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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Social Work, Boston College School of Social Work, Chestnut Hill, MA (2020)

Dissertation: *Pathways to Psychological Distress: The Racialization of Latinx Mental Health*

Dissertation Committee: Rocío Calvo, Ph.D. (Chair, Social Work), David T. Takeuchi, Ph.D. (Sociology), Ce Shen, Ph.D. (Sociology), Christina S. Lee, Ph.D. (Psychology)

M.S.W. Social Work, Boston College School of Social Work, Chestnut Hill, MA (2016)

M.A. Clinical Psychology, Ball State University, Dept. of Psychological Sciences, Muncie, IN (2014)

B.A. Psychology, Clark University, Frances L. Hiatt School of Psychology, Worcester, MA (2012)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Latinx health and mental health disparities
- Race and racialization processes
- Access to health care

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Figuereo, V.**, & Calvo, R. (2018). Latinx use of traditional healthcare: The social network effect. *Journal of Health & Social Work*, 43(4), 217-225. DOI: 10.1093/hsw/hly024
2. Rosales, R., **Figuereo, V.**, Woo, B., Cano, M., & Perez-Aponte, J. (2018). Preparing to work with Latinos: Latino-focused content in social work master's programs. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 38(3), 251-262, DOI: 10.1080/08841233.2018.1472175
3. Woo, B., **Figuereo, V.**, Rosales, R., Wang, K., & Sabur, K. (2018). Where is race and ethnicity in social work? A content analysis. *Social Work Research*, svy010, <https://doi.org/10.1093/swr/svy010>
(Nominated for GADE award)
4. Teixeira, S., Lombe, M., **Figuereo, V.**, Chu, Y., Wang, K., Bartholomew, M. W., ... & Mayes, L. (2020). University and community agency research partnerships: Implications for teaching, scholarship, and service. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 1-14.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. **Figuerero, V.**, & Calvo, R. (revised and resubmitted for review). Beyond Colorism: Racialization and psychological distress among Latinxs. *Journal of Health & Social Work*.
2. Lee, C., Magill, M., **Figuerero, V.**, Jackson, K., Colby, S. M. (under review). Examining Client Self-Exploration in Motivational Interviewing: Preliminary psychometrics of an observational rating measure. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

1. **Figuerero, V.**, Rosales, R., Calvo, R. *, (2020). Medicaid coverage and psychological distress among Latinxs: The moderating roles of racial choice and ethnic group. *Paper in Preparation*. *Additional authors and author order TBD.
2. **Figuerero, V.** * (2020). Factors of racial choice among an ethnically diverse U.S. Latinx sample. *Paper in Preparation*. *Additional authors and author order TBD.

INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Calvo, R., & **Figuerero, V.** (in preparation). The role of the health care system on the incorporation of Latinxs into American society. In Martin Halliwell and Sophie Jones (Eds.), *The Edinburgh Companion to the Politics of American Health*. Edinburgh, United Kingdom; Edinburgh University Press.
2. Calvo, R., Rosales, R., **Figuerero, V.** (in preparation). The impact of systemic racism on Latinx Experiences with health care in the US. *Oxford Bibliographies in Social Work*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

REPORTS & BRIEFS

1. Calvo, R., Ortiz, L., Padilla, Y. C., Waters, M. C., Lubben, J., Egmont, W., Rosales, R., **Figuerero, V.** ... Villa, P. (2016). Achieving equal opportunity and justice: the integration of Latino/a immigrants into American society (Grand Challenges for Social Work Initiative Working Paper No. 20). Cleveland, OH: American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare.
2. Chu, Y., **Figuerero, V.**, Jones, K., Lombe, M., Rosales, R., Teixeira, S., Wang, K. (2017). Catholic Charities Teen Center at St. Peter's 2012-2015: A report prepared by the Boston College School of Social Work.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

R01 Project: *Mechanisms of Behavioral Change in a Culturally-Adapted Motivational Interviewing with Latinx Heavy Drinkers* (PIs: Christina S. Lee, Ph.D., Molly Magill, Ph.D.)
Center for Innovation and Social Work and Health, Boston University, Boston, MA
Role: Research Assistant (2019–Present)

R01 Project: *Mechanisms of Behavioral Change in a Culturally-Adapted Motivational Interviewing with Latinx Heavy Drinkers* (PIs: Christina S. Lee, Ph.D., Molly Magill, Ph.D.)
Department of Applied Psychology, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
Role: Project Manager (2018-2019)

Project: *Boston College School of Social Work and Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston (CCAB) Community Partnership: The Longitudinal Impacts of Participation in a Community-Based Teen Center* (PIs: Margaret Lombe, Ph.D., Samantha Teixeira, Ph.D., Ruth McRoy, Ph.D.)
School of Social Work, Boston College, Boston, MA
Role: Research Assistant (2016–2019)

Project: *Privilege & Inequality Framing* (Advisor: Linh N. Littleford, Ph.D.)
Department of Psychological Sciences, Ball State University, Muncie, IN
Role: Research Assistant (2012–2014)

Project: *Latino Men and Depression: An Exploratory Study of Help-seeking Behavior* (Advisor: Esteban Cardemil, Ph.D.)
Frances L. Hiatt School of Psychology, Clark University, Worcester, MA
Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant (2009–2012)

PRESENTATIONS

WORKSHOPS

1. Edwards, J., Rosales, R., & **Figuerero, V.** (2019). *The emergence and utilization of peer support in mental health treatment*. Workshop presented at the Conference of the Society for Social Work Research, San Francisco, CA.
2. Evans, K., **Figuerero, V.**, Hasson, R., & Rosales, R. (2017). *Learning to Work with Immigrants and Refugees: Urgency in Social Work Education*. Workshop presented at the Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Figuerero, V.**, Perez-Aponte, J., Evans, K., Rosales, R., Woo, B. & Cano, M. (2018). *The Current Status of Immigrant-focused Content in Social Work Education*. Paper presented at the Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
2. **Figuerero, V.** & Calvo, R. (2018). *Latinx Use of Traditional Health Care: The Social Network Effect*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research 2018

Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

3. Rosales, R., **Figuerero, V.**, Woo, B., Cano, M., & Perez-Aponte, J. (2017). *Preparing to work with Latinos: Latino-focused content in Social Work Masters Programs*. Paper presented at the Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. Rosales, R., Lopez, A. **Figuerero, V.**, & Hernandez Menses, L. M. (2017). *Critical Latino response to president Trump's executive order on interior immigration enforcement*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research 2018 Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
2. Teixeira, S., Lombe, M., Wang, K., **Figuerero, V.**, Rosales, R., Chu, Y., Jones, K. & Ingerman, S. (2017). *A multimethod assessment of positive youth development in a community based teen center*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research 2018 Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
3. Perez-Aponte, J., Rosales, R., Woo, B., & **Figuerero, V.**, & Cano, M. (2017). *Race and ethnicity in social work education: A content-analysis of MSW curriculums*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research 2018 Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
4. Calvo, R., Ortiz, L., Padilla, Y. C., Waters, M. C., Lubben, J., Egmont, W., Rosales, R., **Figuerero, V.**, . . . Villa, P. (2016). *Achieving equal opportunity and justice: The integration of Latina/o immigrants into American society*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
5. Littleford, L. N., Yang, K. L., **Figuerero, V.**, & Back, T. D. (2014). *European/White American students' perceptions of instructors teaching about White privilege: "Just because I'm White doesn't mean I'm privileged"*. Poster presented at the 86th Annual Meeting Midwestern Psychological Association.
6. Littleford, L. N., Subedi, P., Walker, R., King, F., & **Figuerero, V.** (2013). *Do students' acknowledgements of racial/ethnic privilege depend on the instructor's race/ethnicity?* Poster presented at the 85th Annual Meeting Midwestern Psychological Association.
7. **Figuerero, V.**, & Cardemil, E. V. (2012). *Acculturation, attitudes, and willingness to seek help*. Poster presented at the 75th Anniversary Fall Conference of the Indiana Psychological Association.
8. **Figuerero, V.**, Moreno, O., & Cardemil, E. V. (2011). *Acculturation and depression: Gender differences in a Mexican-American sample*. Poster presented at the 51st Meeting of the New England Psychological Association at Fairfield University, Fairfield CT.
9. **Figuerero, V.**, & Salvio, P. (2010). *Man of the house: A study of Latino men's*

resistance to therapy. Poster presented at the University of New Hampshire McNair Summer Scholar Program, Durham, New Hampshire.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

POST-M.S.W.

Boston Medical Center Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, Boston, MA
Supervisor: Jesus Vega, LICSW,
Role: Clinical Social Worker/Therapist (2017–Present)

FIELD EDUCATION/INTERNSHIPS

Boston Medical Center Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, Boston, MA
Role: Social Work Intern (2015–2016)

East Boston High School ELL Special Ed. Dept., East Boston, MA
Role: Bilingual Mental Health Therapist (2014–2015)

Ball State University Counseling and Health Sciences, Muncie, IN
Role: Clinical Masters Intern (2013–2014)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Certified Social Worker, Commonwealth of Massachusetts (2017– Present)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ADJUNCT/TEACHING FELLOW

Program Evaluation, Boston College (2019, Spring)
Diversity & Cross-Cultural Issues, Boston College (2018, Fall)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Program Evaluation, Boston College (2018, Spring) Research
Methods, Boston College (2017, Fall)
Social Psychology, Ball State University (2013, Fall & 2014, Spring)
Statistics, Ball State University (2012, Fall & 2013, Spring)

GUEST LECTURER

Program Evaluation, Boston College (2018, Spring)
Social Welfare System, Boston College (2017, Spring)
Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Boston College (2017, Fall)
Diversity & Cross-Cultural Issues, Boston College (2016, Fall & 2017, Fall)
Social Services with Latinos, Boston College (2017, Spring)
Understanding Human Diversity and Cultural Competence in Human Services, Salem State

University (2017, Summer)

El Impacto Social de la Santería, la Magia, y la Religión en Poblaciones Latinas, Boston

College (2017, Summer)

ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Racial Justice Symposium, Committee Member, Boston College (2017–2018) Doctoral

Outgoing Committee Group, Co-leader, Boston College (2016–2018) Diversity & Social Justice

Committee, Student Representative, Boston College (2016–2017)

Diversity Research Symposium, Abstract Reviewer, Ball State University (2016) Millennium

Leadership Conference, Finance Chair, Clark University (2009–2012)

FOCUS Men of Color Support Group, Co-Leader, Clark University (2008–2012)

HONORS & AWARDS

Elaine Pinderhughes Doctoral Fellowship, \$5000, Boston College (2017) Travel

Expense Funding, \$500, Boston College (2016, 2017)

Catholic Charities Community Research Funding, \$5,600, Boston College (2016, Summer)

Latino Research Seminar Funding, \$4,000, Boston College (2015, Summer)

ALANA (Student of Color) Leadership Award, Clark University (2012)

Ronald E. McNair Summer Research Fellowship, \$5,000, University of New
Hampshire (2010, Summer)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Council of Social Work Education (2017–Present) Society
for Social Work Research (2016–Present)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Data Software Knowledge: Stata, SPSS, Excel Language

Proficiency: English & Spanish