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### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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1992	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, Houston, TX	Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
1989	University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	PhD (Psychology)
1986	University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	MA (Psychology)
1979	Loyola University, New Orleans, LA	BA (Psychology)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2004 – Present	Associate Professor of Behavioral Sciences (Tenured) University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, Texas
1995 – 2004	Assistant Professor of Behavioral Sciences (Tenure-Track) University of Texas School of Public Health. Houston, Texas
1992 - 1995	Assistant Professor of Behavioral Sciences (Non-Tenure Track) University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, Texas
1990 – 1991	Research Specialist Department of Psychology, University of Arizona

### HONORS AND AWARDS

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2001, 2004, 2013-2016, 2019-2021	<i>Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award</i> University of Texas School of Public Health
2001, 2004, 2013-2016, 2019-2021	<i>Dean's Excellence in Research Award</i> University of Texas School of Public Health
2014	<i>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Shepherd Science Award for Outstanding Peer-Review Paper. Co-recipient.</i>
2005 - 2010	<i>Health Education &amp; Behavior. Member of Editorial Board.</i>
2005-2006	<i>Rockefeller Foundation Residence Fellowship in the Social Sciences &amp; Humanities Regional Center for Multidisciplinary Research in Cuernavaca, Morelos National Autonomous University of Mexico</i>
1990	<i>Outstanding Dissertation Award. Board of Ethnic Minority Affairs, American Psychological Association, Washington, DC</i>
1979	<i>Suma Cum Laude and Dean's List of Distinguished Students Loyola University, New Orleans, LA</i>
1979	<i>Psi Chi, Psychology National Honors Society</i>

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## RESEARCH FUNDING

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### *Current grants*

**Principal Investigator** 2018-2024

*VALES+Tú: Targeting Psychosocial Stressors to Reduce Latino Day Laborers Injury Disparities.* National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). NIH R01 grant. Total costs \$3,322,567

**Principal Investigator** 2021–2026

*VALE+TU SALUD: Corner-Based Randomized Trial to Test a Latino Day Laborer Program Adapted to Prevent COVID 19.* NIMHD PAR-20-237 Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic among Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations. Total costs: \$3,152,543.

### *Completed grants (as PI)*

**Principal Investigator** 2021-2022

*VALES+Tú: Targeting Psychosocial Stressors to Reduce Latino Day Laborers Injury Disparities.* Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) (NOT-MD-20-019) Competitive and Administrative Supplements for the Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak on Minority Health and Health Disparities. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). Total costs: \$194,881.

**Principal Investigator (Subcontract)** 2014-2017

*Culturally Adapted Brief Motivational Intervention for Heavy Drinking Latinos.* Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). Total costs: \$41,000

**Principal Investigator** 2013-2017

*Promoting breast and cervical cancer screening among Vietnamese nail salon workers: An evidence based approach.* Cancer Prevention Institute of Texas (CPRIT). Total costs: \$299,898.

**Principal Investigator** 2013-2016

*Prevention Program to Reduce Injury Disparities Among Latino Day Laborers.* National Institute of Minority Health Disparities. NIH R34 grant. Total costs: \$982,687

**Principal Investigator** 2013-2014

*Hospital-Based Community Health Needs Assessment.* Episcopal Health Charities, Houston TX. Total costs: \$150,000.

**Principal Investigator (Subcontract)** 2011-2012

*Acculturation and Youth's Longitudinal Adjustment in Mexican American Families.* Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant. Total costs: \$7,600

**Principal Investigator** 2008-2009

*Job-Related Health Risks of Latinas Employed in Cantinas.* Pilot grant funded by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) through the Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (SWCOEH) at the UT School of Public Health. Total costs: \$12,500

**Principal Investigator** 2006-2008

*The Health Risks of Foreign Born Latino Men.* St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities, Houston, TX. Total costs: \$25,000.

**Principal Investigator** 1996-2002

*Community Outreach for High Risk Mexican American Women.* National Cancer Institute. Total costs: \$531,300.

**Principal Investigator (Subcontract)** 1992-1995

*EN ACCION: National Hispanic Leadership Initiative on Cancer.* Grant funded by the National Cancer Institute to the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Total costs: \$ 54,000.

**Principal Investigator** 1992-1995

*A Su Salud Mexican American Participation in Cancer Prevention.* National Cancer Institute Minority Investigator Research Supplemental Award. Total costs: \$238,126.

*Completed grants (as Co I)***Co Investigator** 2007-2009

SIP 03-07 *Intervention to Increase Screening for Cervical Cancer in Women of Mexican Descent-Phase 3* (Theresa Byrd, PI). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Total costs: \$435,390

**Co Investigator** 2003-2005

*Formative Research to Develop Behavioral Surveillance for STD Transmission Among High Risk Heterosexual Populations.* (Michael Ross, PI). Texas Department of Health grant. Total costs: \$419,919

**Co-Investigator** 2004- 2005

*Non-Gay Identifying Men Who Have Sex with Men* (Michael Ross, PI). Association of Schools of Public Health grant.

**Co-Investigator** 2002-2004

*Texas LINCC: Latinos in a Network for Cancer Control* (Maria Fernandez, PI). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ) Special Interest Project grant. Total costs: \$433,584.

**Co-Investigator** 1999-2003

*HIV Prevention Among Alternative School Youths* (Susan Tortolero, PI). National Institute of Child Health and Human Development R01 grant. Total costs: \$484,470.

**Co-Investigator** 1999-2002

*Increasing Cervical Cancer Screening in Hispanic Women* (Theresa Byrd, PI) Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the Association of Schools of Public Health Special Interest Project grant. Total costs:\$93,601.

**Co-Investigator** 2000-2002

*The Hispanic Paradox: An inquiry into social cohesion and health* (Luisa Franzini PI). Texas Department of Health. Innovation grant. Total costs: \$321,152.

**Co-Investigator** 1998-2001

*Collaborative Faculty Development. Substance Abuse Prevention* ( Marianne Marcus, PI). Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration faculty development grant. Total costs: \$156,394.

**Co-Investigator** 1995-1997

*STD/HIV Prevention Training Center – Behavior Training Unit* (Michael Ross, PI). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Total costs: \$1,300,000.

**Co-Investigator** 1995-1998

*Syphilis Prevention in Houston Texas* (Michael Ross, PI). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant. Total costs: \$256,925.

**PUBLICATIONS***Peer Reviewed Journals*

Rodriguez A, Douphrate DI, Pineda Reyes AL, Zavala S, Cabrera Cruz AV, Alegria MD, Ukaegbu B, Keeney AJ, Berumen-Flucker B, Shipp EM, Guillot-Wright SP, **Fernandez-Esquer ME**, Gimeno Ruiz de Porras G. (2024). Promoting workplace health, safety, and well-being among essential agricultural workers through vaccine-preventable infectious diseases training in the Rio Grande Valley. *Journal of Agromedicine*. In press.

Monforton C., **Fernandez-Esquer M.E.**, Rangel, L. & Arevalo M. (2024) Hazard and injury experiences of Latino day laborers in Houston. *Hispanic Health Care International*, 22(2), 119-125.

Atkinson, J.S., Field, C. and **Fernandez-Esquer M.E.** (2024) At-Risk Drinking and Workplace Conditions among Latino Day Laborers. *Substance Use and Misuse*. 59(1), 1-9.

Springer, A. E., King, Y., Field, C., Ojeda, M. A., Brown, L., Monforton, C., Hernandez, R., Diamond, P., Atkinson, J., & **Fernández-Esquer, M. E.** (2023). Development and refinement of a corner-based injury prevention programme for Latino day labourers. *Health Education Journal*, 82(6), 595-610.).

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King, Y. A., Atkinson, J. S., Diamond, P., Hernandez, R. A., & **Fernández-Esquer, M. E.** (2023). From a Personal Commitment to a Safety Scale: Development and Validation of a Self-Reported Safety Practices Scale for Latino Day Laborers. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 44(4), 297-316.

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Rangel M.L, Arevalo, M., Mercader, C., **Fernandez-Esquer M.E.** (2023) "I use sunglasses... the sun can ruin the eyes": Latino day laborers' lay strategies to reduce dangers at work. *Health Promotion Practice*, 24 (5), 886-894.

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.**, Atkinson, J.A., Hernandez, R. Field, C., Reininger, B. Montano, C.F., Rhoton, J., Espinoza Da Silva, C. Brown, L. and Diamond, P. (2022) *Vales+Tú: A Cluster Randomized Pilot Study to Reduce Workplace Injuries Among U.S. Latino Day Laborers. Health Promotion International*, 37 (6), 163.

Ibekwe, L.N., **Fernández-Esquer M.E.**, Pruitt, N.E., Ranjit, N., and Fernández, M.E. (2022) Associations between Perceived Racial Discrimination, Racial Residential Segregation, and Cancer Screening Adherence among African Americans: A Multilevel, Cross-Sectional Analysis. *Ethnicity and Health*, 1-22.

Ibekwe LN, Atkinson JS, Guerrero-Luera R, King YA, Rangel ML, **Fernández-Esquer ME.** (2022) Perceived Discrimination and Injury at Work: A Cross-Sectional Study among Latino Day Laborers. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 1-9.

Ibekwe, L.N., **Fernández-Esquer M.E.**, Pruitt, N.E., Ranjit, N., and Fernández, M.E. (2021) Racism and Cancer Screening among Low-Income, African American Women: A Multilevel, Longitudinal Analysis of 2-1-1 Texas Callers. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(21), 11267.

**Fernández-Esquer, M.E.**, Ibekwe, L.N., Guerrero-Luera, R., King, Y.A., Durand, C.P. Atkinson, J.S. (2021) Structural Racism and Immigrant Health: Exploring the Association Between Wage Theft, Mental Health, and Injury among Latino Day Laborers. *Ethnicity and Disease*, 31 (Suppl 1), 345-356.

**Fernández-Esquer, M. E.**, Nguyen, F. M., Atkinson, J. S., Le, Y. C., Chen, S., Huynh, T. N., & Schick, V. (2020). Sức Khỏe là Hạnh Phúc (Health is Happiness): Promoting mammography and pap test adherence among Vietnamese nail salon workers. *Women & health*, 60(10), 1206-1217.

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**Fernández-Esquer, M. E.**, Gallardo, K. R., & Diamond, P. M. (2019). Predicting the Influence of Situational and Immigration Stress on Latino Day Laborers' Workplace Injuries: An Exploratory Structural Equation Model. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 21(2), 364-371.

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**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E**, Agoff, M.C. and Leal, M.I. (2017) *Living sin papeles*: How undocumented Latino workers negotiate life in "illegality". *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 39 (1), 3-18.

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Leal, I., Engebretson, J., Cohen, L., **Fernandez-Esquer, M. E.**, Lopez, G., Wangyal, T., & Chaoul, A. (2016). An exploration of the effects of Tibetan yoga on patients' psychological well-being and experience of lymphoma: An experimental embedded mixed methods study. *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, 12(1), 31-54.

**Fernández-Esquer, M. E.**, Fernández-Espada, N., Atkinson, J. A., & Montano, C. F. (2016) The influence of demographics and working conditions on self-reported injuries among Latino day laborers. *International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health*, 21(1), 5-13.

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**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** & Diamond, P.M. (2014) Working the pony: The drinking practices of Latina bar workers. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 36(4): 470-487.

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** and Diamond, P. (2014) Intimate partner violence among stigmatized Latina workers. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 28(13), 2640-2656.

McKinney, J.R.\* , M. Halpern, J. Levison, G. Callender, L. Lerebours-Nadal, **Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** (2013) Factors influencing use of family planning services among HIV-positive women at Clinica de Familia, La Romana in the Dominican Republic. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 10 (3), 200-207

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Development of a cervical cancer intervention for Hispanic women. *Health Education & Behavior*, 39(5), 603-611.

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**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** and Agoff, M.C. (2012) Drinking and working in a cantina: Misrecognition and the threat of stigma. *Culture Health & Sexuality*, 14 (4), 407-420.

Mama, S.K.,\* Quill. B. E., **Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.**, Reese-Smith, J.Y. Banda, J.A., Lee, R.E. (2011) Body image and physical activity among African American and Hispanic or Latina women. *Ethnicity & Disease*, 21(3), 281-287.

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.**, Diamond, P. M. & Atkinson, J. A. (2010) *Lazos que Atan*: The influence of normative gender beliefs on the sexual risk behaviors of Latino men and women. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 40 (12), 2969-2994.

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**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.**, Atkinson, J., Diamond, P. M. Useche, B., and Mendiola, R. (2004) Condom use self-efficacy among U.S. and foreign-born Latinos in Texas. *Journal of Sex Research*, 41 (4), 390-399.

Essien, E.J.\*, Ross, M.W., Williams, M.L, Meshack, A.F., **Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.**, Peters, R.J. and Ogungbade, G.O. (2004) Primary source of income is associated with differences in HIV risk behaviors in street recruited samples. *International Journal for Equity in Health*, 3:5

Franzini, L. and **Fernández-Esquer, M.E.** (2004) Socioeconomic, cultural and personal influences on health outcomes of Mexican origin individuals in Texas. *Social Science & Medicine*, 59 (8), 1629-1646.

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** Cardenas-Turanzas, M.G. (2004) Cervical cancer screening among Latinas recently immigrated to the United States. *Preventive Medicine*, 38, 529-535.

**Fernández-Esquer, M.E.** (2003) Drinking for wages: Obligatory alcohol use among cantineras. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*, 64 (2), 160-166.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E.** Espinoza, P., Torres, I. Ramirez, A.G. & McAlister, A.L. (2003) *A Su Salud*: A quasi-experimental study among Mexican American women. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 27 (5), 536-545.

Ross, M.W., Essien, E.J., Williams, M.L. and **Fernández-Esquer, M.E.** (2003) Concordance between sexual behavior and sexual identity in street outreach samples of four racial/ethnic groups. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, 30(2), 110-113.

**Fernández- Esquer**, M.E, Ramirez, A. G., Espinoza, P. McAlister, A.L. (2003) Repeated Pap smear screening among Mexican American women. *Health Education Research*, 18 (4), 1-11.

Peters R., Tortolero S., Addy R., Markham C., Yachoubian G., Escobar-Chaves, S.L., **Fernandez-Esquer M.E.** (2003) The relationship between sexual abuse and drug use: Findings from the Houston's Safer Choices 2 Program. *Journal of Drug Education*, 33(1), 49-59.

**Fernández- Esquer**, M.E, Ross, M.W. and Torres, I.(2000) The importance of psychosocial factors in the prevention of HPV infection and cervical cancer. *International Journal of STD & AIDS*, 11(2),701-713.

**Fernández- Esquer, M.E** and McCloskey, L.A. (1999) Coping with spousal violence: The role of ethnicity and socioeconomic status among Mexican American and Anglo American battered women. *Violence and Victims*, 14 (3), 293-310.

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**Fernández- Esquer, M.E.**, Krepcho, M.A., Freeman, A.C. Magee, E. and Ross, M.W. (1997) Predictors of condom use among low-income African American males. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology* 27(1), 58-74

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McCloskey, L.A., Southwick, K. **Fernández Esquer, M.E.** and Locke, C. J. (1995) The psychological effects of political and domestic violence on Central American and Mexican immigrant mothers and children. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 23, 95-116.

Krepcho, M.A., **Fernández Esquer, M.E.**, Freeman, A.C., Magee, E. and McAlister, A.L. (1993). Predictors of bleach use among current African American injecting drug users: A community study. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 25 (2), 135-141.

*Books, Commentaries, Proceedings.*  
*Invited Peer-Reviewed*

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<sup>1</sup> (\*) First author is a current or former student.

Ross, M.W. and **Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** (2005) Ethnicity in sexually transmitted infections and sexual behavior research. Invited Commentary. *The Lancet*, 365 (9466),1209-1210.

**Fernández- Esquer, M.E.**, Ramirez, A. G. and Villarreal, R. (1998). Prevention of cervical cancer among Latinas. Proceedings of the U.S.-Mexico Border Conference. *Salud Sin Fronteras-Health Without Boundaries*. 271- 274.

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*Technical & Final Reports (Selected)*

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**Fernández Esquer, M.E.** (1995) En Accion - Women's Health Supplement Final Report. Submitted to the NIH Office of Women's Health.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E** Sociocultural factors influencing Tuberculosis Screening. (1995). HIV/TB Co-infected Mexican Americans in the City of Houston. Ethnographic report submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through LTG Associates.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW OR PREPARATION

### In review:

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E**, Monforton, C., LLamas, A.R., Pereira, A.A., Ojeda, M., Field, C. Promises made and kept: A mixed method study of Latino day laborers' safety commitments to reduce risk of injuries at work. Submitted to Health Promotion Practice.

Ayieko, S.A., Atkinson, J.S. LLamas A. and **Fernandez-Esquer, M.E**. Coping with Stress during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Resilience and Mental Health among Latino Day Laborers. Submitted to Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved.

Catindig, J. Atkinson, J.S. LLamas, A. and **Fernandez-Esquer, M.E**. Self-rated health of Latino day laborers during the COVID-19 pandemic: a cross-sectional study. Submitted to International Journal for Equity in Health.

Aguilar, J.A., **Fernandez-Esquer, M.E**. and Pinzon, C.L. Assessing environmental health risks for day laborers in Houston: A geospatial analysis of air pollution, heat, and industrial proximity. Submitted to Health and Place.

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E**. Pinzon Gomez, C.L., Monforton, C. Li, Y., Maroufy, V, Ojeda, M. and Rodriguez, A. Hazardous work exposures and risk of serious injury among Latino day laborers in Houston, Texas (2014–2021). Submitted to American Journal of Industrial Medicine (not reviewed).

Rodriguez A, Douphrate DI, Pineda Reyes AL, Zavala S, Cabrera Cruz AV, Alegria MD, Ukaegbu B, Keeney AJ, Berumen-Flucker B, Shipp EM, Guillot-Wright SP, **Fernandez-Esquer ME**, Gimeno Ruiz de Porras G. (2024). Promoting workplace health, safety, and well-being among essential agricultural workers through vaccine-preventable infectious diseases training in the Rio Grande Valley. *Journal of Agromedicine*. In review.

### In preparation:

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.**, King, Y.A., Atkinson, J.S., Monforton, C., Glaister, C., Field, C. and Brown, L. Vales+Tú: Cluster randomized trial of a program to reduce workplace injuries among Latino day laborers.

Rangel, L., Checa Mora, A. and Fernandez-Esquer, M.E. Conversations about COVID 19: How Latino day laborers coped with the early pandemic.

Ibekwe, L. **Fernandez-Esquer**, M.E. Atkinson, J.S. and King, Y.A. Reported wage theft and Latino day laborers' psychological distress: The impact of structural racism on Immigrant health.

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** Atkinson, J.S. Reygaerts, H., Field, C, & Brown, L. Latino day laborers safety practices at work: A mediational analysis.

**Fernández-Esquer ME\***, Ibekwe LN\*, King YA, Atkinson JS. Reported Wage Theft and Latino Day Laborers' Psychological Distress: The Impact of Structural Racism on Immigrant Health. Revise and resubmit.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### *Invited and Keynote (\*)*

**Fernandez-Esquer, ME** Building Trust, Building Safety: A ten year program of engagement with Latino day laborers to prevent injuries at work. 2023 Health Disparities Research Institute, National Institute of Health, August 8, 2023.

**Fernandez-Esquer, ME** "VALES+Tú: Targeting Psychosocial Stressors to Reduce Latino Day Laborers Injury Disparities" NIMHD COVID-19 Supplement PI Forums. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Meeting. July, 2021

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** Vales+Tu injury prevention cluster randomized trial preliminary results I. NIMHD Immigrant Health Grantee Meeting. March 6, 2021.

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** The job-related health risks of Latinas employed in cantinas. NIOSH Pilot Projects Research Program, Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health. June 20, 2008.

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** Primary and Secondary Prevention of Cervical Cancer among Latinas at High Risk. M.D. Anderson Division of Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences, Cancer Prevention Grand Rounds. October 20, 2006

**Fernandez-Esquer M.E.\*** Creencias Normativas de Roles de Genero y Violencia de Pareja: La Experiencia de Immigrantes Latinas en los Estados Unidos. (*Normative Gender Beliefs and Intimate Partner Violence: The Experience of Latina Immigrants in the United States.*) Centro Regional de Investigaciones Multidisciplinarias. Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. September, 2005.

**Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.\*** The Influence of Ethnicity in the Interpretation of Health Risk Factors among Minority Women. UT Office of Women's Health, Women's Health Conference. January, 1998.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E.\*** Influence of Cultural Change on Substance Abuse in Hispanic/ Latino youth. Annual Mastery Educator Institute. University of Washington. Seattle, WA. 1994.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E.** Cultural Issues in Smoking Cessation: The Hispanic Community. Testimony delivered to The President's Cancer Panel. National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD. September, 1994.

### *Selected Peer Reviewed Oral and Poster Presentations (Student \*\*)*

Ibekwe, L,\*\* King, Y.A., Atkinson, J.S.and Fernández-Esquer, M.E. Reported Wage Theft and Latino Day Laborers' Psychological Distress: The Impact of Structural Racism on Immigrant Health. APHA Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA November 12-15, 2023.

Fernández-Esquer, M.E., Springer, A.E., King, Y.A., Atkinson, J.S., Field, C. Brown, L., Diamond, P., Monforton, C. and Ojeda, M. Vales+Tu:Cluster Randomized Trial of An Injury Risk Reduction Program for Latino Day Laborers. APHA Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA November 12-15, 2023.

Ibekwe LN,\*\* Atkinson JS, King YA, Guerrero-Luera R, Rangel ML, Fernández-Esquer ME. Examining the Association Between Everyday Discrimination and Work-Related Injury Among Latino Day Laborers (Preliminary Findings). Poster session presented virtually at: UTHealth School of Public Health Student Association Research Day 2021; April 5-9, 2021; Houston, TX.

Ibekwe LN\*\*, Atkinson JS, King YA, Guerrero-Luera R, Rangel ML, Fernández-Esquer ME. Examining the Association between Discrimination, Perceived Reasons for Discrimination, and Work-Related Injury among LDLs. .Poster presented virtually at: American Public Health Association 2021 Annual Meeting & Expo; Oct 24-27, 2021; Denver, CO.

King YA,\*\* Rangel ML, Atkinson JS, Fernández-Esquer ME. Description of a self-reported safety practices scale for Latino day laborers. Poster presented virtually at: UTHealth School of Public Health Student Association Research Day 2021; April 5-9, 2021; Houston, TX.

King YA\*\* Rangel ML, Atkinson JS, Fernández-Esquer ME. Description of a self-reported safety practices scale for Latino day laborers. Poster to be presented virtually at: American Public Health Association 2021 Annual Meeting & Expo; Oct 24-27, 2021; Denver, CO.

Fernandez-Esquer, ME, Diamond, PM, Montano, CF, Atkinson, JM, Ojeda, M, Rhoton, J., Reininger, B. Field, C. *VALES+Tú*: A pilot program to reduce injury disparities among Latino day laborers. Presented at the 2016 Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Denver, Co.

Espinosa da Silva, C,\*\* Atkinson, JM, Montano, CF, Carlos Iniguez Lugo C, Diamond, PM and Fernandez-Esquer, ME. *VALES+Tú*: Results of a cell phone pilot study among Latino day laborers. Presented at the 2016 Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Denver, Co.

Fernandez-Esquer, ME, Le Y-C, Huynh TN, Tran, V, Dang, V, Nguyen, H, Chen, S and Schick, V. *Sức Khỏe là Hạnh Phúc - Health is Happiness: A breast and cervical cancer prevention program for Vietnamese nail salon workers*. Presented at the 2016 Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Denver, Co.

Schick, V, Tran, V, Huynh TN, Dang, V, Nguyen, H, Chen, S, Cuasay, L, Le Y-C and Fernandez-Esquer, ME. Exploring opportunities for cancer screening promotion at nail salons: Increasing healthcare access and utilization among Vietnamese women outside of recommended cancer screening guidelines. Presented at the 2016 Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Denver, Co.

**Fernandez-Esquer, ME**, Diamond, PM, Atkinson, J and Montano, CF (2014) Prevention program to reduce injury disparities among Latino day laborers. Oral presentation given at the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. November 15-19, 2014, New Orleans LA.

Diamond, PM, **Fernandez-Esquer, ME**, Atkinson, J and Montano, CF (2014) Predicting reported job risks among Latino day laborers: A structural equation model. Poster presented at the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. November 15-19, 2014, New Orleans LA.

Byrd TL, Wilson KM, Smith JL, Coronado G, Vernon SW, **Fernandez-Esquer ME**, Thompson B, Ortiz M, Lairson D, Fernandez ME. *AMIGAS: Testing a Linguistically and Culturally Relevant Cervical Cancer Intervention*. Presented at the 2012 CDC National Cancer Conference, Washington, DC, August 21, 2012.

**Fernandez-Esquer M.E.** and Swain, H. (2011). "The influence of work-related social climate on the sexual risk practices of Latinas who work in cantinas." Oral presentation given at the AIDS Impact Conference, Santa FE NM.

Mama, S. K\*\*; Quill, B. E., **Fernandez-Esquer, M. E.** Reese-Smith, J. Y.; Banda, J. A. and Lee, R. E. (2009) "The relationship between body image and physical activity in African American women," International Journal of Exercise Science.

Franzini, L. and **Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** "Subjective social status, objective social status, and health in low income Mexican-Americans". American Public Health Association. Boston, MA, November 4-8, 2006.

Franzini, L and **Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** "Determinants of subjective social status in Mexican-Americans vary by acculturation". American Public Health Association. Boston, MA, November 4-8, 2006.

Franzini L. and **Fernandez-Esquer M.E.** Self-rated health in Mexican-origin individuals: The role of nativity and acculturation (2005) American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA, December, 2005.

Cardenas-Turranzas, M. and **Fernandez-Esquer M.E** Where do recently immigrated Latina women get health care and how do they pay for it? American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA, December, 2005.

Franzini, L., Cahey, M. Spears, W. & **Fernandez-Esquer, M.E.** Neighborhood economic conditions, social processes and self-rated health : A multilevel structural equation model . (2004) American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C..

Franzini, L., Cahey, M. Spears, W. & **Fernandez-Esquer M.E.** Do differences in neighborhood SES, physical and social characteristics explain self-rated health? (2004) American Public Health Association, Washington, D. C.

Franzini L., **Fernandez-Esquer M.E.**, Montoya M., Perez N., Caughy,M., Rible, J. Risser, and Spears W. Health, income, education social support and religiosity: A comparison of U.S.-born and Mexico-born Mexican Americans in Texas. (2002) American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Ross, M.W., **Fernández Esquer, M.E.** and Torres, I. (1999). Behavioral aspects of HPV infection. Prevention of Genital HPV Infection and Sequelae. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, External Consultants Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E** "Understanding Latina sexuality: An exploratory study with a high risk sample". Presented at the the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Washington, D.C., November 18, 1998.

Tortolero-Luna G, Basen-Engquist K, Mitchell MF, Koehly , Jones LA, Vernon S, **Fernández-Esquer ME.** (1998) Predictors of intention to participate in chemoprevention trials for cervical neoplasia among minority and underserved women attending colposcopy clinics. Presented at the Participation of Women and Minorities in Clinical Cancer Research, Maryland.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E** "Primary prevention of cervical cancer among Latina women". Presented at the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Indianapolis, IN, November 9-13, 1997.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E** "Preventing cervical cancer among cantineras: A community intervention study among Latinas with multiple partners." Paper presented at the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Indianapolis, IN, November 9-13, 1997.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E.** "Patterns of alcohol abuse among immigrant Latina women". 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Indiannapolis, IN, November 9-13, 1997.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E.** "Preventing Cervical Cancer among Cantineras: A community intervention study among Latinas with multiple sexual partners". Poster presented at the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Indiannapolis, IN, November 9-13, 1997.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E.**, Ramirez, A., Villarreal, R. "Sexual risk behaviors among Latinos: A community based study across eight cities in the United States". Poster presented at the XI International Conference on AIDS. Vancouver, Canada, July 7-12, 1996.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E.** "Community intervention with Latina sex workers: Results of a pilot study. Paper presented at the II Women's Health Conference of the American Psychological Association. Washington, D.C., September 19-21, 1996.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E.** "Who gets health care: The role of acculturation in tuberculosis screening among Mexican Americans". Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA, November 20-24, 1996.

**Fernández Esquer, M.E.**, Ramirez, A., Villarreal, R. "Prevention of cervical cancer among Latinas in the United States". Poster presentation. U.S.-Mexico Border Conference on Women's Health. South Padre Island, Texas, September 26-28, 1995.

## TEACHING

*University of Texas School of Public Health*

### *Primary Instructor*

2010 - Present	Advanced and Emerging Theories of Health Promotion (PH1227)
2009 - Present	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Community Health (PH1110)
1994 - Ongoing	Ethnicity, Race, Class & Gender: A Multicultural Public Health Perspective <sup>2</sup> (PH1350)

### *Co-Instructor*

2007- 2009	Disparities in Health in America: Working Towards Social Justice (PH1498)
2006 - 2008	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Community Health (PH1110) <i>Classroom-based course.</i>
2000 – 2002	Social and Behavioral Aspects of International Health Promotion (PH1498)
1998	Diversity and the Modern Organization (PH3998)
1994 – 1996	Advanced Theories of Health Promotion ( PH7498)
1992 – 1995	Health Promotion Theories & Methods (PH7115)

### *Guest Lecturer*

2010 - 2015	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Community Health (PH1110) <i>Classroom-based course.</i>
2008 - 2019	Research Seminar in Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences (PH1334)
2002 – 2012	Economic and Social Determinants of Health (PH 3922)
1997 – 2011	Public Health Nutrition Practice (PH 3240)

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<sup>2</sup> I have taught adaptations of this course to the City of Houston AIDS Community Partnership Group, Dallas AIDS Community Demonstration Project and the UTSPH Continuing Education Program and Faculty of the School of Nursing at the University of Tamaulipas, Mexico.

*Student Advising (Primary Advisor) – List only includes students who have graduated.*

GRAD YEAR	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DEGREE	DISSERTATION/THESIS TITLE
1997	Moreno	Herlinda	MPH	Family Planning Characteristics of Latinas in Gulfton
1998	Perez	Anna V	MPH	Relationship Between Cigarette Smoking and Marijuana Use Among Hispanic Middle School Students
1998	Poindexter	Milicent	MPH	Identifying Factors Associated with the Early Initiation of Sexual Activity in an Urban Female Population
1998	Edmonds	Jodi	MPH	The Toxic Food Environment: Environmental and Socio-economic Predictors of Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Among Children
2002	McKirahan	Nicole Kraus	MPH	Association Between Family Connectedness and Substance Use among Alternative High School Youth
2002	Sarao	Harmeet	MPH	Alcohol Use During Pregnancy Among Pregnant Women Attending University-Based Obstetrics Clinics
2005	Sarao	Gurpreet	MPH	Depression After Mild to Moderate Traumatic Brain Injury
2005	Shipley	Shanna	DPH	Sociodemographic Characteristics as Predictors of Successful Smoking Cessation Among a Group of Hispanic Spanish Speaking Smokers
2005	Williams	Lena	MPH	Treatment Seeking Behaviors and Breast Cancer: Past Experience, Perceptions and Practices Among Urban African American Women
2006	LaRue	Denise	MPH	"La Maquila" as a New Social Experience for Honduran Women: A Qualitative Exploration of the Implications for Reproductive Health and Gender Role Practices
2007	Fernandez	Maria Eva	MPH	Depression, Interpersonal Violence and Lack of Social Support as Barriers to Cervical Cancer Screening Among Recently Immigrated Latinas
2007	Palmero	Laura	MPH	The Role of Cardiovascular Comorbidities in Ovarian Cancer
2010	Jeanpierre	Laura	MPH	A Promotora de Salud CVD Intervention: Participant Responses after Su Corazon, Su Vida Education
2011	Granado	Karla	MPH	Utilizing the Theory of Diffusion of Innovations in the Adoption of Public Health State Plans
2011	Fernandez-Espada	Natalie	MPH	Occupational Injuries among Day Laborers in Houston
2013	Steele	Kenneth	MPH	Latino Day Laborers, Social integration and self-rated health.
2013	Awad	Samir	MPH	Application of an Integrated Behavioral Model to Predict Compliance with Decontamination Therapy in MRSA-Colonized Patients Undergoing Elective Surgery with Hardware Implantation.
2013	Sami	Naaila	MPH	Effect of Insurance Status on Stage of Breast Cancer Diagnosis
2014	Casillas	Myriam	PhD	Understanding the role and responsibility of leaders in building a culture of health and wellness in an academic settings.
2018	Thomas	Alicia	PHD	Associations between family emotional climate and child behavioral outcomes among low income African American and Hispanic women and their preschool aged children
2021	Rangel	Maria L.	DrPH	Evaluating the impact of Project ECHO training on improving the outcomes of community health workers and cancer survivors.

2021	Ibekwe	Lynn	PHD	Examining the Impact of Perceived Racial Discrimination, Racial Residential Segregation, and Social Support on Cancer Screening among African Americans: An Analysis of 2-1-1 Texas Callers
2021	Chandra	Monalisa	PhD	Multilevel Determinants of Prenatal Substance Use Screening

*2022 Academic Mentorship and Training Grants*

Junior Faculty

**Co Primary Mentor.** 2022 - Present  
 Juan Aguilera. University of Texas School of Public Health, Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences.

**Co Primary Mentor.** 2022 - Present  
 Serena Rodriguez. University of Texas School of Public Health, Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences.

**Co Primary Mentor.** 2017-2020  
 Enmanuel Chavarria. University of Texas School of Public Health, Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences.

**Primary Mentor.** 2016 -2020  
 Munder Zagaar, Assistant Professor, Texas Southern University. Participant of UT El Paso, BUILDing Scholars Sabbatical Program. *The Effects of Discrimination Distress on Nondiabetic Glycemic Control Among Latinos.*

**Co Primary Mentor.** 2013-2018  
 Angelica Roncancio, Assistant Professor. *A Text Message Intervention to Increase HPV Vaccine Completion in Young Latinas.* National Cancer Institute Mentored Research Scientist Development Award to Promote Diversity (K01).

Predocs & Postdocs

**Secondary Mentor** 2008-2013  
 Carlos A. Mazas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Prevention Postdoctoral Fellow and Principal Investigator (David W. Wetter, Primary Mentor). *Ecological Momentary Assessment of Smoking Cessation in Spanish-Speaking Smokers.* National Cancer Institute Cancer Prevention Fellowship K07 Award.

**Secondary Mentor** 2007-2010  
 Lorraine R. Reitzel, Ph.D. M.D. Anderson Cancer Prevention Postdoctoral Fellow and Principal Investigator (David W. Wetter, Primary Mentor). *The Effects of Neighborhood Characteristics on Smoking Cessation.* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention K01 Award.

**Secondary Mentor** 2005-2007  
 Carlos A. Mazas PhD, M.D. Anderson Cancer Prevention Postdoctoral Fellow and Principal Investigator. (David W. Wetter, Primary Mentor). *Ecological Momentary Assessment of Smoking Cessation in Spanish-Speaking Smokers.* National Cancer Institute Cancer Prevention Fellowship R25 grant

**Secondary Mentor.** 2009-2011  
 Jane Richards Montealegre. Predoctoral Fellow. *HIV Risk Behaviors Among Recently Arrived Latina Immigrant Women Living in Houston* (Jan Risser, Primary Mentor). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Predoctoral award to (\$34,988). May 1, 2009 – September, 2011.

Undergraduates

- Jihyun Byun 2016  
UTHealth Innovation in Cancer Prevention Research Undergraduate Fellowship (CPRIT) *Cancer Disparities at the Street Corner: The risks confronted by Latino day laborers.*
- Carlos Iñiguez 2015  
UTHealth Innovation in Cancer Prevention Research Undergraduate Fellowship (CPRIT) *Development of a Cell-Phone App to Monitor Environmental Conditions at The Day Labor Corner*
- Hang Nguyen 2015  
UTHealth Innovation in Cancer Prevention Research Undergraduate Fellowship (CPRIT) *Education and Outreach to Nail Salon Workers in Houston, TX*

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE***Professional Organizations*Memberships

- 2004 - 2014 Society of Public Health Education  
1991 - American Public Health Association  
1989 - 2009 American Psychological Association

Conference Organizer

- 2010- 2011 **AIDS Impact International Conference,**  
Scientific Review Committee.
- 2005 **Society of Public Health Education (SOPHE)**  
Global Health Promotion: Bridging New Worlds & New Cultures.  
56th Annual Meeting, Conference Planning Committee,  
December, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

Conference Referee

- (Selected)
- 2016 **American Public Health Association.**  
Annual conference abstract reviewer for:  
Public Health Education & Health Promotion  
Occupational Health and Safety Program  
Latino Caucus
- 2010-2018 **American Public Health Association.**  
Annual conference abstract reviewer.
- 2010-2013 **Society of Behavioral Medicine.**  
Annual conference abstract reviewer.
- 2007- 2008 **Society of Behavioral Medicine.**  
Environmental and Contextual Factors in Health and Behavior Change.  
Abstract reviewer.
- 2002 **Society of Behavioral Medicine.**  
Annual conference abstract reviewer.

Board & Committee Memberships

- 2006 -2010 **Associations of Schools of Public Health.**



- 1995 – 1999  
Diversity and Cultural Proficiency Workgroup.  
Curriculum review committee member.  
**American Psychological Association.**
- 1995 - 1997  
Division 38 - Health Psychology. Committee on Women and Health.  
**North American Union Against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (UNACETS).**  
Board of Directors.
- 1994 – 1996  
**American Psychological Association.**  
Division 35, Psychology of Women.  
Task Force on Women and HIV and  
Committee on Psychology and AIDS (COPA) Council.
- 1994 – 1996  
**American Psychological Association.**  
Women's Programs Office.  
Women's Health Conference Planning Committee.

*Editorial Service*Editorial Board

2005 - 2010

**Health Education & Behavior.**

Editorial board member.

Journal Reviewer*Regular**Contributions*

*International Migration Review, Social Science & Medicine; Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention; Health Education and Behavior; Health Psychology; American Journal of Preventive Medicine; AIDS Care; AIDS Education and Prevention; International Journal of Intercultural Relations, Journal of Sex Research, Violence Against Women, Youth & Society, Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, Social Science & Medicine – Population Health.*

*Occasional Contributions*

*Psychological Bulletin; Applied Research in Quality of Life; Violence and Victims; Family and Community Health; Psychology of Women Quarterly; Social Science Quarterly; Sex Roles: A Journal of Research; Women's Health: Research on Gender, Behavior and Policy; Annals of Epidemiology; Journal of Immigrant Health, Revista de Estudios Demograficos y Urbanos.*

Journal and Book Referee

2001-2002

*Latina Reader.*

Comprehensive Overview of Latina Health Issues.

National panel member.

1997-1999

*Sex Roles. A Journal of Research**Gender, Power and Women's Relationships: Implications Present for HIV.*

Associate Editor for special issue.

Grant Referee*National Institute of Health (NIH)*

2021

NIH Community Influences on Health Behavior (CIHB).

Ad hoc reviewer. February 3-4, 2021.

2021

NIH Loan Repayment Program Grant Review. February 8-9, 2021

2019

**National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities**  
Career Development Award Special Emphasis Panel ZMD1 RP O1 1

2011

**National Cancer Institute** Population-based Research Optimizing  
Screening through Personalized Regimens and Statistical  
Coordinating Center (PROSPR).

2008

**National Institute of Child Health and Human Development,**

Population Sciences Committee.

2004

**Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health.**

Biostatistical Methods and Research Design Study Section (BMRD).

Special Emphasis Panel for Methodological Innovation for the Behavioral  
and Social Sciences.

2003

**Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health.**

Small Business Innovative Research Special Emphasis Panel - AARR8(10).

2002 - 2005

**Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health.**Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS  
(formerly called AIDS- Related Research Special Emphasis Panel -AARR-7)

2001

**Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health.**

AIDS and AIDS Related Research Special Emphasis Panel (ZRG1 AARR-8).

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

- 2009 **National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion**  
NCCDPHP/CDC). Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research  
Centers (U48). DP09-001 Panel B.
- 2001 **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,**  
Divisions of STD Prevention and Cancer Control.  
“Formative research to inform the development of educational messages for  
women with high risk human papillomavirus infection and their partners”.
- 2000 **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,**  
Divisions of STD Prevention and Cancer Control.  
“Optimizing Strategies to Provide STD Partner Services”.
- 1999 **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,**  
National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention.  
“Strategies for Prevention of Genital Herpes: Building a National Prevention  
Program”.

*University Grant Review Groups*

- 2007 **University of California-San Diego and San Diego State University**  
Cancer Center Partnership Programs, National Cancer Institute.  
Pilot grant reviewer.
- 2006 **University of Houston.**  
Grants to Enhance and Advance Research (GEAR).

*Academic Service (Selected)**University of Texas Health Science Center University-Wide Committees (Selected)*

- 2008- 2014 UTHSC Inter Faculty Council School of Public Health Representative  
2012 MD Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Health Disparities.  
Search Committee.
- 2005-2009 Association of Women Faculty, UTSPH Representative  
2006 MD Anderson Cancer Center. Promotion and Tenure Reviewer  
2004 UTHSC Research Faculty Forum  
2001 MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Behavioral Sciences Search Committee

*University of Texas School of Public Health Committees*

- 2020 Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences Admission Committee Coordinator.  
2020 San Antonio Regional Campus - Epidemiology, Human Genetics and  
Environmental Sciences Faculty Search Committee.
- 2020 Three Year Post Tenure-Track Faculty Review Committee.  
2018 - Six Year Post Tenure Faculty Review Committee.  
2018 UTSPH PRIME Faculty Grant Award. Grant reviewer  
UTSPH 6-Year Post-Tenure Review Committee
- 2013 Academic Affairs MPH Degree Ad Hoc Subcommittee.  
2007 Dietetic Internship Search Committee
- 2006-2012 Leadership Studies Concentration Committee  
2006 UTSPH Annual Faculty Peer Review  
2005 Demography Search Committee  
Health Disparities Working Group
- 2001-2002 Quantitative Methodologist Search Committee  
2001 Nutrition Faculty Search Committee  
Annual Faculty Peer Review Committee
- 2000-2002 Student Financial Aid Committee, Chair  
2000-2001 Qualitative Methods Faculty Search Committee

1996-2000 Student Financial Aid Committee.  
1994-2000 Minority Action Council Member

Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences (Selected)

2018 - HPBS Graduate Students Awards Committee  
HPBS Curriculum Committee  
2018 HPBS Preliminary Exam reviewer  
HPBS "Theory Boot Camp" Preliminary Exam Review  
2017, 2018 HPBS Student Scholarship Committee  
2016 - Present HPBS Doctoral Student Co-Coordinator  
2010 John P. McGovern Lectureship Award for Community Contributions.  
Maria Jimenez, Awardee.  
2009 HPBS Division Tenure and Promotion Representative  
2008 HPBS Division Tenure and Promotion Representative  
2007-2008 Faculty Mentoring Committee  
2006-Present Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences Curriculum Committee  
2004-2009 Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences Admissions Committee  
1998-1999 Health Education & Health Promotion, Convener

Research/Community Advisory Committees & Working Groups (Selected)

**National**

2021 NIMHD COVID-19 Investigator Forum.  
2017 NIEHS DR2 Hurricane Research Response to Hurricane Harvey.  
2010-2011 *AIDS Impact International Conference*, Scientific Review Committee.  
2008 *Health Disparities Directorship Advisory Group Member*.  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston MA.  
2008 *Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network*. HPV Workgroup member.  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**State**

2010-2016 *Workers Defense Project*. Research Advisory Board.  
Austin, Texas.  
2007 *Rep. Jessica Farrar's Legislative Office*.  
Staff advisor on psychosocial research and the HPV vaccine.  
2000 - 2004 *Dallas Behavioral Intervention Training Center*.  
National Network of STD/HIV Training Centers. Advisory board member.  
1999 – 2002 *National HPV/Cervical Cancer Prevention Project Advisory Committee*.  
American Social Health Association.

**Local**

2020 *Fe y Justicia Workers Center Advisory Board*  
2017 *Fairly, Sustainably, and Equitably*. Hurricane Harvey Recovery for Latino  
Workers Committee. Organized by Fe y Justicia Workers Center  
2016-2017 Community Research Learning Collaborative, Episcopal Health Foundation.  
Committee member.  
2016 - Present *Houston Area Women's Center Collaborative on Interpersonal & Sexual Violence*  
*Research Advisory Board Member*  
2013 - Present *Fe y Justicia Workers Center*. Safety and Health Committee of the National  
Council for Occupational Safety and Health Committees or Coalitions.  
2004-2009 *Latinas on the Rise*.  
Rice University Latinas Undergraduate Mentor.  
2003- 2009 *The Women's Fund for Health Education and Research*.  
Research advisory committee member.

2002 - 2003 *R.A.R.E. (Rapid Assessment Research and Evaluation) Project.*  
HIV prevention priorities for African Americans. Advisory committee member.  
2001 City of Houston Health Department, Bureau of HIV/STD.  
*Hispanic AIDS Task Force member.*  
1997- 2001 *Houston Area Women's Center.*  
Research Advisory Board member.

**External  
Consultations**

1996 – 2004 City of Houston Health Department, Bureau of HIV/STD.  
Houston HIV Prevention Community Planning Group.  
Behavioral sciences consultant.  
2002-2003 City of Houston Health Department, Bureau of HIV/STD.  
HIV Behavioral Rapid Needs Assessment among Latinos in Houston