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EDUCATION

Doctoral Program

School of Social Work
University of Southern California

Currently enrolled

Master of Public Health (Health Services Administration)

August, 2002

Master of Social Work (Health and Aging -Administration)

San Diego State University

Thesis: "Gender differences in alcohol consumption behaviors among younger and older college students"

Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience

June, 1997

University of California, Los Angeles

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Gilmer, T., Ojeda, V.D., Barrio, C., **Fuentes, D.**, Garcia, P., Lanouette, N.M., & Lee, K.C. (2009). Adherence to antipsychotics among Latinos and Asians with schizophrenia and limited English proficiency. *Psychiatric Services*. 60(2): 175-182.

Gilmer, T., Ojeda, V.D., **Fuentes, D.**, Criado, V., & Garcia, P. (2009). Access to public mental health services among older adults with severe mental illness. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. 24: 313-318.

Barrio, C., Palinkas, L.A., Yamada, A.M., **Fuentes, D.**, Criado, V., Garcia, P., & Jeste, D.V. (2008). Unmet needs for mental health services for Latino older adults: perspectives from consumers, family members, advocates, and service providers. *Community Mental Health Journal*. 44(1): 57-74.

Gilmer, T., Ojeda, V.D., Folsom, D., **Fuentes, D.**, Garcia, P., & Jeste, D.V. (2007). Initiation and use of public mental health services by persons with severe mental illness and limited English proficiency. *Psychiatric Services*. 58(12): 1555-62.

Palinkas, L.A., Criado, V., **Fuentes, D.**, Shepherd, S., Milian, H., Folsom, D., & Jeste, D.V. (2007). Unmet Needs for Services for Older Adults with Mental Illness: Comparison of Views of Different Stakeholder Groups. *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. 15(6): 530-540.

Gilmer, T., Ojeda, V.D., Folsom, D., **Fuentes, D.**, Criado, V., Garcia, P., Jeste, D.V. (2006). Costs of Community-Based Public Mental Health Services for Older Adults: Variations related to Age and Diagnosis. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. 21(12): 1121-1126.

Montross, L.P., Barrio, C., Yamada, A.M., Lindamer, L., Golshan, S., Garcia, P., **Fuentes, D.**, Daly, R., Hough, R.L., & Jeste, D.V. (2005). Tri-ethnic variations of co-morbid substance and alcohol use disorders in schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Research*. 79: 297-305.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Fuentes, D. (2008). Humor. [In] Loue, Sana & Sajatovic, Martha (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Aging and Public Health* (Ed.1). New York: Springer.

Fuentes, D. (2008). Meditation. [In] Loue, Sana & Sajatovic, Martha (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Aging and Public Health* (Ed.1). New York: Springer.

Fuentes, D. (2008). Minority Seniors. [In] Loue, Sana & Sajatovic, Martha (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Aging and Public Health* (Ed.1). New York: Springer.

Fuentes, D. (2008). Falling. [In] Loue, Sana & Sajatovic Martha (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Aging and Public Health* (Ed.1). New York: Springer.

Fuentes, D. (2008). Adult Education. [In] Loue, Sana & Sajatovic, Martha (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Aging and Public Health* (Ed.1). New York: Springer.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Palinkas, L.A., Criado, V., Shepherd, S., **Fuentes, D.**, Milian, H., Plemmons, D., Budden, A., Villagrana, M., Green, B., Folsom, D., & Jeste, D.V. (2006). A qualitative assessment of need for mental health services among older adults in San Diego County.

Fuentes, D., Sanchez, A.M., & Martinez, R. (2005). Final Report of the NLBHA California Policy Summit: Integrating Mental Health Services into Primary Care for Latinos.

Stanger, L., **Fuentes, D.**, Clapp, J.D., Voas, R.B., & Novak, M. (2002). An environmental prevention system to reduce alcohol problems in college communities: lessons learned from the Community Collegiate Alcohol Prevention Partnership.

PRESENTATIONS

Fuentes, D., Palinkas, L.A., Criado, V., Garcia, P., Shepherd, S., & Jeste, D. (2007, December). *A Community Based Participatory Research Approach to Improve the Mental Health of Older Adults*. Presentation at the International Forum on Disability and Development, Beijing, China.

Fuentes, D. (2006, March). *Promoting Primary Care-Mental Health Community Linkages*. Poster session presented at the joint annual conference of the American Society on Aging / National Council on Aging, Anaheim, CA.

Montross, L.P, Barrio, C., Yamada, A.-M., Lindamer, L., Garcia, P., **Fuentes, D.**, Hough, R.L., & Jeste, D.V. (2004, June). *Tri-ethnic variations of co-morbid substance use in schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the NIMH/NIDA Health Services Research Conference, Washington, D.C.

Montross, L.P., Barrio, C., Yamada, A.-M., Lindamer, L., Garcia, P., **Fuentes, D.**, Hough, R.L., & Jeste, D.V. (2004, June). *Ethnic comparisons of co-morbid disorders among people with schizophrenia*. Poster session presented at the National Research Award Trainees Conference, San Diego, CA.

Ebin V.J., Morisky D.E., Malotte C.K., Smith, D., **Fuentes, D.**, & Magnussen, A. (1999, November). *Contingency Contracting with adolescents as a method to improve TB chemoprophylactic treatment compliance: process issues*. Poster session presented at the American Public Health Association conference, Chicago, IL.

Fuentes, D., Magnussen, A., Smith, D., Ebin V.J., Malotte C.K., & Morisky D.E. (1999, April). *Inclusion of culturally sensitive issues in TB treatment programs for multi-ethnic adolescents as facilitators for medication taking behavior*. Poster session presented at the International Conference of the American Thoracic Society, San Diego, CA.

ACADEMIC AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Fellowship Program, Council for Social Work Education (CSWE), funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), August 2009 – August 2010.
- Hartford Doctoral Fellows Pre-Dissertation Award, August 2008 – December 2009
- American Society on Aging, New Ventures in Leadership Program, March 2005 – March 2006

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California, School of Social Work

Research Assistant

August 2008 – present

- Data collection and analysis to examine networks of influence among leaders of public service systems in the adoption of evidence based practices.

UCSD Geriatric Psychiatry Advanced Center for Interventions and Services Research

Community Mental Health Research Liaison

April 2003 – 2008

- Assist in the development of an academic-community partnership between the UCSD ACISR and County of San Diego Mental Health Services through the planning and implementation of collaborative research projects.
- Assist with review and writing of manuscripts for publication, research proposals for grant and IRB submission, and progress reports to NIMH.
- Provide consultation and support to the Research Committee of the County of San Diego Mental Health Services with proposal review processes.
- Provide research support to the San Diego County Adult and Older Adult Mental Health Services System of Care for program planning purposes.
- Develop and manage professional relationships with community care providers, mental health directors, and research participants.
- Develop and manage a Latino Community Advisory Board for the ACISR's Latino-focused research, and coordinate the research and service activities of the UCSD ACISR Latino Studies Unit.
- Plan and implement Wellness and Education Campaigns and other community events, including a Mini White House Conference on Aging.

Children's Hospital Research Center, San Diego

Independent Consultant

May 2006

- Data collection for a Domestic Violence Services Project; facilitated numerous focus groups composed of providers from Child Welfare Services and other community organizations.

National Latino Behavioral Health Association

Independent Consultant

April 2005

- Developed the report for the California Policy Summit on "Integrating Mental Health Services Into Primary Care: Improving Mental Health Care for Latinos"

Veterans Medical Research Foundation, San Diego

Independent Consultant

November 2002 - April 2003

- Conducted an analysis of the current policies and procedures regarding research with the San Diego County Mental Health Administration.
- Developed a plan for implementing a County research infrastructure to review and process proposals of research studies conducted by the Veteran Administration, UCSD, and other research entities. This includes the design of alternative protocols, policies, and procedures.

San Diego State University, School of Social Work Office of Professional Programs

Graduate Assistant

September 2000 – September 2002

- Worked with the Director in overall management of the Office of Professional Programs, which included planning, coordination, and evaluation of Professional Workshops.
- Assisted with the writing for an informational reference manual and website for the Collegiate-Community Alcohol Prevention Partnership (C-CAPP) program.

Senior Community Centers of San Diego

Health and Social Service Administration Intern

September 2001 - May 2002

- Conducted a diversity assessment, a management audit, a strategic plan, a change plan for the Clinical Department, and developed a funding proposal for a senior homelessness prevention program.
- Participated in creating culturally sensitive intake and assessment instruments for the Cross Cultural Senior Mental Health Program.
- Led the Homeless Seniors Needs Assessment Advisory Committee in creating the survey and research design for the needs assessment.

San Diego State University, School of Social Work

Graduate Teaching Assistant

September 2000 - May 2002

- Prepared and presented lectures, created and developed study guides and class assignments, and graded exams and written assignments.

VITAS Healthcare Corporation, San Diego

Clinical Social Work Intern

September 2000 - May 2001

- Conducted social service case management and psychosocial assessments in hospice settings including hospitals, nursing homes, and patients' homes.
- Conducted individual and family counseling, education, and advocacy.
- Translated psychoeducational and bereavement materials in Spanish and conducted a bereavement support event in Spanish to the San Diego South Bay community.

UCLA School of Public Health

Staff Research Associate

July 1997 - August 1999

- Project management for the UCLA Adolescent TB Prevention Project at the Curtis Tucker Health Center. Responsibilities included providing training, guidance, and supervision to various staff members including research assistants, peer counselors, and volunteers; directing staff meetings; and overseeing overall research project operations at the Health Center.
- Research operations included the following: recruitment, informed consent, and interviews of research participants; monitoring treatment compliance of research participants by method of chart reviews, phone calls, and home visits; and data entry, verification, and analysis using the SPSS program.
- Participated in the interpretation of data, as well as in the writing of reports and abstracts.

UCLA Brain Research Institute

Research Assistant

June 1995 - June 1997

- Collected and processed data for several grant submissions, journal articles, and abstract presentations. Also assisted with editing of various grant reports and journal articles before submitting for publication.
- Assisted stroke and spinal cord injured patients to retrain locomotor capabilities, using a body-weight support system and treadmill training.
- Performed all aspects of laboratory management, including procurement of supplies and materials, training students to perform data processing and analysis, and organization of data collection sessions.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Latino Networking Consortium, San Diego

Steering Committee member

May 2005 – Present

- Organize quarterly networking meetings for providers interested in serving Latino population.
- Secure presenters for informational meetings.
- Develop the content and layout for the LNC website: www.lncsd.org

San Diego MANA, Hermanitas Mentorship Program

Mentor

Sept. 2004 – Sept. 2007

- Mentor high-risk adolescent Latinas, emphasizing the importance of higher education, health, and empowerment.

NAMI San Diego

Latino Task Force Facilitator

January 2005 - February 2006

- Worked with the organization's Executive Director, Board members, and other stakeholders in developing a work plan to make NAMI services available to monolingual Spanish-speaking Latinos in San Diego. This proposal was funded by The California Endowment in March 2006.
- Led the NAMI Latino Task Force in various projects to increase NAMI's outreach to the Latino population affected by mental illness. This includes the development of Spanish Fact Sheets for broad dissemination, networking, and working with leaders of other organizations in the development of the Latino Networking Consortium.

The San Diego Older Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coalition

Coordinator

October 2002 - June 2003

- Managed and coordinated with various multi-program organizations to develop a mission, vision, and strategic plan for the purpose of working together under the auspices of the coalition. Responsibilities included facilitating meetings, providing trainings and other technical support to various agencies and their programs.
- Networked with service providers, senior centers, faith-based organizations, client organizations, advocacy groups, institutes of higher education, as well as local government offices to recruit members into the coalition.

ADVISORY BOARDS

- NAMI San Diego. Multicultural Advisory Board member. March 2006 - Present.
- Older Adult Mental Health & Substance Abuse Coalition. Advisory Board Member. July 2003 – March 2008.
- NAMI San Diego. Governing Board Member, 2005.

COMMUNITY AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Inspiration Award for Multicultural Enhancement, awarded by NAMI San Diego, November 2008
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for mentorship and community enhancement, awarded by the Office of U.S. Representative Susan Davis, May 2006