

Roger Figueroa, PhD, MPH, MSc
Curriculum Vitae

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Academic appointments

- 2017-present** Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Nutrition, T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2016** Visiting Scholar, Department of Preventive Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Education & training

- 2017-present** Postdoctoral Traineeship, Department of Nutrition, T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Mentor: Kirsten K. Davison, PhD
- 2017** Ph.D., Human Development and Family Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA
Mentor: Angela R. Wiley, PhD, CFLE
- 2014** M.P.H., Chronic Disease Prevention, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA
- 2011** M.Sc., Health & Kinesiology, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, USA
Mentor: Meizi He, PhD
- 2009** B.A., Physical Education, Universidad Central de Bayamón, Bayamón, Puerto Rico

Funding

Research grants funded

- 2016-2017** *Childhood Obesity Prevention among Latino Households & Families: A Randomized Control Trial*, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, under award number 2011-67001-30101, Seed Grant (PI: **Figueroa, R.**; Co-Investigators: Hannon, B. H., Wiley, A., Teran-Garcia, M., \$9,806 requested, February 2016).
- 2013-2017** *Global Obesity Perceptions*, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, partially funded under award number 2011-67001-30101, Seed Grant (PI: **Figueroa, R.**; Co-Investigators: An, R., Wiley, A., Brooks, J., \$5,815 requested, December 2013).

2013-2016 *Family Child Care Health Study*, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, under award number 2011-67001-30101, Seed Grant (PI: **Figueroa, R.**; Co-Investigators: Magerko, K., Wiley, A., \$10,000 requested, October 2013).

Research grants not funded

2018 *Assessment of Low-Income Fathers' Involvement and Strategies for their Engagement in Childhood Obesity Prevention Programs: A Qualitative Study*, 2018 Harvard Catalyst Health Disparities Research Program Enrichment Award (PI: **Figueroa, R.**, Davison, K.K., \$3,000 requested, February 2018)

2017 *Designing and Evaluating an Ecologically-Situated Family Intervention that Effectively Engages Low-Income Fathers in Childhood Obesity Prevention*, National Institute for Diabetes, Digestive, and Kidney (NIDDK), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (PI: Davison, K. K.; Co-PI: **Figueroa, R.**, \$229,236 requested, January 2017). ***Recommended for funding consideration, but insufficient funds were available. Instead, I was offered and accepted a T32 training grant position.**

Honors and awards

Date	Source	Award/Purpose/Project	Amount
2018-Present	National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)	NIH Health Disparities Research Loan Repayment Program (LRP), Health Disparities	\$43,966.96
2018	¡Exito! Latino Cancer Research Leadership Training Summer Institute at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	¡Éxito! Superstar: Committed to Excellence Award	\$250
2017-Present	National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)	National Research Service Award (NRSA), NIH T32 Training Grant in Academic Nutrition at T. H. Chan School of Public Health	\$47,484 per year
2017	American Society for Microbiology / Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students	Judge Travel Award, 2017 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS)	~\$1,000

Date	Source	Award/Purpose/Project	Amount
2012-2017	National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture	Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program (I-TOPP) Traineeship (Fellowship/Scholarship)	~\$125,000
2017	Department of Human Development & Family Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Graduate Research Travel Award	\$300
2016	College of ACES, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Susan Kahl Bates Leadership Development Award	\$500
2016	Department of Human Development & Family Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Graduate Research Travel Award	\$450
2013	College of ACES, Study Abroad Office, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Study Abroad Scholarship	\$1,500
2013	Master of Public Health Program, Department of Kinesiology & Community Health, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Master of Public Health Professional Travel Award	\$500
2013	Family Resiliency Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Illinois Early Child Activity Program (I-CAP) Graduate Fellowship	\$300
2008-2009	Banco Santander	Universia's 150 International Mobility Scholarship	\$4,200

Publications

Peer-reviewed manuscripts

1. **Figueroa, R.**, Kalyoncu, Z. B., Saltzman, J. A., & Davison, K. K. (*In press*). Autonomous motivation, sugar-sweetened beverage consumption, and healthy beverage intake in US families: Differences between mother-adolescent and father-adolescent dyads. *Public Health Nutrition*.

2. **Figueroa, R.**, Barnett, L. M., Estevan, I., & Wiley, A. (2018). How well can family childcare providers report on preschoolers' motor skill competence? *Child & Youth Care Forum*. DOI: 10.1007/s10566-018-9470-1
3. **Figueroa, R.**, Saltzman, J., Jarick, J. & Wiley, A. (2017). "Culture is so interspersed": Childcare & healthcare providers' perceptions of childhood obesity in South Africa. *Journal of Obesity*. DOI: 10.1155/2017/9629748.
4. **Figueroa, R.** & Wiley, A. (2016). Factors associated with time provided to children for physical activity in family child care: a cross-sectional study. *SpringerPlus*, 5(1), 1730. DOI: 10.1186/s40064-016-3450-4
5. **Figueroa R.** & An, R. (2016). Motor skill competence and physical activity in preschoolers: A review. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 1-11. DOI: 10.1007/s10995-016-2102-1
6. **Figueroa, R.**, Sosa, E., Cordova, A., Wilmoth, S., & He, M. (2014). Health communication and obesity prevention in Hispanic communities: A qualitative exploration of media's roles. *Journal of Research in Obesity*, 1-18. DOI: 10.5171/2014.722324.

Manuscripts under review

1. **Figueroa, R.**, Kwan, M. P., Jarrett, R., McBride, B., & Wiley, A. (*Revise and Re-submit*). Family child care physical activity ecology: A sociospatial grounded theory. *Children, Youth, & Environments*.
2. Beckerman, J. P., Aftosmes-Tobio, A., Kitos, N., Jurkowski, J. M., Lansberg, K., Kazik, C., Gavarkovs, A., Vigilante, A., Kalyoncu, B. Z., **Figueroa, R.**, Klabunde, R., Barouch, R., Haneuse, S., Taveras, E., Davison, K. K. (*Revise and Re-submit*). Communities for Healthy Living (CHL) - a family-centered childhood obesity prevention program integrated into Head Start services: Study protocol for a pragmatic cluster randomized trial. *Contemporary Clinical Trials*.
3. **Figueroa, R.**, McCaffrey, J., & Wiley, A. (*Under Review*). Video-based approaches and social media to teach young adults of diverse ethnic backgrounds about healthy life skills: Preliminary findings from two focus groups in East-Central Illinois. *The Forum for Family and Consumer Issues (FFCI)*.
4. **Figueroa, R.**, Saltzman, J. A., Aftosmes-Tobio, A., & Davison, K. (*Under Review*). Examining cross-sectional factorial invariance across three obesity-related parenting domains among English and Spanish interviewees in a sample of Head Start parents. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

Manuscripts in preparation

1. **Figueroa, R.**, Z. B. Kalyoncu, & Davison, K. *Working title: Associations between food availability at home, proxies of acculturation, and beverage consumption among Head Start parents.*

2. Beckerman, J., Aftosmes-Tobio, A., Gavarkovs, A., Kitos, N., **Figueroa, R.**, Kalyoncu, Z. B., Lansburg, K., Kazik, C., Martin, M., Jurkowski, J., & Davison, K. *Working title: Evaluating the implementation of communities for healthy living: A family-based participatory intervention to prevent obesity in low-income preschool children.*

Presentations (*denotes upcoming conferences/meetings)

1. ***Figueroa, R.**, Saltzman, J. A., Aftosmes-Tobio, A., & Davison, K. K. (2019, March). *Testing the construct validity of a brief measure of food, physical activity and sleep parenting in English and Spanish.* Abstract accepted to the 40th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Washington, District of Columbia, USA.
2. Gavarkovs, A., Aftosmes-Tobio, A., Beckerman, J., Lansburg, K., Kazik, C., Kalyoncu, Z. B. **Figueroa, R.**, Jurkowski, J., & Davison, K. (2018, December). *Innovation-specific and general capacity building among head start staff implementing a family-centered intervention to prevent childhood obesity.* Poster presentation at the 11th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation, Washington, District of Columbia, USA.
3. **Figueroa, R.**, Saltzman, J. A., Aftosmes-Tobio, A., & Davison, K. K. (2018, November). *Examining factorial invariance across three obesity-related parenting domains among English and Spanish interviewees in a sample of Head Start parents.* Invited presentation at the Public Health Nutrition Seminar Series in the Department of Nutrition, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
4. **Figueroa, R.**, Kalyoncu, Z. B., Aftosmes-Tobio, A., Jurkowski, J., & Davison, K. (2018, June). *Food availability, sugar sweetened beverage consumption, and the role of acculturation in low-income parents and preschoolers: A Communities for Healthy Living (CHL) study.* Paper presentation at the 2018 American Society for Nutrition's Inaugural Flagship Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
5. Aftosmes-Tobio, A., Kitos, N., **Figueroa, R.**, Kalyoncu, Z. B., Beckerman, J., Gavarkovs, A., Lansburg, K., Kazik, C., Jurkowski, J., & Davison, K. (2018, June). *Adherence to recommendations for diet, physical activity and media use in low-income children enrolled in Head Start in the Greater Boston area.* Paper presentation at the 2018 American Society for Nutrition's Inaugural Flagship Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
6. Beckerman, J., Aftosmes-Tobio, A., Gavarkovs, A., Kitos, N., **Figueroa, R.**, Kalyoncu, Z. B., Lansburg, K., Kazik, C., Martin, M., Jurkowski, J., & Davison, K. (2018, June). *Evaluating the implementation of communities for healthy living: A family-based participatory intervention to prevent obesity in low-income preschool children.* Paper presentation at the 2018 American Society for Nutrition's Inaugural Flagship Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
7. Aceves, B., **Figueroa, R.**, Garcia, M., & Torres, V. (2018, June). *Getting in and getting through a doctoral program: Exitó! alumni tell their stories.* Panel Presentation at 2018 Exitó! Latino Cancer Research Leadership Training Summer Institute at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, USA.
8. **Figueroa, R.** *Childhood Obesity Prevention in "At-Risk" Communities through a Socio-ecological Lens.* (2018, May). Oral presentation for the Department of Health, Policy, Management, and Behavior at the State University of New York (SUNY), Albany, New York, USA.

9. **Figueroa, R.**, Kalyoncu, Z. B., Saltzman, J. A., & Davison, K. K. (2018, May). *Autonomous motivation, sugar-sweetened beverage consumption, and healthy beverage intake in US families: Differences between mother-adolescent and father-adolescent dyads*. Paper presentation at the 2018 Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Poster Day, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
10. **Figueroa, R.** *Engaging Fathers and Other Caregivers to Understand the Socioecological Context of Children's Health*. (2018, March). Guest lecture presentation for Maternal and Child Health Course in the Department of Health, Policy, Management, and Behavior at the State University of New York (SUNY), Albany, New York, USA.
11. **Figueroa, R.**, Kalyoncu, Z. B., & Davison, K. (2018, February). *Autonomous Motivation to Limit Sugar Sweetened Beverages and Healthy Beverage Intake in Parent-Adolescent Dyads*. Paper presentation at the 2018 American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas, USA.
12. **Figueroa, R.**, Kwan, M. P., Jarrett, R., McBride, B., & Wiley, A. (2018, February). *Family child care physical activity ecology: A qualitative GIS Study*. Paper presentation at the 2018 Active Living Research Conference, Banff, Alberta, Canada.
13. Kalyoncu, Z. B., **Figueroa, R.**, Aftosmes-Tobio, A. (2018, February). *Assessing culinary knowledge and skills of adults in health promotion research: A systematic review*. Paper presentation at the Inaugural 2018 Teaching Kitchen Research Day Napa Valley, California, USA.
14. **Figueroa, R.**, Kwan, M. P., Jarrett, R., McBride, B., & Wiley, A. (2017, November). *Support systems for promoting of physical activity in developmentally diverse children attending home-based child care: A qualitative study among family child care providers in a U.S. Midwestern city*. Paper presentation at the 2017 Qual-World Interactive Virtual Conference.
15. Kalyoncu, Z. B. & **Figueroa, R.** (2017, November). *No nutrition in the land of plenty: How food deserts leave communities devoid of fruits and vegetables, and how we can help*. Interactive workshop session at the First Annual Black Health Matters Conference at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.
16. Brackenbury, L. & **Figueroa, R.** (2017, November). *Networking in Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health*. Panel presentation at the 2017 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), Phoenix, Arizona, USA.
17. Hannon, B., **Figueroa, R.**, Luna, V., Villegas, E., Wiley, A., Teran-Garcia, M. (2017, October) *Small Changes Can Make a Big Difference: Associations between Parent Diet and Child Body Composition*. Paper presentation at Obesity Week 2017, Washington, District of Columbia, USA.
18. Saltzman, J. A., Cole, N. C., **Figueroa, R.**, Bost, K. K., Wiley, A., Lee, S-Y, Donovan, S. M., Fiese, B. H., & the STRONG Kids Team. (2017, June). *Effects of Maternal Emotional Responses on Child Health Behaviors: A STRONG Kids Study*. Paper presentation at the 2017 International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) Annual Conference, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. ***Won Best Student Abstract Award.**

19. **Figueroa, R.**, Garcia, M., Lopez, N. (2017, June). *Getting in and getting through a doctoral program: Exito! alumni tell their stories*. Panel presentation at 2017 Exito! Latino Cancer Research Leadership Training Summer Institute at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, USA.
20. **Figueroa, R.**, & Wiley, A. (2017, June). *Family Day Care Providers' Proxy Report of Preschoolers' Motor Skill Competence in relation to Actual Motor Skill Competence*. Paper presentation at the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity (NASPSPA) Conference 2017 (50th Anniversary), San Diego, California, USA.
21. Coba-Rodriguez, S., Curtiss, S., **Figueroa, R.** Izenstark, D., Mendez, S., & Monk, J. K. (2017, May). *Dissertation & Academic Job Search*. Panel presentation at HDFS Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Meeting, Urbana, Illinois, USA.
22. **Figueroa, R.**, Wiley, A. & Hannon, B. (2017, April). *Latino Parents' Perceptions of Health Behavior Practices: A Sociospatial Grounded Theory*. Paper presentation at the 15th World Congress on Public Health (WCPH2017), Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
23. **Figueroa, R.**, & Wiley, A. (2017, March). *Family Day Care Providers' Proxy Report of Preschoolers' Motor Skill Competence in relation to Actual Motor Skill Competence*. Paper presentation at HDFS Colloquium Series, Urbana, Illinois, USA.
24. **Figueroa, R.** (2017, February). *The Role of Family Child Care Settings in Preventing Childhood Obesity*. Oral Presentation in the Medicine & Society Clerkship Course at University of Illinois School of Medicine, Urbana, Illinois, USA.
25. **Figueroa, R.** & Wiley, A. (2016, November). *Factors Associated with Time Provided to Children for Physical Activity in Family Childcare: A Cross-Sectional Study*. Paper presentation at the 6th International Congress on Physical Activity and Public Health (ISPAH) "Active People, Active Place, Active Policy," Bangkok, Thailand.
26. **Figueroa, R.** & Wiley, A. (2016, November). *Which Physical Activity (PA) Affordances in Family Child Care (FCC) are more likely to predict adherence to PA recommendations by FCC Providers?* Paper presentation at the 6th International Congress on Physical Activity and Public Health (ISPAH2016) "Active People, Active Place, Active Policy," Bangkok, Thailand.
27. **Figueroa, R.** (2016, November). *Assessing FMS, Perceived Motor Competence, PA, Fitness, and Body Composition among 3-5 year olds attending Family Child Care: Lessons Learned and Future Directions*. Oral presentation at the 2nd Assembly of the International Consortium on Motor Development Research: Advancing Motor Development Research in the 21st Century, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, USA.
28. Aguinaga, S., **Figueroa, R.**, & Ortiz, L. (2016, November). *Latinxs in Academia: Sharing our Experiences*. Panel presentation at La Casa Cultural Latina at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA.
29. **Figueroa, R.** (2016, October). *Brief Overview of Research on Physical Health as defined by WHO*. Guest lecture presentation for the Interdisciplinary Health Course (IHLT 102) at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA.

30. Adeigbe, R., Aguilar, R., & **Figueroa, R.** (2016, June). *Getting in and getting through a doctoral program: Exito! alumni tell their stories*. Panel presentation at the 2016 Exito! Latino Cancer Research Leadership Training Summer Institute at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, USA.
31. **Figueroa, R.**, Muzaffar, H., & Ortiz, L. (2016, February). *Conducting Research with Latino/a Populations*. Panel presentation in the US Latino/a Families Course (HDFS/LLS 422) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA.
32. **Figueroa, R.** (2015, December). *The Dominican Republic: Adapted from Marcos Tavárez & Michelle Jiménez*. Guest lecture presentation for the College of ACES Study Abroad Office at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA.
33. **Figueroa, R.** & Wiley, A. (2015, November). *Family Child Care Practices and Characteristics that Promote Physical Activity in Children*. Paper presentation at the 2015 NCFR Annual Conference "Conflict, Violence and War: Family Risks and Resilience," Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
34. **Figueroa, R.**, Saltzman, J., Jarick, J. & Wiley, A. (2015, October). "Culture is so interspersed": *Childcare & Healthcare Providers' Perceptions of Childhood Obesity in South Africa*. Paper presentation at the 21st Annual Qualitative Health Research Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
35. **Figueroa R.** & An, R. (2015, October). *Motor Development and Physical Activity in Preschoolers: A Systematic Review*. Paper presentation at the 9th Biennial Meeting of the Society for the Study of Human Development, Austin, Texas, USA.
36. **Figueroa, R.**, Ortiz, L., Rodriguez, A., & Quiñonez, M. (2015, October). *Nuestras Raíces Caribeñas*. Panel presentation for La Casa Cultural Latina at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA.
37. Olgosky, B., Wiley, A., Monk, J. K., **Figueroa, R.** (2015, June). *A Daily Diary Examination of the Association between Physical Activity and Relationship Satisfaction*. Paper presentation at the 2015 IARR Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA.
38. **Figueroa, R.**, Linares, K. A., Wiley, A., Andrade, F.C.D., Aradillas, C., Medina-Cerda, E., & the UP-AMIGOS Research Team. (2014, November). *The Influence of Depressive Symptoms on Lifestyle Factors Linked to Weight Status*. Paper presentation at the 2014 NCFR Annual Conference "Families at the Nexus of Global Change," Baltimore, Maryland, USA.
39. **Figueroa, R.** (2014, February). *Obesity Perceptions Research Program Overview*. Guest lecture presentation in the Strong Kids: Childhood Obesity Research Course (HDFS 494) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA.
40. **Figueroa, R.**, Linares, K. A., Wiley, A., Andrade, F.C.D., Aradillas, C., Medina-Cerda, E., & the UP-AMIGOS Research Team. (2013, July). *The Influence of Depressive Symptoms on Lifestyle Factors Linked to Weight Status*. Paper presentation at the United States-Mexico Border Obesity Prevention Summit, McAllen, Texas, USA.

41. **Figueroa, R.**, Sosa, E., Cordova, A., Wilmoth, S., Jones, T., Wu, S., & He, M. (2012). *Spanish Media and Obesity Perceptions: A Qualitative Study among Hispanic Communities in San Antonio, TX*. Paper presentation at the 2012 International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) Annual Conference, Austin, Texas, USA.
42. Yin, Z., He, M., Biediger-Friedman, L., Corda, K. W., **Figueroa, R.** (March, 2012). *Dietitians Today & Tomorrow (Dietistas Hoy & Mañana)*. Guest Presentation at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas, USA.

Additional research experience

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Department of Nutrition
Research Affiliate, Project: Communities for Healthy Living (2017-Present)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Human Development & Family Studies
Research Affiliate, Project: Abriendo Caminos 2 (2016-2017)
Principal Investigator, Project: Global Obesity Perceptions (2013-2017)
Co-Principal Investigator, Project: Family Child Care Health Study (2013-2016)
Graduate Research Assistant, Project: Up Amigos (2012-2014)

University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Health & Kinesiology
Outreach Specialist, Project: Dietitians Today and Tomorrow (2012)
Principal Investigator, Project: Hispanics Obesity Perception and Media (2011-2012)
Research Assistant, Project: Miranos, We are Healthy! (2011)
Graduate Assistant and Lab Technician, Project: Building a Healthy Temple (2010-2012)

Teaching

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| 2019 | Teaching Fellow, Harvard Catalyst, Harvard Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC), Harvard Medical School, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
<u>Course Title:</u> Introduction to Mixed Methods Research (MMR). |
| 2018 | Teaching Assistant, Department of Nutrition, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
<u>Course Title:</u> Designing and Evaluating Behavioral Interventions Targeting Diet and Physical Activity (NUT 232). |
| 2016 | Teaching Assistant, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA.
<u>Course Title:</u> Intro to Human Development (HDFS 105).
Featured in the List of Teachers Ranked as “Excellent” by Their Students |
| 2016 | Teaching Assistant, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.
<u>Course Title:</u> Introduction to Statistics and Data Analysis I. |
| 2015 | Teaching Assistant, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA.
<u>Course Title:</u> Intro to Human Development (HDFS 105).
Featured in the List of Teachers Ranked as “Excellent” by Their Students |

- 2007-2010** Physical Education Teacher/Athletic Coach, Federal TRIO Programs, Upward Bound Program, Universidad Central de Bayamón, Bayamón, Puerto Rico
- 2006-2008** Math Tutor, Federal TRIO Programs, Student Support Services Program, Universidad Central de Bayamón, Bayamón, Puerto Rico

Professional service

Ad hoc reviews

- Child & Youth Care Forum*
Health Education Research
Journal of Health Promotion Practice
Journal of Perceptual and Motor Skills
Maternal and Child Health Journal
World Journal of Pediatrics

Committee memberships

- 2018** Member, Poster Day Committee, Harvard Chan Postdoctoral Association (PDA), Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2018** Member, Social and Professional Development Committee, Harvard Chan PDA, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2018** Member, Postdoctoral Appreciation Week Planning Committee, Harvard Chan PDA, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2016-2017** Co-Chair, Planning Committee, 2017 Black & Latino Male Summit (BLMS) "Reviving Our Roots: The Cultivation of the Afro-Latino Diaspora," University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA
- 2015** Member, Planning Committee, 2015 Biennial Symposium: Illinois Transdisciplinary Obesity Prevention Program Transdisciplinary Research and Education: Benefits and Barriers, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA
- 2013** Volunteer, Smoke-free Campus Planning Committee, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA

Professional service and other memberships

- 2018-Present** Member, Society for Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
- 2018-Present** Member, ¡Éxito! Alumni Collaborative, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas, USA
- 2018-Present** Representative, Department of Nutrition, Harvard Chan PDA, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2018** Judge, 2018 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas, USA

- 2017-Present** Volunteer, Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD), Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2017-Present** Member, Boston Physical Activity Research Collaborative (BPARC), Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 2017** Judge, 2017 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), Phoenix, Arizona, USA
- 2014-2015** Co-Chair, Graduate Organization for Latino Students, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA
- 2014-2017** Member, Honor Society of Agriculture, Illinois Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, USA
- 2013-Present** Member, American Public Health Association (APHA)
- 2012-Present** Member, International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)
- 2008-2009** Men's Basketball Team, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
- 2008** International Basketball Umpire, Educación y Gestión Madrid, Spain
- 2008** Level 1 Basketball Coach, Departamento de Recreación y Deportes, Puerto Rico
- 2006-2008** Men's Basketball Team, Universidad Central de Bayamón, Bayamón, Puerto Rico

Languages

Fluent in English & Spanish