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Education:

- 2010 The University of Texas at San Antonio
Master of Science, Sociology
Thesis: *Foster Care Alumni: The importance of social capital and social networks*
- 2007 The University of Texas at San Antonio
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
Summa cum laude
- 2013 The University of Texas at San Antonio: Graduate hours in Social Work

Research Interests:

Children & Youth, Early Childhood, Language Acquisition and Bilingualism, Education, First Generation College Students, Foster Care, Poverty & Homelessness, Latino(a) Issues & Immigration, Gender, Family and Marriage, Substance Abuse, and Aging

Professional Experience:

- 2016 Sociology Program/Discipline Coordinator, San Antonio College
- 2016 Public Service Institute- Sociology Discipline Lead, San Antonio College
- 2016 Discipline Assessment Representative- Sociology, San Antonio College
- 2015- Present Instructor, San Antonio College, Sociology, & Social Work
- 2015 -Present Faculty Advisor, Social Work Student Association, San Antonio College
- 2014 Adjunct Faculty – Our Lady of the Lake University, Department of Sociology
- 2013- Present Social Work Program Advisor –San Antonio College, Social Work
- 2012- 2015 Adjunct Faculty, Texas A&M- San Antonio, College of Arts and Sciences, Sociology
- 2012- 2014 Adjunct Faculty, San Antonio College, Department of Psychology, Sociology & Social Work
- 2010- 2014 Adjunct Faculty, University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Sociology
- 2010- 2011 Research Associate II, Office of Early Childhood Research – Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute (CAPRI), University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2008- 2010 Graduate Research Assistant, Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute (CAPRI) & Mexico Center, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- 2010 Invited Speaker, Qualitative Research Methods Class, University of Texas San Antonio
- 2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant - Qualitative Research Methods, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2008 Panel Discussant, UTSA Provost Summer Research Program

Courses Taught: Face to Face, Hybrid, and Online format

Introduction to Sociology
Social Problems
Social Context of Drug Use
Sociology of Work – Women and Work
Family & Marriage
Human Sexuality
Minority Women in the U.S.
Women, Change, & Society
Race and Ethnic Relations

Qualitative Research Methods
Sociology of Aging
Introduction to Social Work
Foundations of Social Work in Society
Developing a Sociological Skill Set
Social Welfare as a Social Institution
Criminology
Drug Use and Abuse

Academic participation and Committee service:

2015-Present Textbook Committee, Hiring Committee,
2015-Present Faculty Advisor – Social Work Student Association (SWSA) at San Antonio College
2015-Present OLLU Transfer Advisory Committee, San Antonio College
2015 OLLU/SAC Cooperative Grant, Course Redesign, Drug Use and Abuse, San Antonio College
2014 Class Climate Survey Committee, San Antonio, College
2014 Online Teaching Academy, University of Texas San Antonio, Introduction to Online
2013 Quantitative Literacy Program (QLP), University of Texas at San Antonio
2013 Core Curriculum, Social Problems Course Redesign, University of Texas at San Antonio
2012 CANVAS Certification, Instructional Technology and Course Design, San Antonio College
2012-2014 Designed courses for online format – Sociology of Aging, Minority Women in the
U.S., Sociology of Work- Women and Work, Family and Marriage, Women, Change, and
Society at Texas A&M San Antonio, Drug Use and Abuse at San Antonio College
2010 Advisory committee addressing graduation and retention of former foster care youth at the
University of Texas at San Antonio

Research Experience:

2011 Research Associate II, University of Texas at San Antonio, Bank of America Child and
Adolescent Policy Research Institute (CAPRI), *Bilingual Baby Project*- conducted review of
research on early childhood language acquisition and development, bilingual language
maintenance, and language assessment, prepared publication

2011 Research Associate II, University of Texas San Antonio, Office of Early Childhood Research
(CAPRI) *Family First Steps*- conducted review of research on various childhood development
topics, prepared age appropriate program materials/activities for program children, instructed
children using activities that emphasized language development, learning of basic concepts
and skills, and social competence, assisted with parent training and conducted pre/post-test
surveys to parents

2010-2011 Research Associate II, *Brief Early Language Acquisition (BELA)*, National Children's Health
Study. University of Texas San Antonio, Office of Early Childhood Research- conducted
review of research on various childhood development topics for grant proposals and center
projects including early childhood language acquisition and development, bilingual language
maintenance, and language assessment

2008-2010 Co-Principal Investigator, *Foster Care Alumni and Their Use of Housing Programs*,
Department of Housing and Urban Development Hispanic Serving Institutions and
Communities (HSIAC) grant funded. Bank of America Child and Adolescent Policy Research
Institute (CAPRI) - coordinated research project, supervised project research team, prepared
IRB proposal, developed research design, conducted face to face interviews with former foster
youth, transcribed, coded, and analyzed data, prepared publications

- 2010 Graduate Research Assistant, *The Experiences of Elite Mexican Immigrants and their Adolescent Children in a Hispanic Majority City*, UTSA Mexico Center- conducted interviews with elite Mexican transnational children
- 2009 Graduate Research Assistant, *Homelessness and Conceptualization of Space in 'Urban-Space' Context*, Department of Housing and Urban Development Hispanic Serving Institutions and Communities (HSIAC) grant funded qualitative project- conducted interviews with homeless shelter residents
- 2009 Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Project Coordinator- *Strengthening Working Families Financial Stability*, United Way funded qualitative program evaluation of a community financial security initiative- coordinated and supervised project evaluators, transcribed, coded, and analyzed data, and executive editor on final report to funding agency
- 2008 Graduate Research Assistant, *United Way of Texas and Bexar County Parent-School-Community Partnership*, United Way funded qualitative program evaluation of a parental involvement initiative in an urban school district- conducted interviews and focus groups with administrators and parents of Middle School Students, transcribed, coded, and analyzed data, prepared publications
- 2008 Graduate Research Assistant, *Bilingual Baby Project*, Learning Informal and Formal Environments (LIFE) - transcribed interviews, prepared publications

Publications:

- 2012 Angela Valenzuela, Harriett Romo, Emmanuel Garcia, and Beatrix Perez. 2012. "Institutional Barriers to Latino Achievement," In S. Nieto, M. Rivera, J. Irizarry and S. Quirones (eds). *Charting a New Course: Understanding the Sociocultural, Political, Economic and Historical Context of Latino/a Education in the United States*, Association of Mexican American Educators Journal, 6(3), Special Issue.
- 2011 Beatrix F. Perez, Harriett D. Romo. 2011. "School Mobility, Social Capital, and Educational Experiences of Latino Foster Care Youth," in L. E. Bass, D. A. Kinney (eds.) *The Well-Being, Peer Cultures and Rights of Children, Sociological Studies of Children and Youth*, 34(14), Emerald Group Publishing Limited, pp.27-49.
- 2010 Beatrix F. Perez and Harriett Romo. 2010. "Couch surfing" of Latino Foster Care Alumni: Reliance on Peers as Social Capital." *Journal of Adolescence*, 34 (2), pp. 239-248.

Manuscripts in progress:

Transitions of Foster Care: Social Capital of Latino Youth
(in preparation for submission November 2016 to *Journal of Public Child Welfare*)

Hispanic Parent Strategies to Promote Bilingualism:" El que habla dos lenguas vale por dos"

"Where am I going to go?" Social Capital and Housing Options of Foster Care Alumni

The Impact of Mobility on Foster Care Youth: "It's time to get up and move because that's what the system teaches you"

Residential Mobility of Youth Transitioning from State Care and the Complexity of Reliance on Social Networks.

Professional Presentations and Conference Participation:

- 2016 The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Inc. (BPD)- Dallas, TX, professional development workshops/sessions. Supervised Social Work Student Association attendees
- 2016 American Educational Research Association (AERA)- Chicago, Il, professional development workshops/sessions
- 2015 The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Inc. (BPD), - Kansas City, MO, professional development workshops/sessions.
- 2014 Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) – San Antonio, TX – Conference Volunteer-Registration, Hall Monitor, CEU Validator, professional development workshops/sessions
- 2012 Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), San Diego, CA – Sociology Affiliate (SSA) Session Organizer & Chair- Social Problems; Executive Committee Student Representative
- 2011 Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), Las Vegas, NV- Sociology Affiliate (SSA) Session Chair- Poverty and Homelessness; Executive Committee Student Representative
- 2010 Texas Reach Conference, attended state-wide post-secondary initiative for former foster care youth in Texas, participated in an advisory committee addressing graduation and retention of former foster care youth at the University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2010 Beatrix F. Perez, *Residential Mobility of Youth Transitioning from State Care and the Complexity of Reliance on Social Networks*. Paper presented. Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), Houston, TX.
- 2009 Harriett Romo, Beatrix Perez, Carlos Valenzuela, Anabel Guerra, and Joel Tabar. *Using A Sociology Qualitative Research Methods Class to Evaluate a Publically Funded Program Addressing Low-Income Families' Financial Assets*. Paper presented. Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACCS), San Antonio, TX.
- 2009 Beatrix F. Perez and Harriett D. Romo. “*Couch surfing*” and *Residential Mobility of Foster Care Alumni: Impact of Peer Networks and Relationships*. Paper presented. American Sociological Association (ASA), San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 Harriett D. Romo, Beatrix F. Perez, Angela Valenzuela and Emmanuel Garcia. “I would have been all caught up, but they put me in those classes” Institutional and Structural Barriers to Latino Achievement. In *Charting a New Course: Understanding the Sociocultural, Political, Economic and Historical Context of Latino/a Education in the United States*. Presented with the National Latino Education Research Agenda Project, Spencer Foundation American Educational Research Association (AERA), San Diego, CA.
- 2009 Beatrix F. Perez and Harriett D. Romo. *The Impact of Mobility on Foster Care Youth: “It’s time to get up and move because that’s what the system teaches you.”* Paper presented. Southern Sociological Society (SSS), New Orleans, LA.

- 2009 Beatrix F. Perez and Harriett D. Romo. *Transitions of Foster Care: Trajectories of Social Capital*. Paper presented. Southern Sociological Society (SSS), New Orleans, LA.
- 2009 Beatrix F. Perez and Harriett D. Romo. “Where am I going to go?” *The Impact of Housing on Foster Care Alumni*. Paper presented. Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), Denver, CO.
- 2009 Beatrix F. Perez. *School Mobility and Educational Experiences of Youth in Foster Care Placements*. Paper presented. Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), Denver, CO.
- 2009 Beatrix F. Perez. “We are turning the Titanic...” *From “Partner Ship” to “Parent Ship”, Reversing Latino Parent Participation*. Paper presented. American Educational Research Association, (AERA), San Diego, CA.
- 2008 Beatrix F. Perez. *The Impact of Homelessness and School Mobility on Academic Achievement*. Paper presented. Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), Las Vegas, NV.

Community and Grantee Presentations:

- 2015 Bexar Area Agency on Aging – Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) – Social Work perspectives and the Aging Community
- 2010 Hispanic Serving Institutions and Communities (HSIAC), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of University Partnerships, National Conference, University of Texas San Antonio
- 2010 Community presentation at Bank of America Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute (CAPRI), University of Texas San Antonio, *Foster Care Alumni Project*.
- 2009 United Way Issues Council, *Financial Capacity Builders Initiative*, Final Report and Evaluation presentation
- 2008 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of University Partnerships, Hispanic Serving Institutions and Communities (HSIAC), 10th Anniversary Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico. *Foster Care Alumni Project*.
- 2008 United Way Issues Council, *United Way of Texas and Bexar County Parent-School- Community Partnership*, Final Report and Evaluation presentation at Wheatley Middle School, San Antonio, TX.

Service and Community:

- 2015, 2016 *Bexar Area Aging on Aging (BAAA) – Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG)*. *Care Coordination*, Provided and coordinated services for elders age 60 and older and their caregivers, assisted as needed in providing assessments and reviewing services to individuals and with agencies. Provided resource referrals and information. Assisted as needed with Care Coordination programs such as the Back to School Voucher program serving grandparents and other elders raising children.
- 2004–2013 *Light the Borders Ministry* outreach, San Antonio, TX, Ministry and outreach to homeless individuals, *Destiny Park* - Early Childhood Sunday school teacher (2011-2012)
- 2008-2010 *Sociology Graduate Student Association*, University of Texas San Antonio-

Community/Academic & Professional Activities: Food and clothing outreach to street homeless and refugees in San Antonio, SAISD Transitions Program outreach for homeless students

1995-2004 *Apostolic Faith Mission*- Portland, OR,
Homeless shelter spiritual counseling, outreach to foreign merchant mariners, food and clothing outreaches to Makah Indian reservation in WA, migrant outreach in Oregon, Sunday school bus driver, youth camp counselor, nursery care provider (infants to 5), youth mentor, assistance to elderly, spiritual counseling to incarcerated individuals, patient family liaison Kaiser Sunnyside Hospital in Clackamas, OR.

Awards, Fellowships, and Recognition:

2014 Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Society

2011 – 2013 Southwestern Social Science Association (Southern Sociological Association), Executive Committee Student Representative- Represented student member interests on council, attended council meetings, actively encouraged student conference participation by contacting universities and students across the U.S., served as student liaison at annual conference and student social events, served as mentor to first time participants

2010 Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honors Society

2009 Alpha Chi National Honors Society

2009-2010 Awarded stipends for professional conference participation, Bank of America Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute (CAPRI), University of Texas at San Antonio

2008-2010 Awarded Stipends for professional conference participation, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio

2008-2010 Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA), University of Texas at San Antonio
President & Academic Coordinator – Represented the organization on-campus, organized academic resources for students including conference funding, fellowship opportunities, scholarships, grants, served as the Primary Contact for the SGSA and for the University, organized annual Student Research Colloquium, facilitated SGSA meetings and events on and off-campus, assisted faculty with implementing and facilitating a new chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) International Sociology Honors Society, Alpha Xi of Texas, at the University of Texas at San Antonio, conducted initial AKD recruitment of new members

Vice President & Community Outreach Coordinator – Organized volunteer opportunities for the SGSA such as outreach to homeless individuals and refugee families and children, donations to SAISD Transitions Program for homeless students, recruited student volunteers, and assisted with coordination of social events and fundraising opportunities to support community projects.

Historian & Professional Development Coordinator – Encouraged student participation in professional academic conferences, served as graduate student liaison to various sociological organizations (American Sociological Association, Southern Sociological Society, and Southwestern Social Science Association), encouraged student publications, initiated contact with a new homeless facility to address research and internship opportunities for students, assisted with upkeep of web site, photographs and documentation of organization events.

2008-2009 University Life Award Semi-finalists- Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Texas at San Antonio, College of Liberal and Fine Arts.

2008 Awarded Spencer Foundation Fellowship- National Latino Education Research Agenda Project (NLERAP), Centro de Estudios Puertorriquenos, Hunter College, City University, New York, N.Y.

2008 Awarded Third Place, Department of Sociology Research Colloquium, The University of Texas at San Antonio, TX. *The Impact of Homelessness & School Mobility on Academic Achievement.*

2004-2007 Dean's List

Professional Affiliations:

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) – Sociology, Social Work Affiliates

American Sociological Association (ASA)

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Inc. (BPD)

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)

Previous Professional Affiliations:

The Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACCS)

The Southern Sociological Society (SSS)