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**Education**

**Ph. D. in Social Work** 2009 Arizona State University.

Dissertation: *Family asset building in Transnational Mexican Communities in Arizona.*

**Master in Social Work** 2005 Arizona State University.

Thesis: *Recent immigrant mothers' acculturation level and their perceptions of their children's school performance in a Southwestern urban area.*

**Master in Human Relations** 2000 The University of Oklahoma.

**Bachelor in Social Work** 1998 Arizona State University.

**Associates of Arts** 1998 Estrella Mountain Community College.

**Private Accountant Degree** 1989 Colegio Motolinia. Zacatecas, México.

**Honors & Awards**

2014 Dean's Excellence in Teaching. College of Health and Social Services.

**Academic Positions**

August 2014 – present: BSW Program Coordinator  
New Mexico State University

August 2012 – present: Associate Professor, School of Social Work  
New Mexico State University

August 2009 – May 2012: Assistant Professor, School of Social Work,  
California State University Long Beach

September 2007 – May 2009: Instructor, School of Social  
Work Arizona State University

**Teaching Interests**

- Social policy and social justice
- Asset building and economic environment in minority populations
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- Community Practice
- Diversity and oppression

**Teaching Experience**

**Arizona State University**

Diversity and Oppression (SWG-533)	Fall 2006
Research Methods (SWU-320)	Fall 2007, Spring 2008
Research Methods (SWG-520)	Spring 2009

**California State University Long Beach**

SW 330 Human behavior and the social environment: Birth through adolescence	Fall 2009, 2011
SW331 Human behavior and the social environment: Early adulthood through completion of the life cycle	Spring 2010, 2012
SW503A Human behavior and environment in multicultural perspectives: Focus on prenatal through adolescence	Fall 2009, 2010
SW503B Human behavior and the environment in multicultural perspectives: Focus on young adulthood through old age	Spring 2010
SW698A Thesis/Project I	Fall 2009, 2010, 2011
SW699A Thesis/Project II	Spring 2010, 2011, 2012
SW660 Direct intervention with groups: Focus on children, youth and families	Summer 2010
SW661 Direct intervention with groups: Focus on older adults and families	Fall 2010
SW592 Community Projects	Spring 2011, 2012
SW693 Community Projects II	Fall 2011

**New Mexico State University**

SWK 311 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	Fall 2012(1), 2013(2) 2014 (2)
SWK 312 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	Spring 2013(1), 2014(2) 2015 (2)

**Research Interests**

- The impact of globalization on health disparities, particularly the family environment and migration
- Migration policy and its effects on family’s health disparities in México and in the US
- Family separation by international borders and gender relations within the family and social environment
- Assets building behaviors in minority populations
- Mixed method analysis

## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles in Print

**Gurrola, M.,** Moya-Salas, L., & Ayon, C. (2013). Mexican adolescents' education and hopes in an anti-immigrant environment: The perspectives of first and second generation youth and parents. *Journal of Family Issues*, 1(26), 1-26.

Moya-Salas, L., Ayon C., & **Gurrola, M.** (2013). Estamos traumatados: The effect of anti-immigrant sentiment and policies on the mental health of Mexican immigrant families. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 41(8), 1005-1020.

Ayon, C., **Gurrola, M.**, & Moya-Salas, L., Androff, D., Krysik, J. (2012). Intended and unintended consequences of employer sanction laws on Latino families. *Qualitative Social Work*, 11(6), 587-603.

Ayon, C., Krysik, J., Gerdes, K., Androff, D., Becerra, D., **Gurrola, M.**, & Moya-Salas, L., Segal, E., (2011). The mental health status of Latino children in the public child welfare system: A look at the role of generation and origin. *Child & Family Social Work*, 16, 369-379.

Androff, D., Ayón, C., Becerra, D., **Gurrola, M.**, Salas, L., Krysik, J., Gerdes, K., & Segal, E. (2011). US immigration policy and immigrant children's well-being: The impact of policy shifts. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 38, 77-98.

Becerra, D., **Gurrola, M.**, Ayon, C., Androff, D., Krysik, J., Gerdes, K., Moya-Salas, L., & Segal, E. (2010). Poverty and other factors affecting migration intentions among adolescents in México. *Journal of Poverty*, 14, 1-16.

Marsiglia, F. F., Nieri, T., Valdez, E., **Gurrola, M.**, Marrs, C. (2009). History of violence as a predictor of HIV risk among multi-ethnic, urban youth in the Southwest. *Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services*, 9 (2), 144-165.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles in Press

Atchinson, A.B., Murphy, L. M., Gurrola, M.A., Lee, C. D., & Simon, S. R. (In press). Academic Mentoring of Social Work Faculty: A Group Experience with a Feminist Influence. We are all in the same boat: Proceedings of the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on Social Work with Groups, London: Whiting and Birch.

### Invited Book Chapter

Becerra, D., Ayon, C., Gurrola, M., Androff, D., Segal, E. (2014). Poverty among immigrants and refugees. Editors Giffords, E. D. & Garber, K. R. *New perspectives on poverty. Policies, programs, and practice.* Lyceum: Chicago, IL.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles Revision and Resubmission in Process

Gurrola, M., Becerra, D., & Wagaman, M.A. The relationship between low socioeconomic status and perceived discrimination on mental health issues in Latino children. *Journal of Children and Poverty*.

Gurrola, M. Research on asset building in transnational communities through women's voices. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*.

### Manuscripts in Progress

Gurrola, M. Critical analysis of group work with Hispanics. *Social Work with Groups*

Gurrola, M. Gender violence in Mexican women. *Meridians. Feminism, race, transnationalism*

Gurrola, M. Hispanics struggling for service equity in an anti-immigrant and antagonist environment. *Journal of Poverty*

Gurrola, M. & Ayon, C. Influences of immigration policy tightening on California Latino Residents. *Journal of Community Psychology*

### Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

Gurrola, M. & Ayon, C. *Mexican adolescents' education "Hopes in an anti-immigrant environment: Perspectives of first/second-generation youth and parents"*. Accepted presentation at the 2014 Biennial Conference of the National Latino/a Psychological Association (NLPA), to be held in Albuquerque, NM.

Gurrola, M. & Ayon, C. (2014). Immigration policies and health within the framework of social determinants of health: Is immigrant's health at risk? Presented at National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse. Fourteenth Annual International Conference. Resiliency and Neuroplasticity among Vulnerable Populations – Towards a Synchrony of Disciplines, El Paso, TX.

Gurrola, M. & Terrazas, A. (2014). CBPR and Colonias effort to create a supportive environment in a rural area to reach health equity in the Latino community. Presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual National Institute for Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas at WNMU. Building Bridges: Embracing Rural Diversity. Silver City, NM.

Gurrola, M. & Terrazas, A. (2014). *CBPR and Colonias effort to maintain a supportive environment through mutual aid and traditional practices in a Latino community*. Presented at The XXXVIth Annual Symposium of the International Association for Social Work with Groups. Unity in Diversity: Embracing the Spirit of Group Work. Calgary, Alberta, CA.

Ayon, C. & Gurrola, M. (2014). *Service needs among Latino immigrant families: Implications for social work practice*. Presented in the Society for social Work and Research (SSWR) 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Research for Social Change: Addressing Local and Global Challenges. San Antonio, TX.

- Gurrola, M. & Harris, R. (2013). *The great conversation*. Presented in the International Association for Social Work with Groups, Inc. (IASWG). Revitalizing our heritage: A bridge to the future. The XXXV Annual International Symposium, Boston, MA.
- Gurrola, M. & Ayon, C. (2013). *Influences of immigration policy tightening on California Latino Residents*. Presented in the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Social Work for a Just Society: Making Visible the Stake and Stakeholders. San Diego, CA
- Gurrola, M. (2012). *Border realities and Hispanic communities*. Presented at the National Science Hispanic Network on Drug Abuse (NSHN) 12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference. Bridging the Gap in Behavioral Health Services for Latinos. San Diego, CA
- Gurrola, M. & Becerra, D. (2012). *The relationship between low socioeconomic status and perceived discrimination on mental health issues in Latino children*. Presented at Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Research that makes a difference: Advancing practice and shaping public policy. Washington, DC.
- Moya-Salas, L., Gurrola, M. & Ayon C. (2012). *Estamos traumatados: The impact of anti-immigrant sentiment and policies on the mental health of Mexican immigrant families*. Presented at Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Research that makes a difference: Advancing practice and shaping public policy. Washington, DC.
- Gurrola, M. (2011). *Hispanics struggling for service equity in an anti-immigrant and antagonist environment*. Poster presented at Pathways Toward Health Equities in Hispanic Populations. 11th Annual NHSN Conference. Miami, FL.
- Gurrola, M. (2011). *Hispanics and group work*. Paper presented at The Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc. International Symposia. Long Beach, California.
- Atchinson, A., Gurrola, M., Lee, C. D., Murphy, L. M., & Simon, S. R., (2011). *Academic mentoring of social work faculty: A group experience with a feminist influence*. Paper presented at The Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc. International Symposia. Long Beach, California.
- Gurrola, M., Moya-Salas, L. & Ayon, C. (2011). *Ethics and education in Latino children*. Paper presented at the National Association for Ethnic Studies, Inc., 2011 Conference. The New Racism: Illusion of Equality and the Assault on Ethnic Studies. Claremont, California.
- Gurrola, M., Ayon, C., & Androff, D.K. (2011) *Intended and unintended consequences of employer sanction laws on Latino Families*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Tampa, Florida.
- Becerra, D., Gurrola, M., & Castillo, J. (2010). *Perceived discrimination and fear of deportation among Latino immigrants in the U.S*. Poster presented at the 138<sup>th</sup> APHA Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.

- Gurrola, M. (2010). *Striving and getting by in a consumerist economy*. Presented at the 2010 SJSU Immigration conference. Immigration and social policy: The changing of America. San Jose, California.
- Gurrola, M. (2009). *Mexican Families' Migration and Asset Building in Mexico and the U.S.* Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Denver, Colorado.
- Ortiz de Valdez, E., Gurrola, M., Bay, C. (2008) *Resiliency and Hope. HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention among youth and young adults*. Poster presented at the 2008 National HCH Conference and Policy Symposium. Striving for inclusion, health care, housing and rights for all. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Gurrola, M. (2008) *Asset Building in a Transnational Community*. Paper presented at The Fifth Annual West Coast Nonprofit Data Conference. Tempe, Arizona.
- Gurrola M. (2007). *Mexico/United States Cyclical Migration, Family and Social Implications*. National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN). Poster presented at the Seventh Annual International Conference. Drug Use & Adaptation to Rapidly Changing Environments. Miami Beach, Florida.
- Marsiglia, F. F., Ortiz de Valdez, E., Gurrola, M., Nieri, T. (2007). *Violence as a predictor of HIV risk in two indicated samples of multi-ethnic, urban youth in the Southwest*. Paper presented at The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS "There's change in the air – future challenges for HIV/AIDS Social Work." Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Rimza, M., Bailey, K., Becerra, D., FitzHarris, B., Gurrola, M., Parsai, M., & Shahan, K. (2006) *Cesarean Section Rates: Teaching vs. Non-Teaching Hospitals*. Paper presented at the 12th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Marsiglia, F. F., Ortiz de Valdez, E., Gurrola, M., (2006). *Transdisciplinary HIV and Drug Use Prevention in the Borderlands: A Community Agency/University Research Partnership*. Paper presented at the National Hispanic Science Network, Scottsdale, Arizona

### **Invited presentations**

- Gurrola, M. (2013). *Co-occurring disorders in Latino families adjusting to a changing environment: Substance use and other mental health issues*. Vulnerability Issues in Drug Abuse (VIDA). UTEP, El Paso, TX
- Bustamantes, D., Carmona, V. L., & Gurrola, M. (2012). *Intergenerational trauma*. Promotora training. Las Cruces, NM.
- Jennings, L. & Gurrola, M. (2011). *Student's worries and difficulties while working with a diverse elderly population*. Student training. Los Angeles, CA

Gurrola, M. (2009). *Group work with immigrants*. Presented at The Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups (AASWG's) Southern California Chapter. Long Beach, CA

Marsiglia, F. F., Garcia-Perez, H., Ortiz de Valdez, E., Gurrola, M. (2007). "*Exposure to violence and associated health-risk behaviors among adolescent and young adults*." Poster presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual SIRC Research Conference. Drug abuse prevention and treatment: Intersections of gender and ethnicity. Phoenix, Arizona.

Marsiglia, F. F., Ortiz de Valdez, E., Nieri, T., Gurrola, M. (2006). *History of Violence and HIV Risk among Two Indicated Youth Populations*. Poster presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual SIRC Research Conference. Transcending Boundaries in Drug Abuse Research: Cross-Cultural Generalizability. Tempe, Arizona.

### **Grant Submissions**

Gurrola, M. (2012). Reducing the intergenerational transmission of poverty through a Spanish Social Work introduction to child welfare students. PI \$20,000 Center for Poverty Research. Non funded.

Gurrola, M. & Posadas, C. (2013). Hispanics and mental health in a border city. CO-PI \$39,220 Interdisciplinary Research Grant (IRG) NMSU. Non funded.

Gurrola, M & Favela, B. (May 2014). De niña a mujer: Cambio inevitable (From a Girl to a woman: Inevitable change). PI \$75,000.00 NIH. Non funded.

MCDonald, J., Devall, E., Favela, B., Golem, D., Gurrola, M., & Merranda, M. (NMSU team) (May, 2014). Salud para usted y su familia (Health for you and your family). \$1,510,249.00 National Institute of Food and Agriculture. US Department of Agriculture. Subcontract Texas A&M. Sharkey, J.

Favela, B. & Gurrola, M. (August 2014). Entre nosotras. (Among ourselves). PI \$ 175,338.00 Paso del Norte Health Foundation.

### **Funded Research**

#### **Substance use and mental health issues through community gardens (PI 2013 – present, \$5,000.00)**

The purpose of this study is to explore the disconnection among seniors and adolescents in New Mexico border communities by looking at the relationship of substance use and mental health issues through a community garden.

#### **Anti-immigrant sentiment and the effects on aspirations of Latino families and their children's future (PI May, 2010 \$5,000.00)**

The purpose of this study is to explore the effects of current immigration legislation and anti-immigrant sentiments on the daily functioning and future aspirations of Latino families and their children in the Long Beach area.

## Non-Funded Research

### Southwest Collaborative on Immigration Inequality and Poverty (SCIIP)

SCIIP unites researchers from various universities in the U.S. and Mexico to conduct research on issues regarding migration, immigration, inequality, and poverty. I am a founding member and Faculty Associate.

## Grants for Faculty Development

- National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse conference travel grant. Air Fare, hotel, estimated \$1,000.00 (August, 2011, September 2012).
- Partners for Success Stipend \$2,500.00 (2011).
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- El Primer Taller Sobre Migración y Desarrollo Orientado a la Formación de Jóvenes Investigadores y Docentes workshop grant estimated \$2,000.00 (May 2008).
- National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse conference travel grant. Air Fare, hotel, estimated \$1,500.00 (September, 2007).
- National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse training and travel grant. Air Fare, hotel, and \$500.00 stipend, estimated \$2,000.00 (May, 2007).
- Graduate College travel grant. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Albuquerque, NM. \$800.00 (2007).
- Graduate College travel grant. 12th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Conference. Atlanta, Georgia. \$800.00 (2006).
- Hispanic Leadership Institute workshop grant. \$1,200.00 (2004).
- Air Force Spouse grant. Partial tuition for graduate tuition at Oklahoma University, \$250.00 X 6 (1998-2000).
- Air Force Aid Society Grant. One year tuition at ASU (1997).
- MECHA grant. Community College grant. \$100.00 (1996).

## Social Work Research Experience

### Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy, Arizona State University, 2008-2009

Family reunification services after children have been removed due to substance abuse. Conducted phone interviews regarding to assess the program success.

### Concilio Latino de Salud, 2006- 2009

HIV and substance abuse. Analyzed data in a 5 year SAMHSA grant. Participated in writing annual evaluations and future goals.

### HIV/Aids Project, Concilio Latino de Salud. Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University August 2005

- *Analyzing data and manuscript development.*  
Assisted with the data analysis and writing of one manuscripts. The objective of these projects was to obtain translational data research involving HIV/AIDS that can be utilized by the university and the community.



- *Maintain university and community collaboration.* Coordinated with a community agency to adapt and implement an acculturation questionnaire, assisted with data gathering and data entry.

**Substance abuse evaluation. Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University 2007**

Analyzed data from pre and post test. This data was collected by an agency program, examining adolescent attitudes towards substance use.

**Latino Acculturation Health Project Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University 2006**

Analyzed data and writing for a project in collaboration between ASU and the University of North Carolina. The primary goal of the research was to measure acculturation stress and depression, also participated in manuscript writing.

**Social Work Practice Experience**

**Concilio Latino de Salud, Phoenix, AZ 2007- 2009**

**Program Manager.** Supervised prevention specialists in the jail and community settings.

**Valle del Sol Inc. Phoenix, AZ 2005-2007**

**Counselor II.** Performed psychological assessments as a contractor, mainly with Spanish speaking clients.

**Valle del Sol Inc. Phoenix, AZ 2002-2005**

**Counselor II.** As a counselor, performed 4-5 assessment weekly, and had 30-35 counseling behavioral clients, the majority who were bilingual or Spanish speaking clients.

**National Autistic Society. Middlefield Manor. Suffolk, England. 1998-2001**

**House worker.** Supervised and provided assistance in daily activities to adult autistic clients in a residential setting. The clients displayed challenging, self injurious and violent behavior towards themselves and others. Monitored and recorded daily assessments of client's diet, physical fitness, and behavior to ensure good health and prevent or reduce injuries to self and others

**Service**

**New Mexico State University**

*University*

Committee member of General Education Course Certification Committee (2013)

Committee member for the Assessment of Student Learning in General Education (2014)

Committee member of the University Research Council (2014)

***College***

Dean of Research Search (2012)

***School***

Bachelor Committee (2012 present)

Faculty Affairs (2012 – present)

Tenure and Promotion (2012- present)

MSW Comprehensive Final Exam (2013, 2014)

Search for College Professor (2014)

***Community Service***

Board member of Colonias Development Council (CDC) (2013)

Community of Hope (2012, 2013)

The Great Conversation (2014)

Del Cerro Nuevos Horizontes (2013-present)

**California State University Long Beach**

***University***

VET Net Ally (2010 to 2012)

Partners for Success (Mentoring Program) (2010, 2011)

AB 540 Ally (2009 to 2012)

***School***

Research sequence committee (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

Practice Sequence Committee (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

Human Behavior Committee (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

Faculty advisor for the Latino Students Social Work Network (LSSWN) (2010, 2011, 2012)

**Professional Development Activities**

**NMSU**

Mastering the mass lecture: tales from the field

First generation film

Teaching controversial issues

Team mentoring for faculty Spring 2013

Faculty orientation

ADVANCE mentoring participant

Class observation Spring 2013

Documenting effective teaching with evidence from students, instructors, and other professionals

OCIP: Communicating your online course and QM1

OCIP: Introduction to quality matters

OCIP: iPads for education

OCIP: Applying the QM rubric

## CSULB

- Winter Institute for Teaching and Learning, January 2011
- RTP training, January 2011
- The Academic Portfolio, January 2011
- Winter Writing Institute, CSULB January 2011
- Mixed methods Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) January 2011
- VET Net Ally, CSULB September 2010
- Summer Writing Institute, CSULB June 2010
- AB 540 Ally, CSU Long Beach (2009)
- Professional Mentoring Group (2009)
- Human Subjects Protection Research Training (2009)
- Latino Cultural Competency scholar, Arizona State University (2009)
- Constructing Grounded Theory: An introduction (2009)
- Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Arizona State University (2007-2008)
- El Primer Taller Sobre Migración y Desarrollo Orientado a la Formación de Jóvenes Investigadores y Docentes. Tijuana, B. C., México, 2008
- National Hispanic Science Network, summer research institute. Houston, Texas, June, 2007.
- Hispanic Leadership Institute-West  
Avondale, Arizona, September – December 2004.

## Professional Memberships

National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN, Since 2007)  
 Society of Social Work Research (SSWR, Since 2009)  
 International Association of Social Work with Groups (IASWG, Since 2009)  
 Council on Social Work Education (CSWE, 2013)

## Professional Activities

International Association of Social Work with Groups Board member (2012 to present)  
 Co-Chair for the International Association of Social Work with Groups conference in Long Beach (2011)  
 Reflection Journal board member (2010, 2011)  
 International Association of Social Work with Groups abstract reviewer (2011, 2013, 2014)  
 Society for Social Work and Research abstract reviewer (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)  
 Journal of Substance Abuse reviewer (2010)  
 Journal of International Migration reviewer (2010 to present)

## Language

Bilingual English/Spanish