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EDUCATION

- 1994-1998 **Bachelor of Arts**
Double Major: Government and Philosophy
Concentration in Law and Society
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 1997 **Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow**
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1999-2002 **Master of Public Policy**
Goldman School of Public Policy
University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- 2000-2003 **Juris Doctor**
Berkeley Law
University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
Editor-in-Chief, *California Law Review*
- 2023 **Global Certificate in Legal Epidemiology**
Center for Public Health Research
Temple University, Beasley School of Law
- 2024 **Women Lead Sport Master Program**

Licensed to Practice: Texas (2003); U.S. Supreme Court (2008); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (2003); U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas (2009); U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas (2003)

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2024 Service to the Sport Award, USA Triathlon
2023 Heart of a Race Director Innovation Award, USA Triathlon

2023	Soy Poderosa, “Amazing Latinas,” Women’s History Month, Association of Latino Professionals for America, El Paso Chapter
2021	Mujeres Imparables (Unstoppable Women), Telemundo El Paso
2020	Women of Impact, <i>El Paso, Inc.</i>
2020	Mover & Shaker, <i>Triathlete Magazine</i>
2019	Honoree, Center Against Sexual & Family Violence Roundup
2017	Inductee, El Paso Women’s Hall of Fame, Sports/Athletics
2008	Texas Rising Star, <i>Texas Monthly Magazine</i>
2008	Recipient, State Bar of Texas President’s Award

PUBLICATIONS

1. Gitter A, Bauer C, Wu F, Ramphul, R, Chavarria, C, Zhang, K, Petrosino, J, Mezzari, M, **Gallegos, G**, Terwilliger, AL, Clark, JR, Feliz, K, Avadhanula, V, Piedra, T, Weesner, K, Maresso, A, & Mena, KD. Assessment of a SARS-CoV-2 wastewater monitoring program in El Paso, Texas, from November 2020 to June 2022. *International Journal of Environmental Health Research*. Published online January 3, 2023:1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09603123.2022.2159017>
2. Nyachoti DO, Redelfs AH, Brown LD, Garcia EB, Garcia E, Loweree CA, Del Rio K, Del Toro D, Vasquez D, **Gallegos GA**, Kelly MP, Whigham LD. Nutrition and Health Programming and Outreach in Grocery Retail Settings: A Community Coalition in Action. *Nutrients*. 2023; 15(4):895. <https://doi.org/10.3390/nu15040895>
3. Gao, J; **Gallegos, GA**; West, JF, Public Health Policy, Political Ideology, and Public Emotion Related to COVID-19 in the U.S. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2023, 20, 6993. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph20216993>
4. **Gallegos, GA**, Schaper, K, Roy, S, Gao, J. (2024). Analyzing the Relationships between State School Policies and Absenteeism Rates for 9-12th Grade Students in Texas-Mexico Border Districts, *Research in Educational Policy and Management*, 6(1). <https://doi.org/10.46303/repam.2024.16>
5. **Gallegos, GA**, Marcelo-Ramirez, G, Ruvalcaba, V, Cagle, C, Whigham, LD, Identifying Barriers to SNAP Enrollment in El Paso County, Texas (submission to *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition* under review)
6. **Gallegos, GA**, Gao, J, Patel, P, Whigham, LD, An Analysis of the Entry Point for First-time Triathlon Participants in El Paso, Texas (in progress)
7. **Gallegos, GA**, Venecia, V, Marrufo, A, Valles, E, Whigham, LD, Leveraging Resources by Establishing Community Partnerships to Support a Countywide Healthy Food Financing Initiative (in progress)

8. **Gallegos GA.** Border Matters: Redefining the National Interest in U.S.-Mexico Immigration and Trade Policy. *California Law Review*. 2004;92(6):1729.
<https://doi.org/10.2307/3481354>

INVITED & COMPETITIVE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Speaker, 13th Annual Cultural Competence Conference, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Office of Global Health and Societies, “Policy Prism: Advocating for Change in Healthcare,” El Paso, TX
- 2024 Panelist, American College of Healthcare Executives, Southwest Healthcare Executives Association, “Ethical Challenges in Healthcare Leadership,” Virtual
- 2024 Panelist, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Paul L. Foster School of Medicine & Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine, “Understanding Public and Community Health,” El Paso, TX
- 2024 Panelist, Women of ALPFA Leadership Conference, Association of Latino Professionals for America (ALPFA) El Paso Chapter “Soy Poderosa,” El Paso, TX
- 2024 Panelist, Women’s Wellness Summit, Junior League of El Paso, “Taking Control of Your Health,” El Paso, TX
- 2024 Panelist, “Producing a Successful Women’s Only Event,” USA Triathlon Endurance Exchange, University of North Carolina – Charlotte, NC
- 2023 Workshop Presenter, “Health Literacy Advocacy Workshop,” Healthy People 2030: Health Literacy from Advice to Action, Ft. Worth, TX
- 2023 Panelist, El Paso Chamber of Commerce Healthcare Summit, “Ethical Challenges in Healthcare Leadership,” El Paso, TX
- 2023 Presenter, Texas Public Health Association Annual Education Conference, “Designing a Policy Workshop to Engage and Inspire Future Advocates,” San Antonio, TX
- 2023 Panelist, Engage Young Professionals Leadership Summit, “Intentional Balance,” United Way of El Paso Young Leaders Society, El Paso, TX
- 2023 Panelist & Speaker, “International Women’s Day,” Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, El Paso, TX
- 2023 Panelist, “State of the Sport,” USA Triathlon Endurance Exchange, Austin, TX
- 2022 Presenter, Using the Collective Impact Model to Address Obesity on a Regional Scale, International Congress on Obesity, Melbourne, AUS

- 2022 Moderator & Panelist, Healthier Texas Summit, [How to Invest in Food Retail, Leverage Resources, and Change How People Eat](#), August 18, 2022, virtual
- 2022 Panelist, “Building and Empowering a Diverse Community in Endurance Sports,” USA Triathlon Endurance Exchange, virtual
- 2022 Moderator, World Triathlon Women’s Committee 2022 International Women’s Day Webinar, virtual
- 2021 Abstract Presenter, “Barriers to SNAP Enrollment in El Paso County,” University of North Texas TAGRI-II Virtual Conference on Reducing Health Disparities: Actively Engaging the Community, Researchers, & Community Health Leaders, virtual
- 2021 Presenter, “Strategic Planning for National Federations,” World Triathlon 2021 Congress, virtual
- 2021 Panelist, “Women Changing El Paso,” Power-ful Women’s Resource Day El Paso Electric Company, virtual
- 2021 Panelist, The Return to Racing, The TriSummit, virtual
- 2021 Moderator & Panelist, El Paso Complete Streets Community Forum, virtual
- 2021 Moderator, Tech Talk: Women’s History Month edition Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine
- 2021 Presenter, Virtual Events - Maintaining Athlete Engagement and Increasing In-Person Participation, USA Triathlon Endurance Exchange, virtual
- 2020 Moderator, Creating and Improving Community-Based Partnerships American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, virtual
- 2020 Moderator, Promoting Community Engagement and Partnerships American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, virtual
- 2020 Panelist, Triathlon’s Transition: overcoming a pandemic and diversifying the sport, National Triathlon Week Presented by UCAN, virtual
- 2020 Panelist, Engaging Local Media USA Triathlon Endurance Exchange, Tempe, AZ
- 2019 Panelist, Business in El Paso: The Birdseye View State of Business Regional Economic Update & Outlook El Paso Chamber of Commerce, El Paso, TX

- 2019 Keynote Speaker
Outspoken Women in Triathlon Summit, Tempe, AZ
- 2019 Keynote Speaker, “She’s Got Plans” Career Symposium
Loretto Academy High School, El Paso, TX
- 2019 Presenter, Live Broadcast of Mighty Mujer Triathlon
USA Triathlon Race Director Summit, Colorado Springs, CO
- 2018 Panelist, Future of Triathlon
Outspoken Women in Triathlon, Tempe, AZ
- 2016-2017 Community Engagement Partner
University of Texas at El Paso 21st Century Scholars Program
- 2015-2017 Speaker, Walk the Talk
Paul L. Foster School of Medicine
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso, TX
- 2012 Panelist, Women Entrepreneurs
United Way Young Leaders’ Society, El Paso, TX
- 2007 Presenter, Federal Appellate Procedure
Federal Civil Practice Seminar, Federal Bar Assoc. of Dallas, Dallas, TX
- 2004 Panelist, Equal Justice Society National Conference
Univ. of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1998 Presenter, Latina/o Advocacy Groups: Strategies for Affecting Policy Change in the House, National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies, Mexico City, MX

SELECTED INTERVIEWS & MEDIA

14th annual Eagle in the Sun Triathlon takes place Sunday, KVIA ABC-7, August 29, 2023, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhkhKu7egi0>

El Paso team to expand local food sources on border with USDA funding, El Paso Matters, July 3, 2023, available at <https://elpasomatters.org/2023/07/03/el-paso-texas-border-rio-grande-usda-food-center-texas-am/>

Podcast, “Mental Health in Athletes,” United & Resilient: A Podcast by El Paso United Family Resiliency Center, July 5, 2023, available at <https://www.elpasounitedfrc.org/unitedandresilient/episode/31f04feb/mental-health-in-athletes>

Podcast, Episode 1 – Community, Beyond Boundaries: The ACTion Lab Podcast, UTHealth Houston ACTion Lab, May 22, 2023, available at <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/action-lab/episodes/Beyond-Boundaries-Episode-1---Community-e24gcao>

Interview, “Mighty women cross the finish line of the 2023 Mighty Mujer Triathlon,” KVIA ABC-7, April 22, 2023 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hC8n04Yto1Y>

Podcast, “Engaging Local Media,” Head Start Race Directors HQ, March 20, 2023 <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/engaging-local-media/id1565190776?i=1000604923084>

Article, “Tri’s Footprint: the legacy a race leaves on the people and places that host it,” Triathlete Magazine, May/June 2021, available at <https://www.triathlete.com/culture/the-legacy-a-triathlon-leaves-on-the-people-and-places-that-host-it/>.

Article, “For El Paso women, the Mighty Mujer Triathlon is more than a race,” El Paso Matters, April 8, 2021, available at <https://elpasomatters.org/2021/04/08/for-el-paso-women-the-mighty-mujer-triathlon-is-more-than-a-race/>.

Feature, “Mujeres Imparables” (Unstoppable Women), Telemundo El Paso, March 2021, available at <https://www.telemundo48elpaso.com/noticias/local/gabriela-gallegos-una-mujer-imparable-que-motiva-a-las-personas-a-optar-por-un-estilo-de-vida-saludable/2069171/>

Podcast, “Triathlete Hour Podcast: Gabriela Gallegos Wants to Bring Triathlon to Everyone,” Triathlete Magazine, March 2021, available at <https://www.triathlete.com/culture/people/triathlete-hour-podcast-gabriela-gallegos-wants-to-bring-triathlon-to-everyone/>

Article, “El Paso’s food insecurity challenges may grow in the coming months,” El Paso Matters, December 15, 2020, available at <https://elpasomatters.org/2020/12/15/el-pasos-food-insecurity-challenges-may-grow-in-coming-months/>

Press Release, “Six Americans Elected to World Triathlon Committees, Including Gallegos to Executive Board,” USA Triathlon, November 30, 2020. <https://www.endurancesportswire.com/six-americans-elected-to-world-triathlon-committees-including-gallegos-to-executive-board/>

Article, “2020’s Multisport Movers and Shakers,” Triathlete Magazine, November 9, 2020. <https://www.triathlete.com/culture/people/2020s-multisport-movers-and-shakers-gabriela-gallegos/>

Webinar, “Value Chain Coordination for Improving Access to Healthy and Affordable Food in the Paso del Norte Region,” Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living, June 23, 2020.

Podcast, “Endurance Events in the COVID-19 Era,” TrainingPeaks CoachCast, July 2020.

GRANTS & CONTRACTS

2022-2027	Rio Grande Colonias Regional Food Business Center USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Role: Principal Investigator (Key Collaborator subaward) Budget: \$1,696,676 (Subaward); Total Budget: \$30,000,000
2022-2025	Food Access Partner, El Paso County Healthy Food Financing Initiative El Paso County Role: Principal Investigator Budget: \$150,000
2024-2025	Enhancing Caregiver Workshop Impact Common Threads Role: Principal Investigator Budget: \$25,000
2024	Specialty Crop Block Grant Evaluation Common Threads Role: Principal Investigator Budget: \$7,500
2022-2023	Culturally Responsive Nutrition Education Common Threads Role: Principal Investigator Budget: \$9,500
2020-2021	Increasing Access to Healthy Food in the Paso del Norte Region through the Healthy Food Financing Initiative and In-Store Programming Paso del Norte Health Foundation Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Leah Whigham, PhD) Budget: \$75,762
2020	Barriers to SNAP Enrollment in El Paso County El Paso County Role: Principal Investigator Budget: \$35,038

TEACHING

Term	Course	Degree	Students
Fall 2020	Management & Policy Concepts (50%)	MPH	113
Fall 2020	Selected Readings in Leadership Studies (100%)	Doctoral & MPH	8
Spring 2021	Management & Policy Concepts (33%)	MPH	93
Summer 2021	Management & Policy Concepts (100%)	MPH	34

Summer 2021	Public Health Advocacy (100%)	Doctoral & MPH	11
Spring 2022	Management & Policy Concepts (100%)	MPH	38
Summer 2022	Public Health Advocacy (100%)	Doctoral & MPH	27
Spring 2023	Applied Leadership (30%)	Doctoral	38
Spring 2023	Legal Issues in Healthcare (100%)	MPH	5
Summer 2023	Public Health Advocacy (100%)	Doctoral & MPH	9
Spring 2024	Legal Issues in Healthcare (100%)	MPH	9
Summer 2024	Public Health Advocacy (100%)	Doctoral & MPH	16

ADVISING

Years	Name	Degree	Role
2022-2023	Jennifer Cofer	DrPH (Community Health Practice)	Dissertation Committee
2023-present	Kempson Onadeko	DrPH (Health Promotion)	Dissertation Committee
2023-present	Paul Gruenwald	DrPH (Community Health Practice)	Dissertation Committee
2024-present	Taylor Crawford	DrPH (Community Health Practice)	Dissertation Committee
2024-present	Nakaya Melvin	PhD (Healthcare Management)	Dissertation Committee
2023-present	Karen Iyere	DrPH (Community Health Practice)	Advisor
2024-present	MarCia Ekworomadu	DrPH (Community Health Practice)	Dissertation Committee
2023-present	Kathleen McAlarney	MPH (Healthcare Management)	Advisor, Practicum
2023-present	Carolyn Williams	MPH (Healthcare Management)	Advisor, Practicum
2023-present	Brooke Gordon	MPH (Community Health Practice)	Advisor, Practicum
2023-2024	Benito Rojas	MPH (Healthcare Management)	Advisor
2023-2024	Muhammad Saadah	MPH (Community Health Practice)	Advisor, ILE Advisor
2023-present	Hedi Kim	MPH (Community Health Practice)	Advisor
2022-present	Sasha Vijayvergia	MPH (Community Health Practice)	Advisor
2022-present	Julie Vasquez	MPH (Customized)	Advisor
2022-present	Perla Alarcon	MPH (Customized)	Advisor

PRACTICA & INDEPENDENT STUDY

Term	Course	Degree	Students
Summer 2020	Practicum	MPH	1
Fall 2020	Practicum	MPH	3
Fall 2021	Practicum	MPH	6
Spring 2022	Independent Learning Experience	MPH	1
Summer 2022	Practicum	MPH	3
Fall 2022	Independent Study	Doctoral	2
Spring 2024	Independent Learning Experience	MPH	1
Summer 2024	Practicum	MPH	1
Fall 2024	Practicum	MPH	4

OTHER INSTRUCTION:

1. Co-Instructor, “Improving Health with Policy,” Society, Community, and the Individual, Texas Tech Health Science Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
2. Guest Lecturer, “Intro to Health Care Law & Ethics,” Health Care Law & Ethics, School of Health Professions, UTHealth San Antonio (August 30, 2023)
3. Module Instructor, Introduction to Advocacy, UTHealth School of Public Health ACTION Lab (2021)

SERVICE ON GRANT REVIEW PANELS

2020	Reviewer, Paso del Norte Health Foundation COVID-19 Recovery, Preparedness, and Transformation, Round I
2020	Reviewer, Paso del Norte Health Foundation COVID-19 Recovery, Preparedness, and Transformation, Round II
2021	Reviewer, Community Health Initiated Research Partnership Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
2023-2024	Reviewer, Paso del Norte Health Foundation Healthy Eating Letters of Interest & Proposals

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION & COMMUNITY

2021-Present	Member, American Heart Association Voices for Healthy Kids Policy Research Advisory Group (PRAG)
2022-Present	Member, Texas Public Health Association
2020-Present	Member, American Public Health Association
2023	Abstract Reviewer, Texas Public Health Association Annual Conference
2022	Member, NMSU Photovoice Project Advisory Committee
2020-2022	Member, El Paso Complete Streets Coalition
2021	Community Food Systems Mentorship Program Food Systems Leadership Network, Wallace Center at Winrock International

2020-2021 Texas Research-to-Policy Collaboration Project,
 Researcher team lead for Texas Representative Lina Ortega
 Researcher team member for Texas Representative Mary Gonzalez

2020 Selection Panel, Outspoken Women in Triathlon Awards

2012 Judge, Do the Write Thing, National Campaign to Stop Violence

2008-2020 Member, El Paso Bar Association

2006-2020 Member, El Paso Probate Bar Association

2003-2007 Founding Member, Dallas Diversity Task Force

2003-2007 Director & Scholarship Committee, Dallas Hispanic Bar Association

SERVICE TO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

2021-Present Co-Chair, Community Health Practice Preliminary Exam Committee

2021-Present UTHealth Houston School of Public Health ACTION Lab,
 El Paso Campus Liaison

2023-2024 Panelist, MPACH Collaboration Series, UTHealth Houston School of
 Public Health

2023-2024 Department Alternate, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health
 Academic Council

2021-2022 Member, Faculty Search Committee, Health Care Management
 (El Paso Campus) (2 hires)

2020-2023 Member, Faculty Search Committee, Center for Community Health
 Impact (El Paso Campus) (3 hires)

NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Hospitals of Providence	Governing Board (Memorial & Providence)	2022-present
World Triathlon	Executive Board (elected)	2020-present
	Chair, Safeguarding Working Group	2023-present
	Member, TAPP Working Group	2022-2024
	Strategic Planning Committee	2021

Americas Triathlon	Executive Board (elected) Chair, Constitution Working Group	2019-present 2024
USA Triathlon	Board of Directors (elected) Strategic Planning Committee	2018-present 2017, 2018, 2020
US Olympic & Paralympic Committee	Athlete Level Playing Field Working Group	2021-2022
USA Triathlon Foundation	Board of Trustees	2019
YWCA El Paso del Norte	Board of Directors	2016-2020
El Paso Zoological Society	Board of Directors Vice President	2012-2018 2016-2018
Community Scholars	Board of Directors	2008-2012
Paso del Norte Group	Executive Committee Co-Chair Program Committee Young Leaders Steering Group	2011-2013 2011-2013 2009-2013
California Law Review	Board of Directors	2003-2004

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2020-Present	Associate Professor Department of Management, Policy, and Community Health School of Public Health Center for Community Health Impact The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston El Paso, TX
2009-2024	President & Race Director Race El Paso, El Paso, TX
2018-2020	Policy Consultant Paso del Norte Institute for Healthy Living The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX
2012-2020	Attorney & Mediator El Paso, TX
2004-2011	Attorney Appellate Section Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Dallas, TX

2003-2004 **Law Clerk**
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, TX

2002-2003 **Policy Consultant**
Migration Policy Institute, Washington, DC

2002 **Summer Associate**
Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Dallas, TX

2000 **Financial Analyst**
City of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, CA

2000 **Graduate Student Instructor**
Ethnic Studies Department
University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

2001 **Intern**
U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, El Paso, TX

1998-1999 **Director**
Count Me In, El Paso, TX

1997 **Policy Analyst Extern**
League of United Latin American Citizens, Washington, DC

1996 **Public Policy Intern**
Paso del Norte Public Policy Institute, El Paso, TX

1996 **Researcher**
Urban & Community Services, El Paso Community College, El Paso, TX