

CURRICULUM VITAE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

March 13, 2013

NAME:

David V. Flores, PhD, LMSW, MPH, CPH

PRESENT TITLE:

Assistant Professor, Medical School, Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, September 4, 2012-present.

Associate Director of Clinical Administration, Texas Elder Abuse and Mistreatment Institute (TEAM), September 4, 2012-present.

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CITIZENSHIP:

USA

EDUCATION:

PhD, Social Work, Magna Cum Laude, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work. Dissertation: *"Drug Use in Aging Mexican-American Men: The Role of Culture and Capital"* Chairperson: Luis R. Torres, PhD. Houston, TX. August 2012.

Master of Social Work, Magna Cum Laude, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston. Houston, TX. December 2010.

Master of Public Health, University of Texas Health Science Center's School of Public Health, Health Promotions and Behavioral Sciences, Houston, TX. Thesis: *"Latino perceptions of and Barriers to Healthcare in the Southwest United States"* Chairperson: Cayla R. Teal, PhD, Baylor College of Medicine. Houston, TX. May 2009.

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Magna Cum Laude, University of Houston. Houston, TX. May 2003

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, University of Houston's Honors College, Houston, TX. Senior Honors Thesis: *"Downward assimilation and its effects on conspicuous consumption of Mexican American adolescents"* Chairperson: Luis Salinas, PhD. Houston, TX. December 2002.

Administration:

Associate Director of the Texas Elder Abuse and Mistreatment Institute a consortium of University of Texas Medical School, Baylor College of Medicine, Adult Protective Services, Houston Police Department, Harris Health System and Houston's Coroner's Office. Responsibilities include the coordination of physicians, social workers, and nurse practitioners in the assessment of elders referred by Adult Protective services. Lead and prepare of agendas for TEAM meetings and weekly interdisciplinary case conferences. Grant writing.

Research:

Aging over the life-course, geriatric substance abuse, elder abuse and self-neglect, elder ethnic minority health disparities with a concentration in older Hispanics, cancer, and substance abuse.

Teaching experience:

Elder mistreatment and substance use, Cultural influences on aging, Transtheoretical, DSM, Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Qualitative methods research, Social Work research methods, Clinical social work with Latinos.

Clinical experience:

Conduct neuropsychological executive capacity and functioning assessments under the supervision of a licensed medical physician.

Provides therapeutic counseling and resource provision to elderly individuals referred by Adult Protective Services and other elderly clients serviced by the University of Texas Health Science Center system in and the surrounding Greater Houston Texas area.

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Cancer and Aging Research Group:

National Institutes of Health (NIH) U13 grant in Chicago Illinois November 17-18, 2012. "Geriatric Oncology Research to Improve Clinical Care," a cooperative conference grant between the Cancer and Aging Research Group in collaboration with the Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology branch of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI). One of 18 fellows and only PhD among MDs selected to connect young investigators with established researchers and provide a forum for a multidisciplinary team of investigators in geriatrics and oncology to review the present level of evidence in geriatric oncology, identify areas of highest

research priority, and develop research approaches to improve clinical care for older adults with cancer within the next 10 years.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS and Committees:

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Houston Geriatric Education Center, November 2012-present. Primary role: to advise and support the H-GEC on specific areas of expertise that relate to interprofessional geriatric education and training, from the perspective of their given discipline. **Responsibilities:** Develop curriculum for the ongoing geriatric education initiatives provided by the H-GEC, provide guidance and mentorship to students trained through H-GEC programs, provide information and expertise on H-GEC geriatric education, initiatives, serve as presenter on areas of expertise at H-GEC geriatric education events, attend H-GEC faculty meetings, assist with communication-marketing of H-GEC events, assist with annual student competition.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work, Clinical Assessment with Latinos, Summer 2013.

Research Appointment, Center for Drug and Social Research Policy, University of Houston, Patrick S. Bordnick PhD (Center Director) and Luis R. Torres PhD (Project Director), August 2012-present.

Research Review Committee Member, Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine, University of Texas Medical School. Departmental level robust peer review of research protocols for scientific merit and feasibility prior to iRis submission, full board review, and approval.

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS:

Harris Health System, Licensed Masters Social Worker/Clinical therapist and Researcher, August 2012-Present.

University of Texas Health Science Center, Licensed Masters Social Worker/Clinical therapist, August 2012-present.

Texas Elder Abuse and Mistreatment Institute, Neuropsychodi-agnostician (under the supervision of a licensed Medical Physician), Licensed Masters Social Worker, September 2012-present.

Quentin Mease Hospital, Harris Health System, Researcher and therapist, November 2012-present.

LICENSURE:

Licensed Masters of Social Work, LMSW, State of Texas. National Association of Social Work Boards exam passed, July 12, 2012.

CERTIFICATION:

Certified in Public Health, CPH, National Board of Public Health Examiners. May 2010

LANGUAGES:

Spanish and English.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Consortium on Aging
SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program Alumni Association
University of Houston Alumni Association
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work's Alumni Association
University of Texas School of Public Health Alumni Association
National Hispanic Sciences Network on Drug Abuse
University of Texas Student Epidemic Intelligence Society
Society for Social Work Research
Council on Social Work Education
National Association of Social Workers
Texas Society for Public Health Education
American Psychological Association
School of Public Health Student Association

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- Star of the Week and Someone you should know, November 26-30, 2012, University of Texas Medical School Division of Geriatric and Palliative Care for accepted publications in Substance Use and Misuse & Journal of Ethnicity.
- Recipient of the Doctoral Fellowship Award in Clinical Training from the Council on Social Work Education Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 2011.
- Honoree, University of Houston's Graduate College of Social Work's "Heroes Among Us," River Oaks Country Club, Houston, TX, 2010.
- Recipient, Phi Alpha Honor Society Mu Lambda Chapter Scholarship, University Houston, 2010.
- Recipient MD Anderson Social Work Fellow Scholarship, 2010.
- Recipient of the Hog Foundation for Mental Health Bilingual Scholarship-MSW scholarship education, University Houston, 2008.
- Dean's List, University of Texas Health and Science Center's School of Public Health, 2005-2007.
- Recipient of Sever-Risser Foundation award for the advancement of epidemiological studies for the paper: *"Breastfeeding and its Potential Impact on the Physical and*

Emotional Wellbeing of Newborn Infants to Two Years of Age.” University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, TX, 2005.

- University Honors in major, University of Houston Honors College, 2002.
- Psi Chi National Honor Society, University Houston, 2001.
- Dean’s List, University of Houston, 1999-2002.
- *Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society-Omega Sigma Chapter*, 1999
- Golden Key National Honor Society, 1999

EDITORIAL and ITEM WRITER POSITIONS:

Item Writer: item development for the Certified in Public Health (CPH) examination program of the National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE), Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. (AMP). 2013.

Reviewer: Journal of the Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved, 2011.

Co-Editor, Perspectives in Social Work, Online journal, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, 2010-2011.

Member, Editorial Board: Perspectives in Social Work, doctoral student edited online journal Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, 2008-2010.

SERVICE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL SCHOOL AT HOUSTON COMMITTEES:

IRB reviewer for the Division of Geriatric and Palliative Care, Spring 2013-present

Interviewer: Incoming medical school candidates, Fall 2012.

Interviewer: New medical school faculty, Fall 2012

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

- Volunteer, University of Houston Bridging the Gap Research and Practitioner Conference April 5, 2013. Provided musical entertainment.
- Paper session monitor, October 16th CSWE conference, Portland, OR, 2010.
- Moderator, Impact of Gender and Ethnicity on Use of Health and Mental Health Services, 14th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference: A World of Possibilities, Sunday, January 17, 2010 January 14 - 17, 2010, San Francisco.
- Paper session monitor, November 8th CSWE conference, San Antonio, TX, 2009.
- Ticket Tracker, November 8th CSWE conference, San Antonio, TX, 2009.
- Paper session recorder, November 6th CSWE conference, San Antonio, TX, 2009.

- Volunteer, Bellerive Retirement Community-provided musical entertainment, 2009.
- Volunteer, University of Texas Annual “United to Serve” Texas Medical Center provided musical entertainment, 2005-2008.
- Volunteer, University of Texas Student Epidemic Intelligence Society, 2005-2008.
- Volunteer, Talento Bilingue de Houston Music Instructor, provided free private saxophone lessons to underprivileged inner city school children, assisted with center-sponsored events 1995-1997.
- Volunteer, City of Houston’s After School Achievement Program: City of Houston sponsored program providing a safe, supervised place for youth aiming reduce delinquency, crime, and school dropout, 1997.

SPONSORSHIP OF PRE DOCTORAL and MASTERS CANDIDATES:

Education

James Booker, PhDc – 9/12 – 5/13
 Mary Magdalene Breaux – 1/13 -5/13

Clinical Social Work

Melissa I. Torres, PhDc - 7/10 - 6/12
 Holly Oxlander, PhDc -7/10 -4/13

Sociology

Albert Macillas, MA - 7/10- 6/12

FACULTY ADVISOR/MENTOR

1. Research Mentees

Melissa I.M. Torres, PhD social work graduate student, 2010-2012
 Albert Macias, MA Sociology, 2010-2012
 Holly Oxlander, PhDc 2010-2013

2. Houston Geriatric Center Mentees/Preceptor

Sydney Burns, Community Science and Disorders, 2013
 Fouzia Mohammad, Dental Hygiene, 2013
 Rachel Bowling, Medical School, 2013
 Carlos Canales, Nursing, 2013
 Jessica Jones, OT, 2013
 Erin Peterson, OT, 2013
 Dhara Bhakta, Pharmacy, 2013
 Shannon Wooten, Community Science and Disorders, 2013
 Amanda Medina, PT, 2013
 Victor Faniyi, Pharmacy, 2013
 Shikha Pun Thapa Magar, Nursing, 2013
 Chamara Harris, Social Work, 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Clinical Social Work with Latinos, Social Work with Latinos Specialization Certificate Course, section 17701, course 7316. University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work, Houston TX. Summer June 3rd through August 1st 2013.

"Etiology of elder mistreatment and self-neglect: Cultural Perspectives of Surveillance and Intervention," Internal Medicine Grand Rounds Lecture. Flores, D.V. & Burnett, J., University of Texas Medical School, Division of Geriatric and Palliative Care. July 27, 2013.

"Psychosocial Issues for Geriatric, Palliative, and Hospice Patients," Webinar. University of Texas Medical School, Geriatric and Palliative Medicine, weekly webinar series, April 24, 2013.

"Cultural Considerations for Providing Appropriate and Effective Care for Geriatric and Palliative Patients" Lecture. University of Texas Medical School Geriatric and Palliative Transition to Residency Workshop Series for 4th Year Medical Students. March 13, 2013.

Essentials of Geriatric Care Series, Lecture, "Cultural, Ecological, and Etiological Correlates of Depression in Geriatric Patients: Essentials of Geriatric Care." Houston Geriatric Education Center and University of Texas Health Science Center Houston, Office of Continuing Medical Education. Amazing Place, November 3, 2012, Houston, TX.

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Torres in various modules of Foundations of the Social Work Profession (New MSW Curriculum Foundation Semester), University of Houston, Fall 2011.

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Torres in PhD course Grant Writing, University of Houston, Spring, 2011.

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Torres in various modules of Foundations of the Social Work Profession (New MSW Curriculum Foundation Semester), University of Houston, Fall 2010.

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Torres in various modules of Foundations of the Social Work Profession (New MSW Curriculum Foundation Semester), University of Houston, Fall, 2010.

Band Director, Houston Independent School District, Reagan High School: Jazz, Concert, and Marching Bands instructor for inner-city urban high school. Additional responsibilities: logistics, travel, and acquisition of instruments, uniforms and fundraising, Fall 1996-Spring 2002.

CURRENT GRANT SUPPORT:

Co-investigator, 20% effort, Houston Geriatric Education Center, HRSA Grant: \$216,000 per year for three years, total \$600,000 direct funds and \$48,000 indirect

funds. The Grant # UB4HP19058. The current grant funding period is 7/1/2010-6/30/2015. The DUNS number is 800771594 and the EIN is 741761309. Funded to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UT Health) PI is Carmel Dyer, MD, Initiation date: September 2007 Expiration date: June 2010, refunded July 2010-2015.

Paid Advisory Board Member, 11% effort, Training Excellence in Aging Studies. Reynolds Foundation, Grant \$3,250,000.00, No cost Extension. Initiation date: January 2009 Expiration date: December 2012.

Paid Advisory Board Member, 8.6% effort, Reynolds Next Steps proposal no cost extension, beginning July 1, 2013.

PAST GRANT SUPPORT:

Doctoral Fellowship Award in Clinical Training from the Council on Social Work Education's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP), sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 24,000, 2011-2012.

Graduate Research Assistant (Doctoral Level), "Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative Grantee Implementation Evaluation," funded by Administration for Children and Families/DHHS, S. Bouchet (The Lewin Group, Inc., PI), L. Torres (Co-Investigator/Evaluator), 2010-2012.

Graduate Research Assistant (Doctoral Level), National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, University of Houston Drug Abuse Research Development Program (5R24DA019798-05), P. Bordnick (PI), L. Torres (Investigator and Project Director, Health Consequences of long-term heroin use in aging Mexican-American men Project), 2010-2012.

MD Anderson Cancer Center Social Work fellowship 9,041.10, 2010.

Phi Alpha Honor Society Mu Lambda Chapter Scholarship 500.00, 2010

Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Bilingual Scholarship-MSW scholarship 23,250, Per year, 2008-2010.

PUBLICATIONS:

1. **Flores DV**, Torres LR, Torres-Vigil I, et al. From "kickeando las malias" (kicking the withdrawals) to "staying clean": The impact of cultural values on cessation of injection drug use in aging Mexican-American men. *Substance Use & Misuse* 2013;48.
2. **Flores DV**, Torres LR, Bordnick PS, Ren Y, Haider A. "El lado oscuro": "The dark side" of social capital In Mexican-American heroin using men. *Journal of Ethnicity and Substance Use* 2013;12.
3. Burnett J, Achenbaum AW, Hayes L, **Flores, DV** et al. Increasing surveillance and prevention efforts for elder self-neglect in clinical settings. *Aging Health* 2012;8.
4. Torres LR, **Flores DV**, Bordnick PS. Culture and Health Outcomes in Aging Mexican-American Heroin Users. (Under review)

5. **Flores DV**, Torres LR, Ren Y, et al. "*Sangre malo, sangre bueno*": "Good blood, bad blood": The role of Familismo, family centeredness as risk and protective factor in heroin-injecting Hispanics. (Under review).
6. Torres, L. R., **Flores, D.V.**, & Bordnick, P.S. (Under review). Culture and Health Outcomes in Aging Mexican- American Heroin Users.
7. Torres, L. R., **Flores, D.V.**, & Bordnick, P.S. (Under review). Culture and Mental Health Outcomes in Aging Mexican- American Heroin Users.
8. **Flores, D.V.** Latino Perceptions and Barriers to Preventive Health Care Maintenance in the Southwest United States. Masters thesis, University of Texas Health Science Center, School of Public Health.
9. **Flores, D.V.**, Salazar, J. M., & Hergenroeder, B. (2009). El Centro de Corazon's depression screening report: Eastwood and Navigation Clinics. El Centro de Corazon a Federal Qualified Health Center, Mental Health Department, Houston, Texas.
10. Latini, D. M., Hoffmann, D. J., **Flores, D. V.**, McNeese, T. D., Hart, S. L., & Knight, S. J. (2008). Symptom management strategies of men treated for localized prostate cancer. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 16, 21-223.

REFEREED POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

Flores, D.V., Burnet, J., Torres, L.R., Bordnick, P.S., Dyer, C.B. "Chasing the Dragon": Medical Self-neglect, Substance Use, and Compromised Health of Aging Mexican-American Heroin Injecting Men with Chronic Liver Disease. The American Geriatrics Society 2013 Annual Meeting, Gaylord Texan Hotel & Convention Center, May3-5, Grapevine, TX.

Palos, G., Valenzuela, J., **Flores, D.V.**, Liao, K.P., Gilmore, K., Garcia-Gonzalez, A., & Balderas, L. "A Longitudinal Study On Black, Caucasian, and Latino Men's Perceptions, Physical and Psychologic Responses to the Cancer Caregiving Experience." Poster Presentation at the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, October 24-26, 2012, Austin, TX.

Flores, D.V., Valenzuela, J., Liao, K. P., Gilmore, K., Garcia-Gonzalez, A., Balderas, L., & Palos, G. "Symptom Burden In Men Caring for Underserved Patients Diagnosed with Cancer." Poster Presentation at the 6th Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference: Translating Science to Care, June 14-16, 2012, Arlington, VA.

Flores, D.V., Markham, C.M., & Teal, C.R. Latino Perceptions and Barriers to Preventive Health Care Maintenance in the Southwest United States, 55th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, November 6-9, 2009, San Antonio, TX.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS:

Flores, D.V., Torres, L.R., Ren, Y., Torres, M.I.M, *Pericot-Valverde, I.*, Deleon, F., Kao, D., & Bordnick, P.S. "*Sangre Malo, Sangre Bueno*" : "Good blood, bad blood": *The role of familismo, family centeredness as risk and protective factors in heroin-injecting Hispanics*, at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research January 20, 2013, San Diego, CA.

Torres, L.R. **Flores, D.V.**, Ren, Y, Kao, D.T. & Bordnick P.S. *Cultural values, disease, and self-rated health among Mexican American injection heroin*, Panel symposium at the 2013

Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research January 20, 2013, San Diego, CA.

Torres, L.R. **Flores, D.V.**, Ren, Y, Kao, D.T. & Bordnick P.S. *Examining the health and drug use behaviors of Mexican American injection heroin users: A Mixed Methods*, Panel symposium at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research January 20, 2013, San Diego, CA.

Flores, D.V., Torres, L.R., & Torres, M.I.M, & Bordnick P.S. *The Impact of Cultural Values on Heroin Cessation Among Aging Mexican-American Men*, Oral presentation at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, November 9-12, 2012, in Washington, DC.

Flores, D.V. & Torres, L.R. *"El Lado Oscuro:" The Dark Side of Social Capital in Aging Mexican-American Heroin-Using Men*, Oral presentation at the 2011 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, January 12-16, 2011, Tampa, FL.

Flores, D.V. *From Bench to Practice: Translational Research with Hispanic Clients. Translational Research: A Social Work Perspective in Research*, 7th Annual Doctorial Symposium, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work, March 3, 2011, Houston, Texas.

Flores, D.V., Lopez, S., & Torres, L.R. *Culturally Competent Practice with Hispanics: Challenges and Opportunities*, Faculty Development Workshop, presented at 56th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, October 14-17, 2010, Portland, Oregon.

Flores, D.V. & Torres, L.R. *Challenges in Assessing Mental Health Issues in Latinos*, Oral presentation at the NASW/Texas 34th Annual State Conference, October 8-10, 2010, Houston, TX.

Flores, D.V. *Hispanics Barriers to Healthcare Utilization and Healthcare Reform. Shaping Transitions: A Social Work Perspective in Research*, 6th Annual Doctorial Symposium, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work, March 4, 2010, Houston, Texas.

Flores, D.V., Markham, C.M., & Teal, C.R. *Latino Perceptions and Barriers to Healthcare in the Southwest United States*, Oral presentation at the 14th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference: A World of Possibilities, January 14 - 17, 2010, San Francisco, CA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

Flores, D.V. & Burnett, J. "Etiology of elder mistreatment and self-neglect: Cultural Perspectives of Surveillance and Intervention." Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, University of Texas Medical School, Division of Geriatric and Palliative Care. July 27, 2013.

Flores, D.V. "Psychosocial Issues for Geriatric, Palliative, and Hospice Patients." University of Texas Medical School, Geriatric and Palliative Medicine Wednesday weekly webinar series. April 24, 2013.

Flores, D.V. "The Impact of Culture on Elder Mistreatment and Self-Neglect: Ecological,

Etiological, and Clinical Factors.” University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work. April 9, 2013.

Flores, D.V. "Cultural Considerations for Providing Appropriate and Effective Care for Geriatric and Palliative Patients ." University of Texas Medical School Geriatric and Palliative Transition to Residency Workshop Series for 4th Year Medical Students. March 13, 2013.

Flores, D.V. "Grief and Bereavement: Essentials of Assessment and Treatment in Geriatric and Palliative Care." University of Texas Medical School, Geriatric and Palliative Medicine Wednesday weekly webinar series. February 27, 2013.

Flores, D.V. “The Journey is the Destination: The Value of the Team and Team Work, Interdisciplinary work, University of Texas Health Science Center, University of Texas Cooley Center, January 28, 2013.

Flores, D.V. “Cultural, Ecological, and Etiological Correlates of Depression in Geriatric Patients: Essentials of Geriatric Care.” Houston Geriatric Education Center and University of Texas Health Science Center Houston, Office of Continuing Medical Education. Amazing Place, November 3, 2012, Houston, TX.

Flores, D.V., Burnett, J., & Dyer, C.B.: “Why Culture Matters in Cases of Elder Mistreatment and Self Neglect” Stanford University Series on Tackling Tough Topics in Ethnogeriatrics. Webinar broadcast on October 11, 2012.

Flores, D.V. “The Journey is the Destination,” Grassroots: Conversations on Leadership in a Diverse Community. Speaker series promoting the career aspirations and academic achievements of our minority students. Sam Houston University, September 18, 2012, Huntsville, TX.

Flores, D.V. Working with Endnote. Center for Drug and Social Policy Research, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, May 30, 2012, Houston, TX.

Torres, L.R. & **Flores, D.V.** Working Successfully with Hispanic Families: What do we need to Know? Faculty Development Workshop, Ben Taub General Hospital, Harris County Hospital District, September 22, 2011, Houston TX.

Torres, L.R. & **Flores, D.V.,** & Torres, M.I.M. Working Successfully with Hispanic Families: What do we need to Know? Faculty Development Workshop, The Children’s Assessment Center, September 1, 2011, Houston TX.

Flores, D.V. Latinos and Cancer: Overcoming Challenges and Providing Effective Care. Invited oral presentation, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, June 29, 2010, Houston, TX.

Flores, D.V. Latino Perceptions of and Barriers to Healthcare in the Southwest United States. Questions and Research in Progress, Veterans Hospital Houston Center for Quality Care & Utilization Studies and Baylor College of Medicine, May 10, 2009, Houston, Texas.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Researcher, September 2012-present, University of Texas Medical School, Division of Geriatric and Palliative Care. Health disparities among underserved populations, elder abuse and self-neglect, elder substance abuse, caregiver burden, cancer, issues over the life course.

Social Work Research Intern, 2011-2012, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Office of Cancer Survivorship, (Analyze and transcribe qualitative and quantitative data, assist in manuscript development for studies “Effects of Cancer Symptoms on Minority Caregivers”- National Cancer Institute (KO7 CA102482) G. Palos PI and “Perceptions of Cancer Survivors towards the Survivorship Experience” - G. Palos PI.

Graduate Research Assistant (Doctoral Level), 2010-2012, National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, University of Houston Drug Abuse Research Development Program (5R24DA019798-05), P. Bordnick (PI), L. Torres (Investigator and Project Director, “Health Consequences of long-term heroin use in aging Mexican-American men Project”), University of Houston.

Graduate Research Assistant (Doctoral Level), 2010-2012, “Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative Grantee Implementation Evaluation,” funded by Administration for Children and Families/DHHS, S. Bouchet (The Lewin Group, Inc., PI), L. Torres (Co-Investigator/Evaluator).

Graduate Assistant Teaching Fellow (Doctoral level), 2010, National Institute on Drug Abuse, University of Houston Drug Abuse Research Development Program (5R24DA019798-04), Avelardo Valdez (PI), Luis R. Torres (Investigator and Project Director, “Health Consequences of long-term heroin use in aging Mexican-American men Project”) Center for Drug and Social Policy Research, University of Houston.

Social Work Fellow, 2010, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX. Provided clinical, counseling, and resource services under the supervision of Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Research Coordinator III, 2006-2007, Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital, Houston Center for Quality of Care & Utilization Studies, Mark E. Kunik MD MPH, Melinda Stanley PhD,. Baylor College of Medicine, VA Mental Illness Research and Education Clinical Center (MIRECC).

Interventions and Practice Research Infrastructure Grant:

Primary objective to aid in the acquisition of an NIMH *IP-RISP Grant* in order to expand the number of partnerships between community based, clinical services settings and academic institutions with the goal of enhancing the capacity to provide evidence –based mental health care in community settings that is sensitive to the social and cultural need of the patients and providers and to the feasibility concerns of community organizations involved.

Responsibilities:

- Literature review compilation and organization
- Maintain and update regulatory documents, procedures manuals, subjects' case report forms, and source documents
- Assist Faculty with preparation of P20 grant
- Coordination of meetings, conference calls, and events among investigators
- Ongoing maintenance of logs and minutes
- Development and dissemination of materials

- Construction of matrices and tables
- Recruitment and screening of subjects for eligibility in both English and Spanish populations.
- Maintenance of IRB certifications, administration and informed consent for Human Subjects

Responsibilities on Other Related HCQCUS Research Projects:

- **Partners in Dementia Care:** Mark Kunik MD MPH; A national multi-site study that proposes to implement and test a new system of coordinated care and support services for patients with dementia and their caregivers, the people who have a major responsibility in caring for the patients at home. The study's ultimate goal is to improve care for veterans with dementia and their caregivers.
 - Development of resource manual and CD-ROM for use at multiple sites
 - Literature reviews
 - Construction of matrices for multiple instruments and consumer ready resources
 - Coordination of multi-site phone conferencing.
- **Prostate Cancer Symptom Management for Low-Literacy Men:** David Latini, PhD; Symptom management patient education intervention for men treated for localized prostate cancer with low health literacy.
 - Construction and organization of Protocol Binders
 - Data analysis
 - Literature reviews
 - Assist in the coding of Qualitative and Quantitative data.
- **Vida Tranquila (Tranquil Life):** Louise Quijano PhD MSW, Melinda Stanley PhD, Mark Kunik MD MPH; a Spanish Skills-Based Therapeutic Intervention for Older Hispanics Patients with Generalized Anxiety; Recruiting and consenting of only Spanish speaking patients within the Harris County Hospital District.
 - Maintenance of data base
 - Recruiting of Spanish speaking Older Hispanics with generalized anxiety disorder
 - Research materials and mailings.
- **Emotional Characteristics Associated with Impulsive Aggression:** Andra Teten, PhD; To identify the nature and scope of aggressive behaviors reported by impulsive aggressive individuals and to identify the emotional characteristics associated with impulsive aggression;
 - Recruiting
 - SPSS database entry
 - Construction of protocol binders
 - Enter results of all psychological testing in project database
- **Bi-Polar Trial Network Registry:** Lauren Marangell MD; Database for the study of causes, treatment, and illness course of affective disorders;
 - Recruiting and consenting patients at Ben Taub Hospital Harris County Hospital District
 - Data entry for NIMH funded registry of patient with mood disorders.

Neuropsych-Diagnostician, 2003-2006, Baylor College of Medicine, Dana Giulian, MD: Clinical interviews and neuropsychological testing for dementia under supervision of a licensed neuropsychologist, score and norm protocols for research purposes. Provided technical support and data entry for maintaining patient database. University of Houston, Houston TX.

Neuropsychology Intern, 2003, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Christine Meyers, PhD: Interviewing and assessing patients enrolled in research protocol investigating neurological

effects of chemotherapy, radiation, and the outcome of brain metastases, Spanish translator. University of Houston, Houston TX.

Latino Family Project, 2003, Luis Salinas PhD, Collaborated in the development and delivery of an instrument measuring attitudes of Latino adolescents towards changing Latino family rituals and traditions. University of Houston, Houston TX.

Youth Relationship Project, 2001-2002, Ernest Jouriles PhD, Renee McDonald PhD: Intervention for the prevention of violence among high school students in the Fort Bend School District. University of Houston, Houston TX.

Project Support/NIH, 2000-2001, Ernest Jouriles PhD, Renee McDonald PhD: Shelter coordinator for activities of R.A.s and children in local shelter for families in abusive situations. Child mentor in a home based intervention research project. University of Houston, Houston TX.

Other Professional Experience:

Professional Recording Musician, Saxophonist/Woodwinds, 1981-present, Highlighted events include recordings with six-time Grammy award winning Latin group La Mafia and RCA recording artist Valentino. Currently, David Flores Latin Jazz Combo.