

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Washington	2017
MSW	San Francisco State University	2008
BSSW	University of the Philippines	1996

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor	University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work	2017 - present
Research Affiliate	Center for Mental Health Research and Innovations in Treatment Engagement and Services	2018 - present

TRAINING GRANTS AND AWARDS

The Warren G. Magnuson Scholarship (\$30,000) University of Washington Warren G. Magnuson Institute for Biomedical Research and Health Professions Training	2015-2016
The Fragile Families Summer Data Training Workshop Columbia Population Research Center, Columbia University	Summer 2015
National Institutes of Health Multidisciplinary Pre-doctoral Clinical Research Clinical Translational Science Award (TL1 TR000422) UW Institute of Translational Health Sciences	2014-2016
National Institute of Mental Health Prevention Training Grant Prevention Research Traineeship (T32MH20013) UW School of Social Work	2012-2014

RESEARCH

Funded projects

Project Title: Latino Health and Behavioral Health Mixed Methods Study (1W1CMS331632-01-01) 2018-2021

Funder: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (USD\$250,000)

Role: Principal Investigator

2021

Project Title: *Acceso a Salud Físico y Mental: Manual de Trabajo Social Con Comunidades Indígenas en Contextos Urbanos y Rurales* [Access to Physical and Mental Health: Manual of Social Work with Indigenous Communities in Urban and Rural Contexts] USD\$8000

Funder: Universidad Autónoma de México (UNAM) *Programa de Apoyo a Proyectos para la Innovación y Mejoramiento de la Enseñanza* (PAPIME), [Support Program for Innovation and Improvement of Teaching Projects]

Role: Co-Investigator

Project Title: *Diagnóstico Participativo de Capacidad Institucional de Casa Refugiados* [Participatory Diagnosis of Institutional Capacity of Casa Refugiados] (\$5,000) 2021

Funder: Programa Casa Refugiados

Role: Co-Evaluator

Project Title: Engaging Parents Towards Pre-School Academic Achievement (\$6,000) 2018-2019

Funder: New Faculty Research Grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Under revision

Project Title: Understanding and Promoting Grit and Resilience among Elementary and High School Students in Complex Violent Contexts 2022-2026

Funder: Spencer Foundation

Role: Principal Investigator

Amount: USD\$500,000

Unfunded Proposals

Project Title: *Malu Balay: A Multi-country (Taiwan-United States-Mexico) Study on Indigenous Populations to Identify, Examine, and Improve Identification, Access, and Treatment* 2019-2023

Funder: Taiwan Ministry of Science and Technology

Role: Co-Investigator

Amount: USD\$1.5 million

Project Title: *Mejor Salud, Mejor Futuro: Un Proyecto Participativo Multinivel Para Promover La Salud Para Tod@s* [Better Health, Better Future: A Multilevel Participatory Project to Promote Health for All] 2019-2021
Funder: Fundacion Rio Arronte
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Amount: USD\$250,000

Research Projects without funding

Project Title: *Construccion de resiliencia ante los riesgos psicosociales en la interacción social de los niños, niñas y adolescentes en movilidad* 2020-2021
[Building resilience in the face of psychosocial risks in the social interaction of children and adolescents in mobility]
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Martha Virginia Jasso)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Articles

- Borja, S.,** Cardoso, J., De La Cruz, P.I., Perreira, K., Giraldo-Santiago, N.*, & Jasso, V. (2021). Health insurance access among U.S. citizen children in Mexico: national and transborder policy implications. *Health Affairs*.
- Borja, S.,** Nurius, P., Song, C., & Lengua, L. (2019). Adverse childhood experiences to adult adversity trends among parents: Socioeconomic, health, and developmental implications. *Child and Youth Services Review*.
- Sthapit-Wiley, C., Valdovinos-Smith, M., Teyra, C. & **Borja, S.** (2019). Addressing global social relationships in transnational social work research processes and institutions. *European Journal of Social Work*.
- Miller, K. M., Eddy, J. M., **Borja, S.,** & Lazzari, S. R. (2017). Variations in the life histories of incarcerated parents by race and ethnicity: Implications for service provision. *Smith College Studies in Social Work*, 87(1), 59-77.
- Logan-Greene, P., Tennyson, R. L., Nurius, P. S., & **Borja, S.** (2017). Adverse childhood experiences, coping resources, and mental health problems among court-involved youth. *Child & Youth Care Forum* (Vol. 46, No. 6, pp. 923-946).
- Borja, S.,** Nurius, P., & Eddy, JM. (2015). Adversity across the life course of incarcerated parents: Gender differences. *Journal of Forensic Social Work*, 5:1- 3, 167-185.
- Nurius, P. S., Green, S., Logan-Greene, P., & **Borja, S.** (2015). Life course pathways of adverse childhood experiences toward adult psychological well-being: A stress process analysis. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 45, 143-153. PMID 25846195.

Under Review

Borja, S., De La Cruz, P.I., Storer, H., & Eddy, J.M. (Revise and Resubmit). Understanding fear of victimization in complex violent contexts: the case of Mexico. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Borja, S., Giraldo-Santiago, N.*, & Salinas, R.** (Under review). Do positive childhood experiences and sleep quality mediate ACEs' link to adolescent subjective health: a longitudinal analysis. *Pediatrics*.

Borja, S., Nurius, P., & Eddy, J.M. (Under review). Cumulative adversity and mental health of incarcerated parents: A structural equation model test. *Child and Youth Services Review*.

Manuscripts in Progress

Borja, S. (In progress). Racial disparities in the accumulation of parental adversity and their proximal effects on early socio-emotional health. Target journal: *Pediatrics*.

Borja, S., De La Cruz, P.I., & Carr, C.L.. (In progress). Multilevel predictors of vulnerability and resilience to psychological distress after victimization. Target journal: *British Journal of Social Work*.

Borja, S., Salinas, R.**, Giraldo-Santiago, N.*, Matuk-Villazon, O., & Andrade, P. (In progress). Pathways of childhood adversity towards positive youth functioning of second- and third-generation Latinx youth: the role of positive childhood experiences. Target journal: *Prevention Science*.

Borja, S., Mohr, G., & Pecora, P. (Abstract accepted. Paper in progress). CPS contact and Latinx adolescent health: Examining the role of ACES, parenting stress and positive childhood experiences using longitudinal data. *Child Welfare*.

Borja, S., & Valdovinos, M. (In progress). From compliance to adherence: Using grounded theory to deconstruct health services engagement through the lived experiences of Latinos in Houston. Target journal: *Qualitative Health Research*

Giraldo-Santiago, N.*, **Borja, S.,** Mohr, G., & Matuk-Villazon, O. (In progress). Racial disparities in perinatal health care utilization and its distal effects on adolescent health. Target journal: *Journal of Racial and Health Disparities*.

Valdovinos, M., **Borja, S.,** Gearing, R., & Torres, L. (In progress). “*No es que nos importa menos* [It’s not that we care less]”: Insights on health care utilization for diabetes and comorbidity with depression and anxiety among Hispanics/Latinxs in Houston. Target journal: *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.

Valdovinos M., **Borja, S.,** Gearing, R., Torres, L. (In progress). “*Why should I go if I have no insurance?*”: A grounded theory approach to understand barriers and facilitators for Latinx health care utilization. Target journal: *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserve*.

Book

Pecora, P. J., Whittaker, J. K., Barth, R. P., **Borja, S.**, & Vesneski, W. (2018). *The child welfare challenge: Policy, practice, and research*. Routledge.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Salinas, R.** , **Borja, S.**, & Giraldo-Santiago, N. (June, 2021). *Adolescent health equity promotion through positive childhood experiences in the context of childhood adversity*. [Conference presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Borja, S., De La Cruz, P.I., & Storer, H. (January, 2021). *Multilevel predictors of vulnerability and resilience to psychological distress after violent victimization: Why context matters*. [Conference presentation]. 2021 Society for Social Work Conference. Washington, D.C.

Borja, S., Valdovinos, M., Avellaneda, F., Mayoral, M., Torres, L., & Gearing, R. (2020 – rescheduled May, 2021). *Translating qualitative research results into practice: A university-community collaborative design of a mobile health intervention for Latinos in the U.S.* [Conference presentation]. Practice Meets Research 2020, Melbourne, Australia.

Cardoso, J., & **Borja, S.** (January, 2020). *Emerging health and economic inequality among U.S. Citizen Minors in Mexico*. [Conference presentation]. 2020 Society for Social Work Conference. Washington, D.C.

Borja, S., Amtsberg, D., & Johnson, S. (November, 2019). *Intergenerational adverse childhood experiences among Latina survivors of intimate partner violence and their children*. [Conference presentation]. 4^{ta} Conferencia Binacional México—Estados Unidos Sobre Trabajo Social y Migración, Houston, TX.

Borja, S., Valdovinos, M., Avellaneda, F., Mayoral, M., Torres, L., & Gearing, R. (November, 2019). *Narrativas de salud y acceso a la salud entre los latinos en Houston: Resultados cualitativos de un estudio de métodos mixtos* [Conference presentation]. 4^{ta} Conferencia Binacional México—Estados Unidos Sobre Trabajo Social y Migración, Houston, TX.

Borja, S. (January, 2019). *Racial disparities in the accumulation of parental adversity and their proximal effects on early socio-emotional health*. [Conference presentation]. 2019 Society for Social Work Conference. San Francisco, CA.

Amtsberg, D., **Borja, S.**, Johnson, S., & Jeter, S. (January, 2019). *Intergenerational continuity of adverse childhood experiences among female domestic violence survivors and their children*. [Poster presentation]. 2019 Society for Social Work Conference. San Francisco, CA.

Jeter, S.** & **Borja, S.** (January, 2019). *Neighborhood Cohesion as a protective factor for parental adversity's negative effect on early behavioral health*. [Conference presentation]. 2019 Society for Social Work Conference. San Francisco, CA.

- Piedra, C.* & Borja, S. (January, 2018). *Childhood adversity, externalizing behaviors, and the protective roles of cultural connection and social support*. [Conference presentation]. 2018 Society for Social Work Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- Borja, S.** (January, 2018). *A longitudinal study of intergenerational adversity and childhood wellbeing*. [Conference Presentation]. 2018 Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Jeter, S.** & **Borja, S.** (May, 2018). *Cultural connection as a protective factor against the negative impact of adversity on early behavioral health*. [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.
- Washburn, M., Gearing, R., Torres, L. & **Borja, S.** (November, 2018). *Arriving in the US: Does depression have to become a part of the American dream?* [Conference presentation]. 3rd Binational Mexico–U.S. Conference on Social Work, Migration and Human Rights, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.
- Borja, S.**, Washburn, M., Gearing, R. & Torres, L. (2018, November). *Obstacles to recruiting Latinos in research and some strategies to cross the divide*. [Conference presentation]. 3rd Binational Mexico–U.S. Conference on Social Work, Migration and Human Rights, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.
- Borja, S.**, Teyra, C., Valdovinos, M. & Willey-Sthapit, C. (April, 2017). *Critical issues in transnational social work research*. [Conference presentation]. 2017 European Conference for Social Work Research, Aalborg, Denmark.
- Borja, S.** (January, 2017). *Pathways of early life adversity towards later parenting self-efficacy of Latina and African-American mothers*. [Conference presentation]. 2017 Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Borja, S.** & Eddy, J.M. (2017). *Assessing pathways of cumulative adversity towards incarcerated parents' mental health*. [Conference presentation]. 2017 Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Borja, S.** (May, 2016). *Intergenerational adversity and early childhood well-being: A longitudinal examination of adversity's developmental consequences among African-American and Latino children*. [Conference presentation]. Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Borja, S.**, Rodriguez-Jenkins, J., & Fernandez, A. (October, 2015). *Meeting halfway: Doctoral student and faculty mentoring relationships*. [Conference presentation]. Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- Borja, S.** & Eddy, JM. (May, 2015). *Early adversity and parenting self-efficacy: Examining the mediating role of child maltreatment and adult victimization*. [Poster presentation]. Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, Washington DC.

- Borja, S.** (April, 2015). *Predictors of parental stress among mothers in US urban cities: Variation by race/ethnicity*. [Conference presentation]. 2015 Translational Science Meeting, Washington DC.
- Borja, S.** (April, 2015). *Left behind after adoption: maternal perspectives on termination of parental rights*. [Poster presentation]. 2015 European Conference for Social Work Research, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- Rodriguez-Jenkins, J., & **Borja, S.** (January, 2015). *Predictors of parenting stress in early childhood: A test of heterogeneity among Latino mothers*. [Conference presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Logan-Greene, P., Nurius, P., & **Borja, S.**, & Tennyson, R. (January, 2015). *Adverse childhood experiences, protective factors, and mental health problems among court-involved youth*. [Conference presentation]. Society of Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Borja, S.**, Nurius, P., Feldman, B., & Eddy, JM. (October, 2014). *“When it rains it pours”*: Testing a life course model of adversity. [Conference presentation]. Council on Social Work Education’s 60th Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- Borja, S.**, Nurius, P., & Eddy, JM. (2014, July). *Double jeopardy: Cumulative adversity and constrained support among incarcerated parents*. [Poster presentation]. National Forensic Social Work Annual Conference, New York, NY.
- Borja, S.**, Eddy, J. M., & Nurius, P. (May, 2014). *Physical and mental health among incarcerated parents: Testing a life course adversity model*. [Conference presentation]. 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.
- Borja, S.**, Eddy, J.M., & Nurius, P. (May, 2013). *Effects of cumulative disadvantage on the psychosocial health of incarcerated parents*. [Conference presentation]. 21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Logan-Greene, P., Nurius, P., **Borja, S.** & Tennyson, R. (July, 2014). Adverse childhood experiences & mental health problems among youth on probation. [Conference presentation]. National Organization of Forensic Social Work Annual Conference, New York, NY.
- Eddy, J.M., Shortt, J., Seeley, J., Martinez, C.,...& **Borja, S.** (June, 2014). *Randomized trial of the relief nursery program: three-year outcomes*. [Poster presentation]. Third Biennial American Psychological Association Division 45 Research Conference, Eugene, OR.
- Eddy, J.M., Martinez, C., Cearley, J., Herrera, D., Kjellstrand, J.,...**Borja, S.** (June, 2014). *Randomized trial of a professional mentoring program: three-year outcomes*. [Poster presentation]. Third Biennial American Psychological Association Division 45 Research Conference, Eugene, OR.

Borja, S., Eddy, M., & Nurius, P. (May, 2014). *Physical and mental health among incarcerated parents: Testing a life course adversity model*. [Poster presentation]. Society for Prevention Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Borja, S., Eddy, M., & Nurius, P. (May, 2013). *Effects of cumulative disadvantage on the psychosocial health of incarcerated parents*. [Poster presentation]. Society for Prevention Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Logan-Greene, P., Nurius, P., Kim, E., **Borja, S.**, & Hernandez, I. (April, 2013) *Histories of trauma and social disadvantage in the juvenile justice system: a partnership between the courts and researchers*. [Conference presentation]. National Organization of Forensic Social Work Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Borja, S. (January, 2010). *Help-seeking patterns of immigrant Filipino women survivors of intimate partner violence*. [Conference presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Diego, CA.

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Health Insurance Access Among U.S. Citizen Migrant Children in Mexico: National and Transborder Policy Implications”. Health Affairs Briefing: Border Health: Evidence & Policy, July 2019. <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/he20210622.883427/full/>

UNAM Seminario Metodológico Internacional Interdisciplinario: *Desafíos Sociales y Bioéticos en Resiliencia Comunitaria y Políticas Decoloniales* [International Interdisciplinary Methodological Seminar: Social and Bioethical Challenges in Community Resilience and Decolonial Policies]. February, 2021.

Congreso Jóvenes en Movimiento: Realidades, Acciones, y Proyecciones, [Youth on the Move Congress: Realities, Actions, and Projections] UNAM, Palacio de Minería, Mexico City, Mexico. March, 2019

“Transnational as analytic lens and political commitment: A proposal situated within postcolonial, indigenous, and feminist theories”. [Pre-conference workshop]. 2019 European Conference for Social Work Research, Leuven, Belgium. April, 2019.

2° *Encuentro Multinacional de Trabajo Social*, UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico. 2nd Social Work Research Conference at the UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico. Discussant, Commentator, and Reviewer. May, 2018.

Congreso Desafíos y Reflexiones para la Atención e Inclusión Social de Personas Migrantes, Refugiadas, Repatriadas, Indígenas y en Desplazamiento Forzado: Una Perspectiva desde los Derechos Humanos, la Interculturalidad y el Trabajo Social. Mexico City, Mexico. March, 2018.

“Transnational considerations among Latino families and adverse experiences”. Social Work and Social Science from a Global Perspective, The International Summer School in Social Work in the Social Sciences, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland. June, 2016.

NEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Borja, S. Guest. *Many US Citizen Migrant Children Living In Mexico Have Inadequate Health Coverage*. A Health Podyssey – A Health Affairs Podcast. July, 2021.

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hp20210716.423676/full/>

“Los niños que se quedaron sin patria que les proteja”. By Manuel Lino, Eje Central, July 2021.

<https://www.ejecentral.com.mx/los-ninos-que-se-quedaron-sin-patria-que-les-proteja/>

“U.S.-born kids lack health care in Mexico”. By Olivia P. Tallet, Houston Chronicle, July 31, 2021.

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/houston-chronicle/20210731/281633898278438>

“Mas de 500,000 niños estadounidenses no tienen Seguro medico debido a la deportacion de sus padres segun estudio”. Univision TV inter view. July 15, 2021.

<https://www.univision.com/local/houston-kxln/mas-de-500-000-ninos-estadounidenses-no-tienen-seguro-medico-debido-a-la-deportacion-de-sus-padres-segun-estudio-video>

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Co-Investigator: Intergenerational ACEs among Domestic Violence Survivors, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work and Northwest Assistance Ministries Family Violence Center 2018

Research Analyst: Washington State Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, University of Washington School of Social Work (PI: Paula Nurius) 2014-2017

Co-Principal Investigator: Mentoring in Social Work Doctoral Programs Study, University of Washington School of Social Work 2013-2017

Research Analyst: Pierce County Juvenile Court Project. University of Washington School of Social Work, SUNY Buffalo and Pierce County Juvenile Court (PI: Paula Nurius) 2012-2017

Research Assistant: Youth Violence Prevention (El Salvador, Guatamela, Honduras) (PREVENIR) University of Washington and Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit 2012-2014

TEACHING

Human Development and Diversity (MSW)	2017, 2018
Social Policy in the Social Environment (MSW)	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Mental Health and Historical Trauma (BSW)	2019
Assessment in Social Work (MSW)	2019, 2021
Global and Local Inequalities: Critical Analyses (MSW)	2015, 2016
Poverty and Inequality (MSW)	2014
Child and Family Inequalities: Policy/Services Platform (MSW)	2015

SERVICE

Reviewer Activities

Journals

American Psychologist
Child, Youth, and Services Review
Child Development
ENTS/UNAM Departamento de Publicaciones
Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
Journal of Orthopsychiatry
Pediatrics
Trauma, Violence, and Abuse

Conferences

Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting
Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting
U.S.-Mexico Binational Conference in Social Work and Social Science

Committees

Foundation Committee (2019 – present)
Comité Científico, Red Nacional de Instituciones de Educación Superior en Trabajo Social
[National Network of Institutions of Higher Education in Social Work (2021)
Latinx Student Association, Faculty Adviser (2020)
U.S.-Mexico Binational Conference Organizing Committee (2019 - 2020)
GCSW Strategic Planning Committee (2017 - 2018)
UW Graduate Education Mentoring for Underrepresented Students (2014-2015)
UW Health Sciences Library Advisory Committee (2014-2015)
UW Search Committee for PhD Assistant Director, Member (2013)
UW Doctoral Program Student Mentor (2013)
UW Doctoral Program Steering Committee Elected student representative (2012-2015)
UW Doctoral Program Social Justice Committee (2012-2014)

Mentored Students

PhD

Natalia Giraldo-Santiago (2020 – present)

Gabriela Mohr (2021 – present)

MSW

Rodolfo Salinas, Jr. (2020 – present)

Alexandra Williams (Summer, 2020)

Community Service/Partnerships

Programa Casa Refugiados (Program Evaluation)

St. James Family Life Center (Parenting Program)

Northwest Assistance Ministries Family Violence Center (Data Analysis)

Habitat for Humanity Ad-Hoc Grant Reviewer (2005)

Franklin McKinley School District Truancy Intervention Board (2002-2003)

San Jose Mayor's Gang Prevention Taskforce Member (2002-2003)

SOCIAL WORK DIRECT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Child Protective Services Social Worker & Expert Witness Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services San Jose, CA	2008-2011
Eligibility Worker San Francisco Department of Human Services, San Francisco, CA	2005-2006
Mental Health Specialist Asian Community Mental Health Services, Oakland, CA	2005-2006
Youth Development Officer Private Industry Council of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	2003-2005
Case Manager Cross-cultural Community Services Center, San Jose, CA	2001-2003
Community Development Officer World Vision Development Foundation, Philippines	1996-1997

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Council for Social Work Education

Society for Prevention Research

Society for Social Work and Research

LANGUAGES

Ilokano (Native)

Tagalog (Native)

Spanish (Advanced)

English (Fluent)