

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

YEAR	DEGREE	INSTITUTION	FIELD OF STUDY
2014 – PRESENT	PH.D.	New York University Silver School of Social Work New York, New York	Social Work
2012	M.S.W.	City University of New York, Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work New York, New York	Social Work
2008	B.S.	State University of New York at Binghamton College of Community and Public Affairs Binghamton, New York	Human Development

TRAINING, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

2013	Certificate	City University of New York, Lehman College New York, NY	Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI)
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Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW): License No.: 091730 Expires 04/2017

Bilingual Fluency: English and Spanish

FELLOWSHIPS

2017		T32 Pre-Doctoral Fellow New York University School of Nursing	Behavioral Science Training (BST) in Drug Abuse Research
2017		R25 Fellow University of Southern California Interdisciplinary Research Training Institute	Drug Abuse
2014		R25 Fellow Brown University School of Public Health	HIV Clinical Research

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY

Project Coordinator II

2013 –2014

Proyecto PACTo: Providing Access, Care and Treatment to HIV+ Injection Drug Users in Puerto Rico. (Funded by NIDA; PI: Lisa Metsch Ph.D.)

Primarily involved in overseeing the implementation of a longitudinal study evaluating the efficacy of a community-level structural approach to maximizing outcomes along the cascade of testing, linkage, ART initiation, engagement and retention in care among injection drug users in Puerto Rico. Also accountable for developing the standard operating procedures and training of a 10 person research team, conducting fieldwork in conjunction with the lead ethnographer, observing daily activities and practices of the study and the target population, serving as quality assurance monitor and provide consultation on quality assurance related matters and responsible for leading weekly investigator team calls. Conduct literature reviews, analysis data and assist in the preparation of manuscripts, involved in the development of the patient navigator intervention manual, the interview battery and the study provider survey.

New York State Psychiatric Institute- HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies, New York, NY

Assistant Research Scientist

2011 –2013

CASAH II: Transitioning from Childhood to Adulthood: The Impact of Perinatal HIV Infection. (Funded by NIMH; PI: Claude Mellins, Ph.D.)

Main responsibilities included conducting semi-structured diagnostic and psychosocial research interviews, in both Spanish and English, with adolescents and their caregivers in a longitudinal study examining the burden of HIV infection as children enter adolescence and adulthood, and its relationship to mental health and risk behavioral outcomes. Also responsible for screening study participant and coordinating recruitment, visiting clinic sites for medical chart abstractions, and training of incoming personnel in all of these areas. Conducted literature reviews for the preparation of manuscripts and involved in tasks related to data management including coding, checking, and progress monitoring of both quantitative and qualitative data.

Latino Commission on AIDS, New York, NY

Research Intern

Summer 2011

La Familia en la Cocina (Funded by RWJF; Advisor: Bethsy Morales, MA)

Principal tasks included coding and inputting qualitative data from a case study assessing the negotiation of purchasing healthy foods between mothers and their children through interview videos. Other tasks consisted of the development of a social network database and maintenance of quantitative databases using Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS). Collected and developed statistical information sheets for the preparation and execution of National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD).

NYS Center for Excellence and Cultural Competence, New York, NY

Research Intern

Summer 2011

Recovery: A dimensional approach. (Advisor: Leopoldo Cabassa, Ph.D.)

Key tasks included the development and presentation of secondary data analysis on qualitative data obtained from a photovoice project conducted in a mental health facility exploring the different dimensions of mental health recovery as presented by Whitley and Drake (2010). Conducted,

reviewed, critiqued literature, and aided in the preparation of data to be used in manuscripts and/or state wide conferences.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

2015- 2016	<i>Volunteer Interviewer</i> <i>Casual</i> Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York
2013-2015	<i>Clinical Social Work Supervisor</i> <i>Part-Time</i> YMCA of Greater New York
2012-2013	<i>Prevention Coordinator</i> <i>Part-Time</i> YMCA of Greater New York
2011-2012	<i>Social Work Intern</i> New York Presbyterian Hospital- Weill Cornell Medical Center
2010-2011	<i>Social Work Intern</i> Union Settlement Association
2009-2010	<i>Program Coordinator</i> <i>Full Time</i> STARR Inc.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

2017 – Present	<i>Member</i> NYU Wasserman Student Diversity Advisory Board
2017 – Present	<i>Director of Academic Development (National Council of Officers)</i> Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
2016 – Present	<i>President</i> NYU Silver School of Social Work Doctoral Student Association (DSA)
2015 – Present	<i>Member</i> Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) Binghamton and Beyond Advisory Board
2013 – 2015	<i>Member</i> CHEST Community Advisory Board (CAB)
2014 – 2015	<i>Member</i> YMCA Mental Health Advisory Cabinet
2012 – 2013	<i>Member</i> NYS Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Committee

2005 – 2008 *Member*
Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) Advisory Committee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, McNair Scholar
Member, Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society
Member, Sigma Alpha Lambda National Honor Society
Member, National Association of Social Workers
Member, American Public Health Association

PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 Hernández, D., **Fernández, Y.**, Torres- Cardona, F., Castellon, P., Vidot, J., Miranda de Leon, S., Feaster, D., Schackman, B., Rodriguez, A., Santana J., Metsch, L. *Understanding the unique role of shooting galleries as risk and protective environments for injection drug users in San Juan, Puerto Rico*. Poster Presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2014 **Fernández, Y.**, Hernández D., Castellon, P., Cardenas, G., Gooden, L., Del Rio, C., Metsch L. *From Risk Networks to Care Institutions: Shifts in Social Capital from HIV+ Drug Users' Perspectives on Engagement in HIV Treatment*. Oral presentation at Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse, San Francisco, California
- 2014 **Fernández, Y.**, Hernández D., Castellon, P., Cardenas, G., Gooden, L., Del Rio, C., Metsch L. *HIV+ Drug Users' Perspectives of Social Capital's Influence on Engagement in HIV Treatment*. Oral presentation at the Advancing Diversity and Inclusion in the Translational Research Workforce, New York, New York
- 2013 Elkington, K.S., Bauermeister, J.A., Santamaria, E.K., **Fernández, Y.**, Mellins, C.A. *Substance use and the development of sexual risk behaviors in perinatally HIV-infected youth: A longitudinal study*. Oral presentation at the XI International AIDS Impact Conference, Barcelona

PUBLICATIONS

Conner, L., **Fernández, Y.**, Junious, E. (*Submitted*). HIV/AIDS Risk Reduction Targeting Older Adults: An Evaluation of Educational Materials. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Tuchman, E., **Fernández Y.**, Perez, A. Decision Making among Women who Inject Drugs.