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Education

PhD (Epidemiology), Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, August 2001.

Master of Science in Public Health, MSPH (Epidemiology), Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, December 1991.

Magister en Salud Pública, MSP (Master in Public Health - MPH), Facultad Nacional de Salud Pública, Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia, June 1987.

Enfermera (BS in Nursing), Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia, 1981.

Employment history

Assistant Dean for Public Health Practice, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, January 1, 2023 – present.

Director, Maternal and Child Health Catalyst Program, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, Jun 1, 2025 – present.

Epidemiology MPH Program Director, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, July 1, 2021 – present.

Preventive Medicine Core Faculty, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, July 1, 2023 – present.

Faculty Development Core, FIRST Faculty Initiative for Improved Recruitment, Retention, and Experience (FIIRRE)'s Health Disparities and Health Equity Research Consortium, Arnold School of Public Health and College of Nursing, University of South Carolina, June 1, 2023 – March 15, 2025

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, April 1, 2017 – present.

Director, Consortium for Latino Health Studies (formerly, Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies), Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina. January 1, 2006 – present.

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, July 16, 2007 – March 30, 2017.

Faculty and Scholar Advisor, CDC/ASPH Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership. Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, September 1, 2005 - 2009.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, January 1, 2002 – July 15, 2007

Research Associate, South Carolina Rural Health Research Center, Department of Health Policy Services and Management, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, February 1, 2005 – August 31, 2007.

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, South Carolina Rural Health Research Center, Department of Health Services Policy and Management, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, January 16, 2004 – January 31, 2005.

Research Assistant Professor, Institute for Families in Society, University of South Carolina, September 1, 2001-2004.

Research Associate, Institute for Families in Society, University of South Carolina, July 1999 - August 31, 2001.

Graduate Research Assistant. Drs. Shirley J. Thompson and Caroline A. Macera. School of Public Health, University of South Carolina, January 1994 - August 1998.

Health Services Coordinator, Caja de Previsión Social de la Superintendencia Bancaria, Bogotá, Colombia, March 1992 - June 1993.

Professor, Javeriana University, Bogotá, Colombia. School of Nursing and Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, 1983-1993

Head Nurse in Outpatient Services, San Ignacio Hospital, Bogotá, Colombia, 1983

Head Nurse in OB/Gyn and Neonatal Intensive Care, Clínica del Country, Bogotá, Colombia, 1983

Head Nurse and Director of Nursing, San Rafael Hospital, Girardot, Colombia, 1981-1982.

Service

Community Service

Current

Board of Directors, Vice-President and Past President, South Carolina/Southwestern Colombia Partners of the Americas
Advisory Board, National Rural Health Association US/Mexico Border Initiative

Past participation

Advisor Women's Rights & Empowerment Network (WREN)
Good Samaritan Clinic Steering Committee
Board of Advisors, PASOs programs (Chair of the Strategic Visioning Committee)
Advisory Group, National Rural Health Association Border Health Initiative
Scale Down Evaluation and Action Team member
Children's Trust of SC – Program Committee member
SC School Improvement Council – Board of Trustees
South Carolina for Healthy Families – Board Member

Columbia March for Science Day speaker
Health Equity Workgroup Alliance for a Healthier SC
SC State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (2012 – 2018)
Dreher High School Improvement Council (2015 – 2016)
Healthy South Carolina Initiative – External Leadership Team
SC Mission (2011 - 2014) – Interpreter & Interpreter Coordination
SC DHEC Commissioner's Advisory Council on Elimination of Health Disparities
Board of Directors, Acercamiento Hispano de Carolina del Sur
Board of Directors, My Amigos Bilingual Education Center (MABEC)
Board of Directors, Past Chair, South Carolina Hispanic/Latino Health Coalition
Hispanic Advisory Committee, South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs
Communicating with Persons with LEP during Disasters (Convened by DHEC)
Diabetes Advisory Council of South Carolina
Human Trafficking Task Force

Professional Community

Peer Reviewer:

- 1) AIDS and Behavior
- 2) American Journal of Preventive Medicine
- 3) Annals of Epidemiology
- 4) Birth Defects Research Part A: Clinical and Molecular Teratology
- 5) BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making
- 6) California Journal of Health Promotion
- 7) Health Education & Behavior
- 8) Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
- 9) International Journal of Obesity
- 10) Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice
- 11) Ethnicity and Health Journal
- 12) Ethnicity and Disease Journal
- 13) Journal of Racial and Ethnic Disparities
- 14) Revista Investigación en Enfermería: Imagen y Desarrollo (Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá)
- 15) Journal of Community Medicine & Health Education
- 16) Maternal and Child Health Journal
- 17) Revista Colombiana de Enfermería (Universidad del Bosque, Bogotá)

University of South Carolina (USC) Service

University of South Carolina Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Committee – Elected member
USC Connect Faculty Fellow
Fulbright Program Advisor
Hispanic Faculty Caucus – Founder and Chair
Hispanic Advisory Committee, USC Office of Multicultural Student Affairs
Latin American Student Association (LASO) – Faculty Advisor

Arnold School of Public Health (ASPH), USC

Clyburn Lecture Planning Committee
Arnold School of Public Health Evaluation Committee
Arnold School of Public Health Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council (2017 – 2019)

Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, ASPH, USC

Curriculum Committee
Admissions Committee

Exam Committee
CEPH and MPH Advisory Committee

Teaching and Mentoring

Courses Taught

PUBH 724: Quantitative Methods for Public Health Practice I. Co-taught with J. Hussey and G. Scott (Face-to-Face and Online versions)
PUBH 725: Quantitative Methods for Public Health Practice. Co-taught with J. Hussey and G. Scott (Face-to-Face and Online versions)
EPID 700: Introduction to Epidemiology as part of USC Global Health in Costa Rica (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2022)
EPID 700: Introduction to Epidemiology (for non-Epidemiology or Biostatistics majors)
EPID 410: Principles of Epidemiology (Undergraduate Students) & as part of the USC Global Health in Costa Rica (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2022)
EPID 794: Special Topics (Latino Health Epidemiology)
EPID 745: Seminar in Epidemiology
SCHC 364M: Mexican Migration and Health (Study Abroad Course in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico)
SCHC 364G: Service-Learning Course - Latino Health Advocacy (SC Honors College)

Fulbright Program Advisor (2017 – 2022)

Students

Graduate Students (Last 5 years)

Name	Year	Department	Role	Topic (if Committee member)
Kyle Clark	2024	Milken Institute School of Public Health, The George Washington University MPH student	Applied Practice Experience Preceptor	Tobacco use patterns in English and Spanish-Speaking Youth: A Comparative Analysis
William Capell	2024 – present	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic Advisor	
Daniel B. Bailey	2023 – present	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic Advisor	
Anne M. Bailey	2023 – present	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic Advisor	
Prapti Chatterjee-Murphy	2023 – present	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic Advisor	

Jordan N. Diaz	2023 – present	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic Advisor	
Natalia Gómez	2023 – present	PhD in Psychology	Dissertation Committee Member	Barriers and Facilitators for Mexican American Individuals Living with severe mental and behavioral conditions in the United States
Indira Gutiérrez	2022 – present	PhD in HPEB	Dissertation Committee Member	Development of a Latine-centered theory of body-image
Gabriela Armendáriz	2020 – present	PhD in HPEB	Dissertation Committee Member	Tool to communicate nutritional messages to Mexican mothers of children 2 to 5 years of age
Jenna Siegel	2022 – 2023	Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, Florida International University, MPH in Epidemiology	Applied Practice Experience Preceptor	Health Indicators among Latino Populations in South Carolina
Lidia Gual Gonzales	2022 - 2023	EPID & BIOS	Dissertation Committee Member	Unearthing Spotted Fever Group Rickettsioses Using a One Health Approach in a Rural Community in Boyacá, Colombia
Maria Alexandra Torres Bustamante	2022	MS in Epidemiology Facultad Nacional de Salud Pública, Universidad de Antioquia	Master's Thesis Committee Member	Estudio ecoepidemiológico de la seropositividad contra agentes de los géneros Rickettsia-Leptospira en zonas rurales del Urabá Antioqueño
Morgan Christ	2022 – present	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic Advisor	Deep Roots Research and Evaluation
Tamera Gaffney	2022 – present	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic Advisor	Collier County, Florida Department of Health

Ketki Borse	2021 – 2023	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic and APE Advisor	SC DHEC
Khushali Shah	2021 – 2023	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic and APE Advisor	D.C. Cancer Registry
Humna Fayyaz	2021 – 2023	EPID & BIOS and Preventive Medicine Residency	MPH Academic and APE Advisor	
Ubong James	2020 - present	College of Nursing	Dissertation Committee Member	Depression among Hispanic Adults in the US
Dacia Lipkea	2020 - 2021	Genetic Counseling (UofSC Medical School)	Thesis Committee Member	Medical Interpreters in Genetic Counseling
Chloe Rodriguez Ramos	2019 – 2021	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic and APE Advisor	
Melek Yildiz Spinel	2018 – 2020	PhD Clinical Community Psychology	Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member	Gender and Intimate Partner Violence among Hispanics in the US
Shy'Davia Baxley	2018 – 2020	EPID & BIOS	MPH Academic Advisor	
Carlos Avalos	2018 – 2019	EPID & BIOS	MSPH Academic Advisor and Thesis Chair	Victimization Trends among Latino High School Students
Monica Mitteness	2019 – 2020	EPID & BIOS	MPH Practicum Faculty Advisor	Evaluation of outreach efforts in Hepatitis A. SC DHEC

Undergraduate Students (Last 3 years)

Name	Year	Program	Topic
Santiago Chavez Morales	2024 - Present	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Serpientes y Escaleras – Exploring the Barriers and Opportunities in Healthcare Access for Hispanic Immigrants in the United States.
Elizabeth Slimmer	2024 - Present	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Locked Up and Left Behind: How Delayed Prison Reform Fuels Infectious Disease
Quinn Berzins	2024 - Present	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Factors Associated with Acculturation that Influence Health

			Outcomes of Latino Immigrants in the United States
Brynn Lynaugh	2022 - 2023	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among Latinx in South Carolina
Jackson Goddard	2022 – 2023	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Factors Associated with Marijuana Use Among Adolescents in the US. 2019 YRBS
Kiana Smith	2021 – 2023	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	A Global, National, and State-Level Analysis of Maternal Mortality and its Influences
Layne Scopano	2022 – 2023	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Maternal and child nutrition experiences: a comparison between Latina mothers in Peru and South Carolina
Sarah Noonan	2001 – 2022	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Pandemias Políticas: The Effects of Political and Social Instability on Infectious Disease Epidemiology in Latin America
Natalie Hasbrooke	2001 – 2022	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Culture, Lifestyle and Health: An Examination of American, Italian and Peruvian Health
Reilly Leaver	2021 – 2022	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Factors related with birth outcomes among Latino populations in South Carolina.
Victoria Franklin	2021 - 2023	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Diabetes among Race/Ethnic groups
Maren East	2020 - 2021	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Latino Health and Culture in the United States and Considerations for Physician Assistant Practice
Javier Rodriguez	2021 - 2022	SCHC (Thesis Chair)	Relationship between Acculturation and Cardiovascular Risk in Hispanic Populations in the United States

Participation in Research Projects COMPLETED

South Carolina Statewide Hispanic Health Needs Assessment (2000 – 2001).

Source: Office of Minority Health, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (PI: Ana López-DeFede, PhD).

Medically Fragile Populations Project (2001- 2003).

Source: DHHS. (PI: Ana López-DeFede, PhD).

Rural Hospitals and Spanish Speaking Patients with Limited English Proficiency (2006).

Source: HRSA/ORHP (SC Rural health Research Center, PI: Janice Probst, PhD).

The Role of English Proficiency and Area of residence in the Use of Adult Preventive Health Services among Latino Subgroups (2007-2008).

Source: HRSA/ORHP (SC Rural Health Research Center, PI: Janice Probst, PhD.)

Study of the Economic Impact of Hispanic/Latino Immigration on the State of South Carolina (2007).

Source: SC Commission for Minority Affairs (PI: The Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies - Elaine Lacy, PhD and Douglas Woodward, PhD).

Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership (IHPL) (2005 - 2010).

Source: CDC/ASPH (PI: Donna Richter, PhD).

Juntas Podemos (Together We Can): Empowering Latinas to Shape Policy to Prevent Childhood Obesity (2009-2010)

Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Program *Salud America!* (PI: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH).

Borderline Health: A Chartbook of U.S. Rural Health Indicators at the Mexico Border (2009-2012).

Source: South Carolina Rural Health Research Center through a grant from the Office of Rural Health Policy (PI: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH).

Empowering Latinas to Lash Out Against AIDS/STIs (ELLAS) (2007-2012).

Source: National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDS and TB Prevention/CDC (PI: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH).

Evaluation of the Healthy Families/Familias Saludables Program (2009-2014).

Source: HRSA (PI: Scherrie Cogdill, Director, Coastal Plain Rural Health Network. Evaluator: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH).

Study to Assess Beliefs and Evaluate Risks (SABER) among Latinos in SC (2013-2014)

Source: NIH Supplement (PI: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH) to P20 (Institute for Partnerships to Eliminate Health Disparities – PI: Sandra Glover, PhD).

Mexican Immigrants in South Carolina: Responding to Social, Political and Economic Change (2009).

Source: University of South Carolina (PI: Elaine Lacy, PhD and Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH).

Rural Border Health Chartbook II (2013 – 2014)

Source: South Carolina Rural Health Research Center through a grant from the Office of Rural Health Policy (PI: Amy Brock Martin, DrPH).

Community Health Worker and Cultural Competence Curriculum (2013-2015)

Source: CDC through SC DHEC (PI: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH).

Mental Health and Wellbeing of Men and Boys in Five Counties in SC

Source: HopeHealth, Inc (2014-2016). USC Sub-contract PI: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH).

Experiences of Latinos during the SC Floods

Source: University of South Carolina Office of the Vice President for Research (PI: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH).

Latino/a Mental Health in South Carolina: An Assessment of Mental Health Needs, Existing Resources, and Current Challenges.

Source: SC Department of Mental Health (Co-PI: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH).

Community Health Worker Patient-Centered Diabetes Management Program.

Source: South Carolina Rural Health Research Center through grants from the National Rural Health Association. PI: Jan Probst, PhD.

Rural Border Health Chartbook

Source: National Rural Health Association. PI: Jan Eberth, PhD.

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic among Latino Populations in SC

Source: University of South Carolina's Office of the Vice President for Research. PI: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH.

COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy among Latino Populations in SC

Source: University of South Carolina's Office of the Vice President for Research – Aspire I. PI: Edena Guimaraes, Dr PH, MPH, CHES. Co-I: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH.

Tobacco Use among Hispanic/Latino populations in SC (2022 – 2025)

Source: SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC). PI: Maria Martin, PASOs.

Prenatal, Labor and Delivery and post-Partum experiences among African American and Hispanic/Latino mothers during COVID-19.

Source: NIH. PI: J. Liu ScD

EACH Mom & Baby Collaborative

Source: Blue Cross Blue Shield South Carolina Foundation. PI: Julie Smithwick, LMSW.

Evaluation of the PASOs Programs (ongoing)

Source: Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation, SC DHEC, and Duke Endowment (2004-2025). Co-PIs: Julie Smithwick, Maria Martin, Mike Young. Evaluator: Myriam E. Torres, PhD, MSPH

Project LAUNCH

Source: NIH. PI: Russ Pate, PhD.

FIRST Faculty Initiative for Improved Recruitment, Retention, and Experience (FIIRRE)

Source: NIH. MPI: Angela Liese, PhD & Tisha Felder, PhD (2022-2025). Co-I: Myriam E. Torres, Health Disparities and Health Equity Research Consortium Director, Arnold School of Public Health and College of Nursing, University of South Carolina

ONGOING

Project LEAP (2021 – present)

Source: HRSA. PI: J. Liu ScD

Publications

Ross SET, Dowda M, **Torres ME**, Pate RR. (2024) Race/ethnicity and change in physical activity from infancy to preschool age. In Print. Pediatric Exercise Science. April 2025.

- Zhang, R., Byrd, T., Qiao, S., **Torres, M.**, Li, X., & Liu, J. (2024). Maternal care utilization and provision during the COVID-19 pandemic: Voices from minoritized pregnant and postpartum women and maternal care providers in Deep South. *PLoS ONE*
- Gual-Gonzalez L, **Torres ME**, Self SCW, Meyer M, Cantillo-Barraza O, Nolan MS. Spotted Fever Group Rickettsia spp. Molecular and Serological Evidence Among Colombian Vectors and Animal Hosts: A Historical Review. *Insects* 2024.
- Gual-Gonzalez L, Self SCW, Meyer M, Cantillo-Barraza O, **Torres ME**, Nolan MS. Human spotted fever group Rickettsia seroprevalence and associated epidemiologic factors among diverse, marginalized populations in South Carolina. *Ticks Tick Borne Dis*. 2023;15(2):102288.
- Liu J, Hung P, Liang C, Zhang J, Qiao S, Campbell BA, Olatosi B, **Torres ME**, Hikmet N, Li X. Multilevel determinants of racial/ethnic disparities in severe maternal morbidity and mortality in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic in the USA: protocol; for a concurrent triangulation, mixed-methods study. *BMJ Open* 2022;12:e062294, doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2022-062294.
- Nolan M.S., Murray K.O., Mejia R., Hotez, P.J., Villar M.J., Rodriguez, S., Palacios, R., Murcia, W.E., Lynn, M.K., **Torres, M.E.**, Monroy, M.C. Elevated pediatric Chagas disease burden complicated by concomitant gastrointestinal parasites and malnutrition in El Salvador. *Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease*. 2021,6,72.
- Lee, J.S., Humphrey, M., Adams, M., **Torres, M.**, Crawford, T.N., Hall, J. (2020) Characteristics of Patients with Hypertension at a Nicaraguan Clinic. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*. 31:1281-1290.
- Pate, R., Frongillo, E., Cordan, K., Dowda, M., McLain, A., **Torres, M.**, Brown, W., Bucko, A., Shull, E. (2020) Linking Activity, Nutrition, and Child Health (LAUNCH): protocol for a longitudinal cohort study of children as they develop from infancy to preschool age. *BMC Public Health*. 20:931. <https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-020-09023-7>
- Khan, S., McLain, A., Olatosi, B., **Torres, M.**, Eberth, J. (2020) Small Area Estimation of County-Level U.S. HIV Prevalent Cases. *Annals of Epidemiology*. Vol 48:30-35.
- Moore de Peralta, Arelis; Smithwick, Julie; and **Torres, Myriam E.** (2020). Perceptions and determinants of partnership trust in the context of Community-Based Participatory Research, *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*: Vol. 13: Iss. 1, Article 4.
- Lawrence JA, White K, Cummings JL, Hardin J, **Torres ME**. (2019) Socially assigned race and diabetes: Findings from the Arizona Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2013-2014. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. 6:926-934
- Meetze EG, **Torres ME**, Messias DK. (2016-2017). Prenatal Care Providers' Perspectives and Practices: Informed Consent for HIV Screening among Latinas with Limited English Proficiency in South Carolina. *Journal of Health Disparities*. Vol 10, Issue 1, Article 10.
- Torres ME**, Murray A, Meetze EG, Gaul Z, Sutton MY. HIV Knowledge Among Pregnant Latinas in Rural South Carolina. *J Immigrant Minority Health*. 2016. DOI 10.1007/s10903-016-0455-6.
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- McMahon DM, Liu J, Zhang H, **Torres ME**, and Best RG. Maternal obesity, folate intake, and neural tube defects in offspring. (2013) *Birth Defects Res A Clin Mol Teratol*.97(2): 115-22. doi: 10.1002/bdra.23113.
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Note: Underlined names are students I worked with as part of their dissertation, master's thesis, or Integrated Learning Experience.

Reports

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Lorenzo-Blanco E, **Torres ME**, Smithwick J, Wilton A. Mental Health Access, and the Latino Communities of South Carolina: An Assessment of Needs, Existing Resources, and Current Challenges. University of South Carolina, August 2016.

Mesa A, **Torres ME**, Smithwick J, Sides K. The Current State of Young Hispanic Children in South Carolina: Projections and Implications for the Future. Institute for Child Success. March 2016.

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López-DeFede A, **Torres ME**, Hirshorn B, Stewart J, Payne T, Mensack, CM. South Carolina Hispanic Needs Assessment: Final report. Columbia, SC University of South Carolina, Institute for Families in Society. 2001.

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings (2005-present)

Restructuration of the MPH and Creation of the PUBH 725 Course in the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina. Invited speaker: *Congreso Internacional de Salud Pública* (Public Health International Conference). Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia. November 21 – 23, 2019.

Experiences of Latinos during the 2015 Floods in SC. Hispanic/Latino Voices in Academia. Clemson University, October 13, 2018.

Immigration Laws in South Carolina: How are Latinos Experiencing Them? The 5th Conference in Immigration to the US South. Immigration Reform and Beyond? October 23-25, 2014. University of Florida, Gainesville.

Routine HIV Testing among Pregnant Latinas in Rural South Carolina, 2012. 141st APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition, November 2-6, 2013

Prevalence of Alzheimer's disease in South Carolina: An Exploration into the Growing Latino Population. 140th APHA Annual Meeting, October 27 - October 31, 2012. San Francisco, CA.

Latinos en Carolina del Sur: Retos y Oportunidades. Coloquio Internacional de Migración: Miradas desde lo Social. August 15, 16, y 17, 2012. Poza Rica, Veracruz, Mexico.

MARI: Black and Hispanic HIV Prevention Researchers Working in Black and Hispanic Communities. 2011 National HIV Prevention Conference: The Urgency of Now: Reduce Incidence. Improve Access. Promote Equity. August 14-17, 2011. Atlanta, Georgia.

Implementing an Effective National HIV/AIDS Strategy: Recommendations from Black and Hispanic/Latino HIV/AIDS Investigators Working in Highly Affected Black and Hispanic/Latino Communities, 2010 APHA 138th Annual Meeting and Exposition, November 6-10, Denver, CO.

Juntas Podemos! (Together We Can): Empowering Latinas to Influence Policy to Prevent Childhood Obesity. *Salud America!* Scientific Summit. San Antonio September 9 – 11, 2009

Minority HIV/AIDS Research Initiative (MARI): Progress and Challenges for Black and Hispanic Researchers, 2009 National HIV Prevention Conference. August 23-28, 2009. Atlanta, Georgia.

Place of Residence, Acculturation, and the use of Preventive Health Services among Hispanic Subgroups. 2007 APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition in Washington, D.C. November 3-7, 2007

How are rural hospitals accommodating the needs of Limited English Proficient patients? National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health. The Office of Minority Health. Washington, DC, January 9-11, 2006

Honors & Recognitions

2025 Two Thumbs Up Award, University of South Carolina Student Disability Resource Center.

2025 Profiled in the “50 Careers for 50 Years”, University of South Carolina’s Arnold School of Public Health

2024 Men’s Soccer Guest Coach, University of South Carolina.

2024 Career Influencer – The University of South Carolina Career Center.

2023 Arnold School of Public Health Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Faculty Award.

2022 – 2023 Outstanding Community Preceptor – Contributions in teaching and helping to shape the next generation of healthcare professionals. Prisma Health Midlands/University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia Preventive Medicine Residency Program.

2020 James A. Keith Faculty Teaching Award, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina.

2018 Certificate of Appreciation. Asociación Hispano-Americana de Mujeres.

2017 Faculty Service Award, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina

2015 James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Leadership Award. Institute for Partnerships to Eliminate Health Disparities, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina.

2014 Certificate of Appreciation. St. Matthews K-8 School. St. Matthews, South Carolina.

2014 Certificate of Appreciation. Federal Correctional Institute. Bennettsville, South Carolina

2013 & 2018 Certificate of Appreciation. PASOs Programs.

2011 & 2013 Nomination: Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award.

2010 South Carolina Diversity Leaders Initiative. The Riley Institute at Furman University.

2010 Certificate of Appreciation. South Carolina/SW Colombia Partners of the Americas.

2010 Certificate of Appreciation. Perinatal Awareness for Successful Outcomes Program (PASOs).

2008 Certificate of Appreciation. South Carolina/SW Colombia Partners of the Americas.

2006 & 2007 Partners Count Program. Partners of the Americas.

2005 Nomination: The Most Influential Latina. L.E.E.R.

- 2005 Certificate of Appreciation. SisterCare, Inc.
- 2002 Certificate of Appreciation. The South Carolina Hispanic/Latino Health Coalition.
- 2002 Distinguished Service Award. South Carolina/SW Colombia Partners of the Americas.
- 2000 Delta Omega Society, Mu Chapter (Honorary Society in Public Health).
- 1986 1st place in the category: "Research project". Paper: Health Care Model for School Aged Children presented at the Third Conference of Javeriana Nurses Alumni.
- 1981 Thesis Honorary Mention. Nursing School, Javeriana University, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 1981 Academic Achievement Award. Nursing School, Javeriana University, Bogotá, Colombia.

Policy, Awareness, and Advocacy Activities

- 1) Invited Speaker: The SC March for Science Day – SC State House – April 22, 2017.
- 2) Invited Speaker: The Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children, SC Legislature – November 20, 2017.