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EDUCATION

- 2017–Present Doctoral Student, Social Work
University of Connecticut, School of Social Work (UConn SSW), Hartford, CT
- 2013–15 Master of Social Work (MSW)
UConn SSW, West Hartford, CT
Concentration: Community Organization
- 2004–11 Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), New Haven, CT
Majors: Media Studies and English; Specialization: Creative Writing
Honors: Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender and Sexuality Studies; health disparities and inequities; community-based interventions for prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs); effects of interpersonal and structural stigma on men who have sex with men (MSM) and sex worker health outcomes; improving sexual health outcomes for MSM of color (Latinx and African American/Black) and transgender people; policies and programs increasing access to healthcare, housing, and educational opportunities for sex workers; community organization tactics and strategies for advocating for the rights of sex workers.

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts Under Review

- Mogro-Wilson, C., & Cifuentes, Jr., A. Understanding the role of fatherhood identity and traditional machismo in problem drinking for Latino men. Submitted to *Journal of Marriage and Family*, March 2019.
- Mogro-Wilson, C., & Cifuentes, Jr., A. The influence of culture on Latino fathers' parenting styles. Submitted to *Cultural Diversity & Ethnic Minority Psychology*, July 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

National Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Cifuentes, Jr., A., & Courts, C. L. Dominique. Critical feminist perspective of social work profession's response to American sex work. Oral Presentation awaiting acceptance at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Denver, CO, October 2019.
- Mogro-Wilson, C., Cifuentes, Jr., A., & Vasquez Reyes, M. Exploring the relationship between fatherhood identity and *machismo* in Latino men. Oral Presentation awaiting acceptance at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Denver, CO, October 2019.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A. A comparative analysis of stigma among self-identified HIV-negative gay

and bisexual Latino men in Chicago and San Francisco. Poster presentation presented at the *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA, January 2019.

Mogro-Wilson, C., & **Cifuentes, Jr., A.** An analysis of the relationship between cultural values and parenting styles of Hispanic fathers. Oral presentation presented at the *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA, January 2019.

Cifuentes, Jr., A., Loomis, A., & Mogro-Wilson, C. Latino and African American fathers' caregiving and breadwinning identities and behaviors. Oral Presentation presented at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Orlando, FL, November 2018.

Mogro-Wilson, C., & **Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Exploring the impact of culture on the parenting styles of Hispanic fathers. Oral Presentation presented at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Orlando, FL, November 2018.

Cifuentes, Jr., A., & Mogro-Wilson, C. The influence of culture on parenting styles of Hispanic fathers who are problem drinkers. Poster Presentation presented at *The National Hispanic Science Network (NHSN) 18th International Conference*, Rockville, MD, October 2018.

National Presentations

Cifuentes, Jr., A. The pedagogical pornographer: Gay porn, queer politics, and HIV prevention. Presented at *The Popular Culture Association (PCA) Conference*, New Orleans, LA, April 2015.

Cifuentes, Jr., A. Art? Porn? Whatever: The queer film aesthetics of Bruce LaBruce. Presented at *The Popular Culture Association (PCA) Conference*, Boston, MA, March 2012.

Cifuentes, Jr., A. Odysseys of gay male desire: A comparative postmodern textual analysis of art and commercialism and the cultivation of desire in the gay male pornographic films *Naked Highway* (1997) and *Michael Lucas' La Dolce Vita* (2006). Presented at *The Popular Culture Association (PCA) Conference*, New Orleans, LA, April 2009.

Statewide and Regional Presentations

Cifuentes, Jr., A., & Schubert, J. Beyond thoughts and prayers: The role of social workers in preventing gun violence. To be presented at Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, CT, March 2019.

Cifuentes, Jr., A., Bonelli, J., & Fernandez, N. Everything you wanted to know about sex-positive social work (but was afraid to ask!). Presented at *The National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter (NASW/CT) Conference*, Cromwell, CT, May 2018.

Cifuentes, Jr., A. Sex, stigma, and subversion: The case for decriminalizing sex work in the United States. Presented at the *UConn Borderlands: A Critical Graduate Symposium*, Storrs, CT, March 2018.

Mogro-Wilson, C., & **Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Exploring the parenting styles of Hispanic fathers in the context of culture. Presented at the *UConn SSW Research and Scholarship Exhibition*, Hartford, CT, March 2018.

Cifuentes, Jr., A., Bonelli, J., & Fernandez, N. Everything you wanted to know about sex-positive social work (but was afraid to ask!). Presented at *The National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter (NASW/CT) Conference*, Cromwell, CT, May 2017.

Cifuentes, Jr., A. & LoMonico, S. Beyond re-entry: Access to justice for the formerly incarcerated. Presented at *The National Association of Social Workers Connecticut*

Chapter (NASW/CT) Conference, Cromwell, CT, May 2016.

Cifuentes, Jr., A., Marois, D., & Comaduran, R. The cost of liberty: The gun violence epidemic and the future of social work. Presented at *The National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter (NASW/CT) Conference, Cromwell, CT, May 2016.*

Cifuentes, Jr., A. Making the hardcore visible: Utilizing sexually explicit messaging in HIV/AIDS prevention programs for gay men, bisexual men, and MSM. Presented at *The New England Alliance for Gay and Bisexual Men's Health Conference, Provincetown, MA, October 2014.*

Cifuentes, Jr., A. The vlog is political: Bridging the gap between feminist pedagogy and activism through YouTube video diary. Presented at *The SCSU Women's Studies Graduate Conference "Critical Feminist Pedagogies: Towards an Education of Activism," New Haven, CT, March 2011.*

Cifuentes, Jr., A. This is not just a porn flick: A postmodern and re-visionist study of high and low art in the gay male pornographic films *Naked Highway* (1997) and *Michael Lucas' La Dolce Vita* (2009). Presented at *The SCSU Women's Studies Graduate Conference "Feminisms and Popular Culture," New Haven, CT, April 2009.*

INVITED CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

- Mar. 2019 One Struggle, One Fight: Community and Organizational Practice Issues within the LGBTQ+ Community
- Feb. 2019 Social Work in Action: The Role of Community Organization and Policy Practice in Social Work
- Oct. 2018 Social Work Research and the Latinx Community (Latino Fatherhood and Cultural Values); NASW/CT Latino/a Social Workers Network
- Feb. 2018 Social Work in Action: The Role of Community Organization in Social Work Practice
- July 2015 Trans Lives Matter: Preventing Violence against the Transgender Community

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sept. 2017–May 2019 Graduate Research Assistant
PI: Cristina Wilson, PhD
UConn SSW, Hartford, CT

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Assist with research on Latino fatherhood, specifically the impact cultural values and alcohol use have on parenting styles of Latino fathers. Tasks include researching established measures and constructs; conducting literature reviews; creating a survey using Qualtrics; completing and submitting IRB forms; managing and responding to project-related communications; interpreting data/analysis using SPSS; drafting, editing, and submitting peer-reviewed conference abstracts; co-writing, editing, and submitting peer-reviewed articles; co-reviewing journal articles submitted by other researchers; and assisting with development and facilitation of Fatherhood Special Interest Group (SIG) webinar.

Sept. 2017–Present University Assistant
Office of Diversity & Equity
Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), New Britain, CT

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Perform administrative/clerical duties for the Office; assist with investigations of sexual harassment/misconduct, discrimination, and ADA violations; assist with the job search process, including processing, redacting, and organizing received applications; manage the filing system for searches and investigations; assist with program and event planning and development; maintain the departmental budget; take meeting minutes; assist with note-taking during investigative interviews; chair the LGBT Advisory Committee; help coordinate annual Rainbow Breakfast and Martin Luther King, Jr., Breakfast; supervise and assign duties to student workers; perform other tasks as assigned by the Chief Diversity Officer/Title IX Officer.

Feb. 2011–Aug. 2017 Access Services Library Technical Assistant
Evening Supervisor/Stacks Maintenance Coordinator
CCSU, Elihu Burritt Library, New Britain, CT

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Supervised and trained student workers; provided daily assistance at Circulation Desk; closed the library; managed stacks of library material; prepared and submitted periodic statistical reports for Access Services and Serials; coordinated special projects, including shifting large parts of collection.

Sept. 2014–June 2015 LGBT Action, Organizing, and Research Project Intern
UConn SSW, West Hartford, CT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Conducted interviews of and participated in outreach efforts with various social workers and healthcare agency professionals that specialized in HIV/AIDS prevention, especially community-level interventions for young men MSM and people of color; attended and facilitated various presentations and workshops on campus and at local, state, and national HIV/AIDS prevention and educational conferences; created and organized a five-part “Stop the Stigma” event series on campus from February to April of 2015; served as a core organizer for Hartford Action, a grassroots organization committed to criminal justice reform and improving the relationship between police and community members.

Sept. 2013–June 2014 Social Justice Project MSW Intern
Capital Preparatory Magnet School, Hartford, CT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Consulted and advised two high school seniors completing their yearlong Social Justice Projects on bullying prevention in elementary and middle school settings; directed and co-facilitated a community event for parents and families in late March 2014 on preventing bullying and harassment in K-12 schools; assisted with coordinating and managing the Senior Internship Program; met with Internship Supervisors about student progress; acted as mediator between student intern and agency supervisor; created evaluation tools for both intern and supervisor.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Sept. 2018–Present Doctoral Student Organization/Doctoral Program Committee
- July 2018–Present Founding Steering Committee Member
NASW/CT Diversity Committee
- Dec. 2015–Present Co-chair of Network; Director of Mentoring Program
NASW/CT Latino/a Social Workers Network
- July 2015–Present Founder/Chair
NASW/CT Macro Social Workers Network
- July 2015–June 2018 Co-chair/Conference Coordinator
Connecticut Library Association Support Staff (CLASS) Committee
- Sept. 2014–May 2015 Co-chair
PRIDE Graduate Student Organization (UConn SSW)

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

- June 2018–Present Community Advisory Board
Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA)
Yale University*
- Oct. 2016–Present Steering Committee Member
CT Equality (LGBTQ+ Political Advocacy Coalition)*
- Jan. 2016–May 2018 Connecticut Students for a Dream (C4D) Organizer
Campaign Organizing Team Member, Access to Institutional Aid
for Undocumented Students Legislation*
- 2005–Present LGBTQ/Safe Schools Issues Speaker*
- 2005–Present True Colors Conference Workshop Facilitator/Presenter*
- Oct. 2004–June 2019 GLSEN Connecticut Board of Directors*
- July 2016–June 2019 Community Outreach Coordinator*
- July 2016–Sept. 2018 Co-chair*
- July 2015–Feb. 2018 Professional Development Coordinator*
- Aug. 2016–Feb. 2018 Fundraising Event Coordinator/Manager*
- Mar. 2012–May 2017 Safe Schools Summit Event Coordinator/Manager*
- June 2010–Sept. 2014 Student Organizing Team Adult Coordinator*

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Mar. 2016 Licensed Master of Social Worker
Connecticut Department of Public Health License 003248

Apr. 2015 Campaign School Certificate of Completion
Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work

Sept. 2013 Certified Professional Development (PD) Facilitator
Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2018–Present National Hispanic Science Network (NHSN)

2018–Present Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

2018–Present Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
Fatherhood Special Interest Group (SIG)

2018–Present Q Caucus (Social Work LGBTQ Caucus)

2015–Present New England HIV Implementation Science Network
(CIRA @ Yale University)

2014–Present Association for Community Organization and Social
Action (ACOSA)
Connecticut Library Association (CLA)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

2009, 2012–Present Popular Culture Association (PCA)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2018-2022 Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) Fellowship (from
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) (\$30,000/year for four (4)
years)

2018 NASW/CT Social Worker of the Year Nominee

2018-2019; 2017-2018 Rollin Williams/Y. C. Wu Fellowship (from UConn SSW)

2018 Procter & Gamble/HSF (Hispanic Scholarship Foundation)
Scholarship Program Scholarship

2018 Pre-Dissertation Travel Scholarship (from UConn SSW)

2018 Dorothy Award (Service Recognition Award for GLSEN
Connecticut from New Haven Pride Center)

2014 Frank V. Carollo Scholarship (from UConn SSW)

2011 William B. Hensley Volunteer Award (from GLSEN)

Connecticut)

- 2009 Henry Barnard Distinguished Student Award (1 of 12 CSU Undergraduate Recipients)
Roger Conway Award for Excellence in Media Studies (from SCSU)
- 2008 Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa Service Award (from SCSU Women's Studies Department)
Student Life Program Impact Award (for Day of Silence; awarded with LGBTQQIA Prism)
Sylvia Spino Endowed Scholarship (from SCSU Alumni Association)
Dr. Adelaide P. Amore Memorial Endowed Scholarship (from SCSU Alumni Association)

ARTICLES

- Jan. 2019 "PhD Student Selected Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar," [*UConn Today*](#)
- Oct. 2018 "SSW Doctoral Student Selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholar," [*UConn Today*](#)
- "UConn Academic Recognized for His Work Nationally," [*The Chronicle*](#)