
Curriculum Vitae
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Academic Background

Associate of Radiologic Sciences
Midlands Technical College-1984

Bachelor of Health Sciences
Medical University of South Carolina- 1991

Master of Public Health (Health Education in Promotion)
University of South Carolina- 1994

Doctor of Public Health (Health Promotion, Education and Behavior)
University of South Carolina- 2011

Work Experiences and Expertise

Richland Memorial Hospital 1984-1987

Staff Radiologic Technologist-Performed radiologic procedures in various hospital settings such as emergency department, trauma, surgery, and routine radiology rooms.

Byrnes Medical Center 1987-1990

Staff Radiologic Technologist-Performed radiologic procedures in various hospital settings such as emergency department, trauma, surgery, and routine radiology rooms.

Medical University of South Carolina and Roper Hospital 1990-1991

Pediatric Staff Radiologic Technologist- Performed radiologic procedures in various hospital settings such as emergency department, trauma, surgery, and routine radiology rooms.

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College 1994-1998

Radiologic Sciences Clinical Instructor-Taught various didactic courses (i.e., Radiology Physics, Positioning I and II) and clinical courses.

Midlands Technical College 1998-1999

Radiologic Sciences Clinical Instructor-Taught Medical Terminology course and clinical courses.

Palmetto Public Health District- 1999-2001

HIV Health Educator –Planned implemented and evaluated HIV prevention activities focusing on high-risk individuals including Latino migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Developed the first-ever HIV prevention plan for Latinos that reside in the Palmetto Public Health District. Established partnerships with local government agencies and community-based organizations to address the HIV epidemic in South Carolina.

STD/HIV Division 2001-2004

Consultant-Provided technical assistance to community-based organizations and health districts receiving state and federal HIV prevention funds. Monitored and evaluated HIV prevention and testing programs, conducted site visits to funded entities and participated in STD/HIV clinic audits for state health departments.

Cancer Division and Control's Best Chance Network (BCN) Program- 2004-2005

Program Manager- Provided the day-to-day oversight of the BCN Program, supervised BCN staff, monitored over 200 sub-contractors, conducted evaluation, submitted grants and reports to CDC as

required, facilitated and participated in program related meetings, monitored BCN and sub-contractors' budget, developed position descriptions and conducted interviews.

Cardiovascular Health (CVH) Division- 2005-2006

Community Health Education Program Manager-Responsible for monitoring and evaluating CVH grants in four health districts, planning CVH and chronic disease related conferences, developing a Lay Health Advisor Program to conduct CVH and Stroke community presentations, and assisting the CVH Division staff plan, implement and evaluate Capital Health, an employee wellness program.

University of South Carolina- 2006-2016

Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator on grants working with Latinos in SC. Responsible the day-to-day activities for the grants, process and outcome evaluations, data collection, analysis, and reporting. Worked on the evaluation team for various Center for Health Services and Policy Research (CHSPR) projects. Also, taught undergraduate courses for the Department of Health, Promotion, Education and Behavior.

University of South Carolina- 2016-

Clinical Associate Faculty, Health Promotion, Education and Behavior (HPEB), Arnold School of Public Health. Responsible for planning and teaching numerous undergraduate and graduate HPEB traditional, on-line, and study abroad courses in the Fall, Spring, and summer semesters. In-charge of undergraduate HPEB course overrides, Nutrition and Food Systems (NFS) and HPEB Minor curricula and serving as the liaison between the UG Public Health Department and HPEB. Mentor faculty members on course creation, materials, and practice experience process. Provide students assistance in identifying and planning for practica opportunities, serve as practice experience advisor to graduate students, and participate in multiple departmental and university committees.

Positions

1999- 2001 HIV Health Educator, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

2001-2004 Consultant, STD/HIV Division, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

2004-2005 Program Manager, Best Chance Network (BCN), Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

2004-2015 PI and Program Manager HIV Prevention Program, SC Hispanic Latino Health Coalition, Columbia, SC

2005-2006 Health Education Manager, CVH Division, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

2006-2007 Co-PI & Program Coordinator, Women's Well Being Initiative, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

2008- 2016 Research Associate Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies, Columbia, SC

2011-2013 Co-PI *Navegantes de Salud*, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Grant, Columbia, SC

2011-2013 Evaluator for Every Woman Southeast Grant, Columbia, SC

2011-2013 Evaluator for numerous State Health Department grants, SC

2011-2013 PI SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Grant, Columbia, SC

2011- 2016 Adjunct Professor, Arnold School of Public Health, University of SC

2015- 2016 Program Manager, Tomando Control de su Salud Program, Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging, Columbia, SC

2016-present-Studey Abroad, University of South Carolina Global Health in Costa Rica professor; teach two classes: Global Health and Public Health

2016-present Member of the University of South Carolina's Hispanic/Latino Faculty Caucus; Secretary 2019-2020.

Honors

1984 Honor Graduate

1994	Student Action with Farm Workers Internship (North and South Carolina)
2000	Associate of Public Manager Certificate
2000	Most Outstanding New Health Educator Award recipient
2001	SC Excellence in HIV Award recipient
2006	University of St. Louis Public Health Education Leadership Institute (PHELI)- Cycle VIII fellow
2006	Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools Professional Development Seminar Scholarship Recipient
2007	National Scholars Honor Society
2007	South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) U.S. and Mexican Border Program
2008	Summer Research Scholarship Recipient-University of Notre Dame
2009	Delta Omega Society MU Chapter
2010	The Dennis de Leon Sustainable Leadership Institute-Latinos in the Deep South
2011	US Department of Health and Human Services Regional Health Equity Council Member
2014	John Hopkins University's Training and Learning Programs for Volunteer Community Health Workers certificate.
2014	Center for Business and Industry, Minnesota State Colleges, and Universities Systems-Community Health Worker Course
2015	Working with Latino/Latina LGBT Youth Certificate-SC Department of Juvenile Justice
2018	Centers for Teaching Excellence On-line Training Certificate-University of South Carolina
2021	Leaders in South Carolina Award-SC Commission for Minority Affairs

Selected Peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order)

Torres ME, Meetze E, Smithwick J. (2013). Latina Voices in Childhood Obesity: A Pilot Study Using Photovoice in South Carolina. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 44(3S3), S225-S231.

Myriam E. Torres, Ashley Murray, Edena G. Meetze, Zaneta Gaul, Madeline Y. Sutton (2015). HIV Knowledge and Testing Beliefs among Pregnant Latinas in Rural South Carolina. *Journal of Immigrant Minority Health*. 2016. DOI 10.1007/s10903-016-0455-6.

Meetze EG, Torres, ME, Messias, DH. (2016). Prenatal Care Providers' Perspectives and Practices: Informed Consent for HIV Screening among Latinas with Limited English Proficiency in South Carolina. *Journal of Health Disparities*. Vol 10, Issue 1, Article 10.

Ramos, C., Torres, M., Guimaraes, E., Martin, M., Young, M., Davis, R., Cowan, H. (2021). The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic among Hispanics/Latinos in South Carolina: A cross-sectional study. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities -In Review*

Publications/Presentations

- ***La Vida Noticias*** – Author and editor of this Spanish health issues newsletter published statewide, two times a year.
- ***Addressing HIV/AIDS: Latino Perspectives and Policy Recommendations Document***- Published by the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors' (NASTAD) Latino Advisory Committee. Contributed to the development of this NASTAD document that provides recommendations on how to develop programs and policies to effectively address the AIDS epidemic among Latinos.
- Written numerous magazine and newspaper articles on HIV and Hispanic health issues. (***Latino Newspaper, NASTAD Bulletin, Hispanic Online Articles! [HOLA!]***)
- Featured in ***IMARA Magazine*** and ***DHEC Newsletter***

Grants

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- HIV/STD Prevention Grants written and awarded for the South Carolina Hispanic/Latino Health Coalition (SCHLHC), 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2008-2009.
 - National Breast and Cervical Early Detection Program Grants written and awarded for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), 2003-2004.
 - Cardiovascular Grant awarded to the Cardiovascular Health Division of SCDHEC

Research Funds Awarded (in chronological order)

- Empowering Latinas to Lash-Out Against AIDS/STIs (ELLAS)
Project Dates: 9/30/2007- 9/29/2012
Co-PI
Direct Costs: \$510,833 Total Costs: \$737,003
Funding Agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Minority AIDS Research Initiative
Description: To gain a better understanding of providers and pregnant Latinas' perceptions about prenatal HIV testing in urban and rural areas of SC
 - Navegantes de Salud: Improving Health Care Access and Utilization among Hispanic Women and Children
Project Dates: October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2013
Co-PI
Funding Agency: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Hispanic Health Services Research Grant Program
Total Budget: \$210,993
Description: Implemented and tested the effectiveness of a culturally and linguistically appropriate health systems navigator intervention, *Navegantes de Salud* (Health Navigators, in Spanish).
 - Cuidate: Program to reduce HIV risk among Latino youth.
Project Dates: January 2011- December 2013
PI
Funding Agency: SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
Total Budget: \$25,000
Description: Implemented an evidence-based HIV prevention curriculum (Cuidate), for Latino youth in the Midlands region of SC.
 - Study to Assess Beliefs and Evaluate Risks (SABER) among Latinos in SC
Project Date: 2013-2014
Co-PI
Funding Agency: NIH Supplement to P20 (Institute for Partnerships to Eliminate Health Disparities).
Description: Collected quantitative and qualitative data from Latinos in SC regarding their sexual practices.
 - Experiences of Latinos during the SC Floods
Project Dates: 2016
Co-PI
Funding Agency: University of South Carolina
Description: Collected qualitative and quantitative data from LEP Latinos and organizational stakeholders regarding their perceptions on the services provided during the October 2015 SC flood.
 - Contra SIDA and Cuidate: Programs to reduce HIV risk among Latino adults and teens.
Project Dates: January 1, 2010 –December 31, 2015; January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018
Funding Agency: AIDS Benefit Foundation of South Carolina
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Direct Costs: \$24,963 (total for all years)

Description: Project consisted of HIV prevention program to include HIV testing for Latino adults and the facilitation of a proven and effective Spanish/English versions curriculum to teach Latino youth ages 12-18 about HIV prevention

- Latinx focus groups throughout South Carolina.
Project Dates: 2017, 2018, 2019
Funding Agency: Core for Applied Research and Evaluation, Office of Research Facilitator
Description: Conduct focus group of Latinos throughout South Carolina to collect, analyze, and report qualitative data to funders to support health programs that focus on Latinx communities.
 - Tobacco Use Among Hispanic/Latinos in SC
Project Dates: 9/01/2021-8/31/2025
Key Personnel
Total Costs: \$641,834
Funding Agency: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control
Description: Assess tobacco use among Latino youth and adults South Carolina
 - Assess if Latinx individuals in South Carolina will get the COVID-19 vaccine.
Project Dates: 6/01/2021-9/01/2021
PI
Total Costs: \$10,000
Funding Agency: USC Office of the Vice President for Research (ASPIRE-1 Track 2
Description: Assess COVID vaccination beliefs and hesitancy among Spanish and Portuguese speakers in SC
 - Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic among Latinos in South Carolina
Project Dates:
Co-PI
Funding Source: University of South Carolina Provosts Office
Total Costs:
Description
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