-
Present Facebook Page Administrator

Fall 2011-
Fall 2013 Graduate Committee

Spring/Fall 2010 Faculty Search Committee

Fall 2008-
Spring 2010 Master Non-Thesis Comprehensive Exam Committee

Fall 2006- Spring 2011	Undergraduate Committee
Fall 2005- Spring 2007	Faculty Search Committee
Fall 2005	Ad-hoc Committee on the PhD Examination in Sociology
College of Sciences	
Fall 2016- Spring 2017	Recognition and Scholarship Committee
Fall/Spring 2014-15	Search Committee Geospatial Analysis Cluster Hires
Spring/Summer 2013	Internal Search Committee Assistant/Associate College of Sciences Dean
Fall 2012- Spring 2016	Dean's Advisory Council
Fall 2011- Spring 2014	Dean's Research Advisory Council
University Wide	
Fall 2016-present	Office of Diversity and Inclusion Hispanic Serving Institution Task Force
Fall 2016-present	Office of Faculty Excellence Advisory Council
Fall 2016-present	Student Development and Enrollment Services (SDES) UCF Excelencia Accelerating Latino College Completion team
Fall 2016-present	Office of the Provost Dean Search Committee for The Burnett Honors College
Fall 2015-present	International Affairs and Global Strategies (Now UCF Global) International Affairs Committee Internal Board
Fall 2015- Spring 2016	College of Undergraduate Studies Teaching and Learning Downtown Committee
Fall 2015- Spring 2017	College of Undergraduate Studies

Quality Enhancement Plan Advisory Board

- Spring/Summer 2016 **Office of Faculty Excellence**
Strategy Committee- co-Chair Departmental Leadership Priority Area
The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE)
survey
- Fall 2015 **Office of Faculty Excellence**
Priority Setting Committee
The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE)
survey
- Fall/Spring 2014-15 **Office of Pre-Health Advising**
Mock-Interviewer
- April 2015 **McNair Scholars Program**
Presenter-Faculty Panel
- March 2015 **College of Graduate Studies**
Faculty Judge-Graduate Research Forum
- September 2014 **Multicultural Academic & Support Services (MASS)**
Academic Enrichment Presentation
2014 MASS Student Success Conference
- Summer/Fall 2014 **Latin American Student Association**
Hispanic Heritage Month Committee Member
- Spring 2011 Search Committee
Vice Provost and Undergraduate Dean
- August 2008-2010 **Faculty Senate**
Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee
- February 2006 Founders Day Student Award Selection Committee
- Community Service**
May 2012-
December 2014 **Hispanic Health Initiatives, Inc.**
Executive Board Member/Vice President (May-December 2014)
- Fall 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 *Added August 2010/FR
- January 2006-2008 **Central Florida Partnership on Health Disparities**

Governing committee member

Reviewer for Promotion Cases:

2013 Irene Lopez, Kenyon College (psychology, associate)
2012 Ethel Nicdao, University of the Pacific (sociology, associate)
2011 Marta Maldonado, Iowa State University (sociology, associate)

Organizations and Professional Service

August 2017-present Society for the Study of Social Problems
Elected-Board of Directors

August 2017-present Society of the Study of Social Problems
Chair Elect-Medical Sociology Division

Spring 2017 **American Sociological Association**
Section of Latino/a Sociology-Best Article Award Committee

August 2016 **American Sociological Association**
Seattle, Washington
Presider: Regular Section. Mental Health: Social Antecedents
Presider: Minority Fellowship Program Research Session. Issues in
Health, Well-Being, and Stratification.

January 2015-present **American Sociological Association**
Minority Fellowship Program Panel Advisory Member

Spring/Summer 2015 **American Sociological Association**
Section of Latino/a Sociology-Book Award Committee

February 2015 **Florida Education Fund**
Discussant-Sociology and Anthropology Panels
McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program
2015 Mid-Year Research & Writing Conference

Fall 2014-present **The William Averette Anderson Fund for Hazard and Disaster
Mitigation Education and Research**
Feeder Council Member
Graduate Student Workshop Committee Member

August 2015-2016 **Society for the Study of Social Problems**
Chair-Accessibility Committee

August 2014-2015 **Society for the Study of Social Problems**
Chair, Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee
Chair-Elect, Accessibility Committee

August 2013-2014 **Society for the Study of Social Problems**
Chair-Elect, Lee Scholar Support Fund Committee

August 2014 **American Sociological Association**
San Francisco, California
Presider: Regular Section. Mental Health.

August 2013 **American Sociological Association**
New York, NY
Panel Participant: Norma Williams Graduate Student/New Faculty
Professional Development Workshop

July 2013 **Natural Hazards Center Research and Applications Workshop**
Broomfield, CO
Panel organizer and presider: Disaster Resiliency in Times of Rising
Inequality

March 2012 **Southern Sociological Society**
New Orleans, LA
Panel presider: Case Study Approaches to Studying the Environment

August 2011 **American Sociological Association**
Las Vegas, NV
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

June 2011 **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
5th Annual Symposium
Princeton, New Jersey
Participant: New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF
Programming

March 2011 **Southwestern Social Science Association**
Las Vegas, NV
Organizer and Chair: Modern Families: Diversity and Change

January 2011-2013 **American Sociological Association**
Minority Fellowship Program Panel Advisory Member

August 2009-2011 **American Sociological Association**
Council Member, Section on Latino/a Sociology

August 2008 **American Sociological Association**
Boston, Massachusetts
Presider: Regular Section. Medical Sociology: Medical Professions and
Medical Institutions

- June 2008 **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
 3rd Annual Symposium
 Princeton, New Jersey
 Participant: New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF
 Programming
- August 2007 **American Sociological Association**
 New York, New York
 Panel participant: Sociology of Mental Health Teaching Workshop
- August 2005 **American Sociological Association**
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Panel organizer & Presider: Regular Section. Mental Health
 Chair: Local Arrangements Committee, Section on Latino/a Sociology
- April 2005 **Midwest Sociological Society**
 Minneapolis, Minnesota
 Panel organizer & Presider: Providing Change Beyond the Medical and
 Individual Sphere: Sociological Contributions to the Study of Mental
 Health and Cirque du Soc: Juggling Teaching and Research
- August 2004 **American Sociological Association**
 San Francisco, California
 Panel organizer: Section on Sociology of Mental Health Roundtables
 August 2004-2008 Sociology of Mental Health Newsletter Editor
- July 2004 **Family Research Consortium IV First Annual Summer Institute**
 San Juan, Puerto Rico
 Participant: Life Span, Transitions, Families, and Mental Health
- April 2004 **Midwest Sociological Society**
 Kansas City, Missouri
 Panel co-organizer & Presider: The Sociology of Mental Health &
 The Family and The Sociology of Mental Health
 Panelist: Looking for an Academic Position in Higher Education in
 Various Sorts of Institutions
 Program Committee Member (2005 Meetings)
- August 2003 **American Sociological Association**
 Atlanta, Georgia
 Panel Presider: Childhood and Family. Undergraduate Research
 Roundtable Session.
- April 2003 **Midwest Sociological Society**
 Chicago, Illinois
 Panel Organizer & Presider: Sociology of Health I & II

Learning Communities

- August 2002 **American Sociological Association**
Chicago, Illinois
Panel Presider: 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.
- April 2002 **Midwest Sociological Society**
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Panel Organizer and Presider: Families and Health
- August 2001 **American Sociological Association**
Anaheim, California
Panel Presider: Ethnicity, Gender and Social Inequality. Special
Roundtable Session. Minority Opportunities through School
Transformation (MOST) Program Student Presentations.
- July 2001 **The Latino Research Program Project**
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Participant: Advancing the Next Generation of Latino Mental Health
Research.
- April 2001- 2002 **Nebraska Association of Graduate Sociology Students**
Position: President
- November 2000-
April 2003 **Midwest Sociological Society**
Ad-Hoc Student Committee Member
April 2002 -2005 Committee on Teaching and Learning
- October 2000 **Puerto Rican Studies Association Meetings**
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Panel Organizer and Chair: Challenging Views:
Toward Critical Perspectives on Latino Families
- April 2000- **Midwest Sociological Society Meetings**
Chicago, Illinois
Session Organizer and Presider: Latino Families
Session Discussant: Latino/a Americans
- August 1999-
June 2000 Academic Advisor
International Collegiate Folkloric Ballet
Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity

References

Fi Sigma Alfa Fraternity

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