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EDUCATION

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| PhD | Columbia University, School of Social Work, NY, NY | October 2019 |
| MSW | Columbia University, School of Social Work, NY, NY | May 2006 |
| Psicóloga | Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Facultad de Psicología, Bogotá, Colombia U.S. Educational equivalent: Combined B.S. and M.S. in Psychology | December 1993 |

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2022-Present | Assistant Professor , Boston College School of Social Work |
| 2019-2022 | Provost's Postdoctoral Fellow/Assistant Professor , Silver School of Social Work, New York University. McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research. |

LICENSURE

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, LCSW for practice in the State of New York (License #077588)

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

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| 2025 | Invited Member for the 2025 Summit Suicide Workgroup. Jordan Harris Foundation |
| 2023-present | Fellow Suicide Care Research Center at University of Washington |
| 2023-present | Co-chair Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Latinx cluster |
| 2022-present | Co-chair Youth Suicide Research Consortium (YSRC) mentoring committee |
| 2022-2023 | Fellow, Child Intervention, Prevention, and Services (CHIPS) NIMH Division of Services and Intervention Research (DSIR) |
| 2019 | Doctoral Speaker. Graduation Ceremony Class 2019 Columbia University School of Social Work (CUSSW) |
| 2018-2019 | Fellow, Puerto Rico Interprofessional-Education and Service Learning Pilot Program, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University |
| 2017 & 2018 | Scholar, Doctoral Travel Grant, Columbia University |
| 2017 | Fellow, Career Development, Yale Ciencia Academy, New Haven, CT |
| 2015 | Scholar, Provost's Diversity Fellowship, Columbia University |

FUNDED GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Active Grants & Projects

8.2024-7.2028 K23MH137405 PI: Vélez-Grau.

Task-Shifting: Brief Interpersonal Psychotherapy by Youth Mentors for Latinx Youth Suicide Prevention. NIMH Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award. (\$787,968)

5.2024-4.2025 Boston College Research Funds. PI: Vélez-Grau.
Photovoice to understand ethnoracially minoritized adolescents' perceptions of mental health and mental health services in Youth Community Centers.

Completed Grants

2019-2022 3R34MH119290-02S1. PI: Vélez-Grau.
(Diversity Supplement from 5R34MH119290-03 PI: Lindsey)
Understanding interpersonal factors, mechanisms of engagement in treatment, and suicidal ideation among Black and Latinx youth with and without depression. (\$91,532).

2020-2021 Dean's Upstream Seed Funds, NYU Silver School of Social Work PI: Vélez-Grau.
Exploring the meaning that Latinx and Black adolescents ascribe to social connectedness and burdensomeness. (\$15,000).

Consultation

2023-2027 5R01MH129786 (Multi PI: Lindsey, King, Morris). Clinical and Research consultant: Vélez-Grau. Answering the Alarm: A system of Care for Black Youth at Risk for Suicide. (NIMH).

2017-2018 New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). Division of Family and Child Health. Clinical Consultant: Vélez-Grau.
Latino Toxic Stress Project/Amiga Confidente. Mexican Coalition.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016-2019 **Graduate Research Assistant.** *Evaluating a Microfinance Intervention for High-Risk Women in Kazakhstan*, National Institute on Drug Abuse R01 (MPI: Witte and El-Bassel, \$3,926,082)

2016-2019 **Research Assistant.** *Interagency Collaboration to Implement Effective Behavioral Interventions (DEBIs)*, National Institute of Mental Health R01 (PI: Pinto, \$3,817,543)

2015-2016 **Graduate Research Assistant.** *Peer-led Healthy Lifestyle Program in Supportive Housing*. National Institute of Mental Health R01 (PI: Cabassa, \$3,354,903)

2011 **Clinical Interviewer.** DSM-5 Child and Adolescent Field Trials New York State New York Psychiatric Institute/Columbia University Medical Center

CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2015 **Senior Social Worker, LCSW, Program Director**
Home Based Crisis Intervention Program, Child Psychiatry Department
Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian/ Columbia University
Medical Center
- 2006-2010 **Social Worker, LMSW**
Home Based Crisis Intervention Program, Child Psychiatry Department
Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian/ Columbia University
Medical Center
- 2005 **Psychotherapist**
Brooklyn Center for Psychotherapy. Brooklyn, NY.
- 2002-2004 **Family Support Specialist**
September 11 Recovery Program. American Red Cross.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, McTernan, Lindsey, M., Mufson, L. (In-Press). Ethnic Identity, Thwarted Belongingness, and Perceived Burdensomeness Among Latinx and Black Adolescents in the United States. *Psychiatric Research and Clinical Practice*.
2. Magan, I. & **Vélez-Grau, C.** (In-Press). Virtual Qualitative Interviews with Immigrant and Refugee Youth: Lessons Learned for Beyond the Pandemic. *Field Methods*.
3. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, & Alvarez, K. (2024). Looking at Global Mental Health Models to Prevent Youth Suicide in the United States. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.
4. ²**Vélez-Grau, C.**, Mufson, L., Buelvas, K., & Lindsey, M. A. (2024). A Qualitative Study of the Impact of COVID-19 on Family Relationships and the Lives of Latinx Adolescents. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 1-11.
5. Lindsey, M., Mufson, L., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Grogan, T., Wilson, D., Gunlicks-Stoessel, M., Jaccard, J. (2024). Engaging Black youth in depression and suicide prevention treatment within urban schools: study protocol for a randomized controlled pilot. *Trials*
6. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Mufson, L., Byansi, W., & Lindsey, M. A. (2023). The association between interpersonal factors, barriers to mental health help-seeking behaviors, and persistent depression disorder among Latinx and Black youths. *Psychiatry Research Communications*, 3(2), 100123
7. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, McTernan, M., Mufson, L., & Lindsey, M. A. (2023). The role of thwarted belongingness and perceived burdensomeness in passive suicide ideation among Latinx and Black youth. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*.
8. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Magan, I.M., Gwadz, M. (2023). The burden of not belonging: A qualitative study of the applicability of the interpersonal theory of suicide constructs of belongingness and burdensomeness to ethnocultural minoritized youth. *Behavior Therapy*.
9. Witte, S. S., Yang, L. S., McCrimmon, T., Aira, T., Batsukh, A., Terlikbayeva, A., Primvetova, S. Mergenova, G., Cordisco-Tsai, L. Carlson, C., **Vélez-Grau, C.** Ssewamala, F. & El-Bassel, N. (2023). Combination Microfinance and HIV Risk Reduction Among Women Engaged in Sex Work. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 33(2), 213-229.
10. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, & Lindsey, M. A. (2022). Do connectedness and self-esteem play a role in the transition to future suicide attempts among Latina and Latino youth with suicide ideation? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 106553

11. ¹**Vélez-Grau, C.** Romanelli, M., Lindsey, M.A. (2022). Adolescent suicide attempts in the United States: When suicidal thoughts and suicide capability interact. *Suicide & Life-Threatening Behavior*.
12. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, El-Bassel, N., McCrimmon, T., Chang, M., Terlikbayeva, A., Primbetova, S., Mergenova, G., Witte, S.S. (2021). Suicidal ideation among women who engage in sex work and have a history of drug use in Kazakhstan. *Mental Health & Prevention Journal*, 23, 200208.
13. Yang, L. Witte, S.S., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, McCrimmon, T., Terlikbayeva, A., Mergenova, G., Primbetova, S., El-Bassel, N. (2021). The financial lives and capabilities of women engaged in sex work and drug use in Kazakhstan: How can paradoxical autonomy inform intervention strategies? *Global Journal of Health Science*, 13(6), pp.1-69.
14. Vargas, L., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Camacho, D., Richmond, T. S., & Meisel, Z. F. (2021). The permeating effects of violence on health services and health in Mexico. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 0886260521990832.
15. Xiao, Y., Romanelli, M., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, & Lindsey, M. A. (2021). Unpacking racial/ethnic differences in the associations between neighborhood disadvantage and academic achievement: Mediation of future orientation and moderation of parental support. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 50(1), 103-125.
16. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, El-Bassel, N., McCrimmon, T., Terlikbayeva, A., Primbetova, S., Mergenova, G., ... & Witte, S. S. (2020). 'I never hoped for anything... now I have other plans': The role of microfinance in HIV intervention for women who use drugs and engage in sex work in Kazakhstan. *International Social Work*, 0020872820917737.
17. Mergenova, G., El-Bassel, N., McCrimmon, T., Terlikbayeva, A., Primbetova, S., Riedel, M., Kuskulov, A., **Vélez-Grau, C.** & Witte, S. S. (2019). Project Nova: a combination HIV prevention and microfinance intervention for women who engage in sex work and use drugs in Kazakhstan. *AIDS and Behavior*, 23(1), 1-14.
18. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Stefancic, A., Cabassa, L. (2018). Keeping the peer in peer specialist when implementing evidence-based interventions: Lessons from the field. *Health & Social Work*, 44(1), 57-60.
19. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, (2018) Using Photovoice to examine adolescents' experiences receiving mental health services in the United States. *Health Promotion International*, 34(5), 912-920. doi.org/10.1093/heapro/day043.
20. Cabassa, L., Camacho, D., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Stefancic, A. (2017) Peer-based health interventions for people with serious mental illness: A systematic literature review. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*. 84, 80-89. doi: 84. 80e89

¹Recognized as top cited article 2022-2023 in *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*.

²Article selected Editor's Choice 2024 in *Journal of Child and Family Studies*.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

1. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Piñeros-Leaño, MF. (In Press). Racism and its Impact on the Mental Health of Latinx Adolescents in the United States. Encyclopedia of Social Work. NASW Press
2. Duarté-Vélez, Y., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, & Álvarez, K. (2021). Psychosocial Treatments for Ethnoculturally Diverse Youth with Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors. *Handbook of Youth Suicide Prevention*, 315-347.
3. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, (2016). Book Review "Theories of Suicide". An Accessible Guide for Understanding the Future of Suicide Research and Prevention. *The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. Pineros-Leano, M.F., Agarwal-Harding, P., Ruscitti, B., Vélez-Grau, C., Costas-Rodríguez, B., Pérez-Flores, J., Roa, H., Bowser, D. Mental health of female Venezuelan migrant caregivers in Colombia: A multi-study, mixed methods analysis.
2. Baiden, P., Vélez-Grau, C., Romanelli, M., Sellers, C., LaBrenz, C..Association between polyvictimization and multiple suicide attempts among sexual minority adolescents: Findings from the 2015-2021 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
3. Vélez-Grau, C., McTernan, M., Magan, I., Mufson, L. Lindsey, MA. Who Can They Turn to? A Characterization of Latine and Black Adolescents Mental Health and their Help-Seeking Behaviors.

TEACHING

- Fall 2024 **Instructor**
Human Development and Social Context (SCWK7721-04)
Graduate Students (1st year). Latinx Leadership Initiative. Instruction in Spanish.
Boston College School of Social Work
- Fall 2023 **Instructor**
Human Development and Social Context (SCWK7721-02)
Graduate Students (1st year)
Boston College School of Social Work
- Fall 2023 **Instructor in Spanish**
Human Development and Social Context (SCWK7721-04)
Graduate Students (1st year) Latinx Leadership Initiative. Instruction in Spanish.
Boston College School of Social work
- Fall 2022 **Instructor**
Human Development and Social Context (SCWK7721-13)
Graduate Students (1st year)
Boston College School of Social Work
- Fall 2022 **Instructor**
Human Development and Social Context (SCWK7721-04)
Graduate Students (1st year) Latinx Leadership Initiative. Instruction in Spanish.
Boston College School of Social work
- Spring 2022 **Instructor**
Clinical Practice with Families (MSWEL-GS.2086)
Graduate students (2nd year) NYU Silver School of Social Work
- Spring 2021 **Instructor**
Clinical Practice with Families (MSWEL-GS.2086)
Graduate students (2nd year) NYU Silver School of Social Work

- Fall 2020 **Instructor**
Social Work Practice III (MSWAC-GS.2002)
Graduate students (1st year) NYU Silver School of Social Work
- Spring 2020 **Instructor**
Clinical Practice with Families (MSWEL-GS.2086)
Graduate students (2nd year) NYU Silver School of Social Work
- Spring 2019 **Instructor**
Social Support in Health and Mental health: Strengthening social networks for relationship-building and healing
Graduate Students, School of Social Work, Columbia University
- Spring 2018 **Teaching Assistant & Course Co-developer**
Advanced Clinical Practice: Social Support in Health and Mental Health: Strengthening social networks for relationship building and healing. Graduate students, School of Social Work, Columbia University

GUEST LECTURES & COMMUNITY-BASED PRESENTATIONS

- Spring 2025 Invited Guest Lecturer. Stories about Immigration: From a Latina's perspective and the Scientific Literature. Showa Boston Institute. Boston, MA
- Fall 2024 Adolescent Suicide Prevention: Risk and protective factors and what to do. Annual Youth Mental Health Peer Training. Youth Advocacy Center. Annual Youth Mental Health Peer Training. Virtual presentation.
- Spring 2024 Grounding suicide interventions in theory, empirical evidence, and adolescent voices. Doctoral class entitled Pre-Internship Counseling Practicum Seminar. Boston College Department of Counseling, Developmental, and Educational Psychology. Chestnut Hill, MA
- Spring 2024 Understanding Belongingness and burdensomeness. *A Research Program Centered on Latinx and Black Adolescents*. In collaboration with Fresh Youth
Fresh Youth Initiatives. Virtual presentation.
- Fall 2023 Experiences of Underrepresented Instructors. Center for Teaching Excellence. Boston College. Panel open to BC Faculty. Chestnut Hill, MA
- Fall 2023 Adolescent Suicide Prevention: Risk and protective factors and what to do. Annual Youth Mental Health Peer Training. Youth Advocacy Center. Annual Youth Mental Health Peer Training. Virtual presentation.
- Fall 2023 Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR)
Doctoral Program, School of Social Work, Columbia University. New York, NY
- Fall 2022 Human Behavior (HBI; Graduate students). Latinx youth and their families. The role of social connectedness in suicide behaviors. NYU Silver School of Social Work. New York, NY

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| Fall 2022 | Doctoral Seminar Series. (Doctoral Students). Career Development in Social Work. NYU Silver School of Social Work. New York, NY |
| Spring 2022 | Suicide Prevention: First Aid Toolkit for Youth Mental Health Peers. Annual Youth Mental Health Peer Training. Youth Advocacy Center. New York City. Virtual presentation. |
| Spring 2022 | Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR). Photovoice Project Columbia Mailman School of Public Health. Columbia University. New York, NY |
| Spring 2021 | Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Doctoral Program, School of Social Work, Columbia University. New York, NY |
| Fall 2020 | Social Support in Social Work Practice: Field placement seminar (co-lead with Dr. Susan Witte) School of Social Work, Columbia University. New York, NY |
| Fall 2020 | Social Work Practice with individuals and families School of Social Work University of Washington. Virtual presentation. |
| Fall 2019 | Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Doctoral Program, School of Social Work, Columbia University. New York, NY |
| Spring 2018 | El Impacto de la migración y la aculturación en la salud mental de los Latinos que viven en la Ciudad de Nueva York (The impact of migration and acculturation on the mental health of Latinos living in New York City). Undergraduate students, Department of Psychology, Universidad Centroamericana, Managua, Nicaragua |
| Fall 2018 | Photovoice as a tool to understand the needs of your clients. Community Pediatrics Resident Program, Medical Students, Columbia University Medical Center. New York, NY |
| Spring 2018 | Photovoice project: Lessons from my experience, Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR). Doctoral Program, School of Social Work, Columbia University. New York, NY |
| Spring 2018 | Adolescent Suicide in the U.S., Advance Clinical Practice. Graduate students, School of Social Work, Columbia University. New York, NY |
| Fall 2017 | Photovoice as a method of CBPR, Advanced Generalist Practice and Programming. Graduate students, School of Social Work, Columbia University. New York, NY |

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & SYMPOSIUMS

1. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, McTernan, Lindsey, M., Mufson, L (January, 2025). Ethnic Identity, Thwarted Belongingness, and Perceived Burdensomeness. Society for Social Work and Research 29th Annual Conference. Seattle, WA

2. **Velez-Grau, C.**, Goodwill, J., Singer, J., Mueller, A., Morris-Perez, P., (2024, November). Symposium: Collaborating with Youth and School Staff to Prevent Youth Suicide. IASP Pan-American Conference. Minneapolis.
3. **Velez-Grau, C.**, McTernan, M., Mufson, L., Lindsey, M. (2024, April). 3rd Annual Suicide Research Symposium. Oral Presentation: Thwarted Belongingness, Perceived burdensomeness, and suicide ideation among Latinx and Black youth in the United States. Virtual Conference
4. Polanco-Roman, L., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Denton, E., Reyes-Portillo, Y. (2024, April). Symposium: Advancing Suicide Prevention among Ethnoracially Minoritized Youth through Community-Engaged Research. Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture. Toronto, Canada.
5. **Vélez-Grau, C.** Task-Shifting: A System Approach to Suicide Prevention with Latinx Youth. Wellbeing of Latinx Communities: Social Work Response Symposium. Latinx Leadership Initiative 10th Anniversary. Boston College, School of Social Work.
6. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Magan, I., Gwadz, M. (2024, January). The Burden of Not Belonging: Grounding the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide in the Voices of Latinx and Black Youth. Society for Social Work and Research 28th Annual Conference. Washington DC.
7. Denton, E., Fox, K., Schwartzman, J., White, L. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Bettis, A. (Moderator). (2023, November). Employing Community-Based Approaches to Inform Suicide Prevention Research. ABCT 57th Annual Conference. Seattle, WA
8. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, McTernan, M., Mufson, L., Lindsey, M. (2023, October). Suicide Ideation among Latinx and Black adolescents: The role of thwarted belongingness and perceived burdensomeness. Poster Presentation. International Summit on Suicide. Barcelona, Spain.
9. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Magan, I., Gwadz, M., (2023, October) Belongingness and Burdensomeness through the Eyes of Latinx and Black Youth: A Qualitative Study Exploring the Constructs of the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide. Poster Presentation. International Summit on Suicide. Barcelona, Spain.
10. Lovejoy, M., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Pisani, A., Law, K.(Moderator). (2023, April). Panel: Safety Planning in Suicide Prevention. 2nd Suicide Research Symposium (Virtual).
11. Cabbage J., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Adams, L., Suyemoto, P., Kelliher, J., (2023, April). Advancing Cultural and Racial Equity in Suicide Prevention Track. American Association of Suicidology 56th Annual Conference. Portland, OR
12. **Vélez-Grau, C** (2023, February). Fostering conversations to strengthening connectedness and lessening a sense of burdensomeness in the BC community. Reflection and Dialogue Series Spring 2023. Boston College.
13. Molock, S., Miranda, R., Polanco-Roman, L., Sheftall, A., **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2023, January). Navigating the (un) comfortable. Racial/ethnic identity in suicide prevention. Moderator. Youth Suicide Research Consortium. Virtual.
14. **Vélez-Grau, C** (2022, December). Research in Action. Grounding theories in the voices of youth who are underrepresented in suicide research. Boston College School of Social Work.
15. **Vélez-Grau, C** (2022, December). Factores asociados con la ideación y el intento de suicidio en los adolescentes de minoría racial y étnica en los Estados Unidos. Epidemiología, teoría y aplicación a la población adolescente. (Medical Residents). Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Facultad de Medicina. Virtual.
16. **Vélez-Grau, C** (2022, August). The association between interpersonal factors, barriers to mental health help-seeking behaviors, and dysthymia among Black and Latinx youth. Poster. NIH Diversity Supplement Professional Development and Networking Workshop. Virtual.
17. **Vélez-Grau, C** (2022, June). Belongingness and burdensomeness through the eyes of ethnocultural minoritized youth. Youth Suicide Research Consortium. Third National Virtual Conference.

18. **Vélez-Grau, C** (2022, March). Sociocultural aspects of theoretical constructs associated with suicide ideation among Latinx and Black youth. Social Work Education Program. New York Presbyterian Hospital. Virtual Conference.
19. **Vélez-Grau, C** & Lindsey, M.A. (2022, January). The child suicide crisis: What is the impact on family and community. Essential Chats with Mit. NASW. NASW Facebook Live.
20. Duarte-Vélez, Y., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Jimenez-Colon (2022, January). Socio-cultural context and evidence-based treatment for Latinx youth with suicidal behaviors. National Multicultural Conference & Summit. Virtual Conference.
21. **Vélez-Grau, C** (2021, September). Back to School Anxiety Panel: NYPCC Café. New York Psychotherapy and Counseling Center. New York, NY. Virtual Presentation
22. **Vélez-Grau, C** (2021, August). Re-opening Schools amid COVID-19: What we need to know to support Latinx and Black youth. Lang Youth Medical Program. New York, NY. Virtual Presentation
23. **Vélez-Grau, C** (2021, July). Adolescent suicide: Risk, protective factors and what to do. Boys Club of New York. New York, NY. Virtual Presentation
24. Padilla-Medina, D., **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2021, May) C. Help-Seeking Intentions and Behaviors Among Diverse Youth. Evidence Hour. Center for Victim Research. Virtual Presentation
25. **Vélez-Grau, C** (2020, November). El suicidio en los adolescentes. Medicine Residency. Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Virtual Presentation.
26. Vargas, L., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Camacho, D., Richmond, T. S., & Meisel, Z. (2020, October). The permeating effects of community violence on health services and health in Mexico. APHA's 2020 virtual Annual Meeting and Expo (Oct. 24-28). American Public Health Association.
27. **Vélez-Grau, C** & Montoya, YS. (2020, October). El impacto de COVID-19 on children and adolescents (The impact of covid-19 on children and adolescents). Colombian Consulate in New York City, New York, NY. Virtual Presentation.
28. **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2020, June). Cross-cultural supervision working with Latinx youth: Going beyond the office. Anti-Racist and Multicultural Practices in Clinical Supervision Annual Conference. New York University. Virtual presentation.
29. Witte, S.S. **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2020, May). Staying close from a distance: Strengthening social support amid COVID-19. Columbia University. Virtual presentation.
30. Kramer, C., Camacho, D, Batthacharya, A. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Cosgrove, D. (2020). Navigating an Integrated Personal and Scholarly Identity: Experiences of Participatory Action Research Scholars of Color Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Washington D.C.
31. **Vélez-Grau, C.** & Gould, M. (2019, October). Social connectedness and self-esteem among Latino/a adolescents in the U.S. International Summit on Suicide Research. Miami, FL.
32. **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2019, March). The role of social connectedness and self-esteem on suicidal ideation among Latina and Latino adolescents. The New York Academy of Medicine
33. **Vélez-Grau, C.**, El-Bassel, N., McCrimmon, T., Terlikbayeva A., Primbetova S., Mergenova, G., & Witte (2019, January). "I Never Hope for Anything...Now I Have Other Plans": The Role of Microfinance in HIV Intervention for Women Who Use Drugs and Engage in Sex Work in Kazakhstan. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). San Francisco, California.
34. Witte, S., **Vélez-Grau, C.**, Bhattacharya, A., Camacho, D. (2018, May). Promoting the Implementation of Participatory Research Methods: Including Photovoice in Social Work Doctoral Curricula Panel. International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
35. Rego, A., Sevlever, M., Farahmand, P., Cortijo, G., **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2018, May). Addressing the Social Determinants of Mental Health and Mental Health Disparities. In D. Leung (Chair). Panel
36. presented at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Conference, New York City, NY.

37. **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2018, March). Aculturación y su impacto en la salud mental de los latinos que viven en los E.U. (Accultuation and its impact on the mental health of Latinos living in the United States). Simposio de migración. Invited symposium conducted at the Universidad Centroamericana, Managua, Nicaragua.
38. **Vélez-Grau, C.,** Wang, Y. Levin, K., Gauer Bemudez, L. (2017, January) Environmental Determinants of Early Literacy: Do Food Security and Neighborhood Safety Influence Reading Scores at Kindergarten Entry? Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research 21st Annual Conference, New Orleans, LO.
39. **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2017, December). Suicidio en adolescentes Latinos que viven en los Estados Unidos: Lo que los padres necesitan saber (Suicide among Latino adolescents in United States: What parents need to know). Invited presentation for the Mexican Coalition, New York, NY
40. Montoya, YS., & **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2016, October). El Impacto de la Violencia: Hacia una realización (The impact of Violence: A new realization). Invited presentation for the Colombian Consulate in New York City, New York, NY.
41. Valle, Y., **Vélez-Grau, C.,** Kirby K. (2015, April). Adolescent Suicide Prevention in the Primary Care Setting. Invited presentation at the Dominican Medical Association XIII Medical Symposium, New York, NY.
42. **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2015, April). Suicidio en Adolescentes Latinos: Una guía para padres (Suicide among Latino adolescents: A guide for parents). Invited presentation for Latino parents, George Washington High School, New York, NY.
43. **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2014, October). Salud mental en los Adolescentes Latinos: Factores de Riesgo y Protección (Adolescents' Mental Health: Risk and Protective factors). City University of New York & Mexican Coalition, New York, NY.
44. **Vélez-Grau, C.** (2014, March). Youth, Mental Health and Suicide Risk: What we know about Latina Adolescents. Panel presented for The City of New York Community Board 12 Manhattan's Youth and Education Committee, New York, NY.

INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

1. Murray, E. (2023, August 17). Firearm-Involved Suicide. Interview for New York Times Investigation.
2. Polner, R. (2023, November 8). How Social Work Researchers are Developing Culturally Specific Interventions to Assist Youth of Color in Despair. New York University. [NYU](#)
3. Ortiz Piñango, V. (2020, September 10). Un tabu que destruye vidas mas alla de la muerte: el suicidio. 15 minutos. [15minutos.com](#)
4. Ortiz Piñango, V. (2020, September 10) 15 minutos. Del dicho al hecho. 8 mitos y realidades en torno del suicidio. 15 minutos. [15minutos.com](#)
5. Beyerstein, L. (2020, January 20). Why New York has such a low rate of gun death. City and State New York. [cityandstateny.com](#)

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

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| 2023-2024 | Advisor (6 MSW students) Latinx Leadership Initiative. Boston College. |
| 2020-2022 | Mentor (2 MSW students and 1 Public Health student) New York University. |
| 2020-2021 | Field Work Instructor (1 MSW student and 1 public health student) McSilver Institute. |
| 2017, 2018 | Trainer in qualitative analysis using NVivo. Undergraduate and graduate students, Columbia University Global Health Research Center of Central Asia. |

2010-2015 Instructor and mentor (Psychologist and psychiatry residents) Dialectical Behavior Therapy Consultation Team. Community Intervention and Outreach. Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC)/New York Presbyterian Hospital

SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

2024-2026 DSMB member NIMH study: *Developing a Culturally-adapted School-based Suicide Prevention Intervention for Black Middle School Students in Chicago*. PI: Dr. Janelle Goodwill, Co-PI: Miwa Yasui

2023-Present Society for Social Work and Research Latinx-Focused Research Cluster, Co-chair

2023-2024 Stakeholder network member. *Systems-level suicide prevention for Latinx youth: Expanding the role of community health workers in primary care settings*.

2022-Present Youth Suicide Research Consortium Mentorship Committee, Co-chair

2015-2020 Columbia University Human Rights Initiative Physicians for Human Rights, Asylum Evaluator

2017-2018 Read Ahead & Columbia University, Mentor

2014-2015 Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC)/New York Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH), Suicide Task Force

2013-2015 NYPH/CUMC, Child Psychiatry Department, Recruitment and Retention Committee

2013-2015 NYPH/CUMC, Child Psychiatry Department, Risk Management Committee

2010-2011 NYPH Social Work Department, Bereavement Committee

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Death Studies
Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
Journal of Adolescent Health
Suicide Life-Threatening Behaviors
Journal of Child and Family Studies
Journal of Medical Internet Research
International Journal of Social Work Welfare
BMC Women's Health
BMC Public Health

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES

American Association of Suicidology, Member
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National Association of Social Work, Member
Society for Social Work and Research, Member
Youth Suicide Research Consortium, Member
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