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Email: fnguyengrozavu@sdsu.edu**EDUCATION****PhD** 2010, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Department of Social Welfare, School of Public Affairs**Dissertation:** *Dinh Dưỡng* - Determining Insecurity, Nutritional behaviors, and Health status, Drug users and Undernutrition: Objectives and New Guidelines**Committee Members** (3 Social Welfare & 1 Public Health Faculty): Diane de Anda, PhD, MSW, Chair, A.E. Benjamin, PhD, MPH, Todd Franke, PhD, MSW, Donald E. Morisky, ScD, MSPH, ScM (Public Health)**MA** 2005, UCLA, Department of Asian American Studies, College of Letters and Science**Thesis:** *Sức Khỏe* - Stop Undetected Cervical cancer, Keeping Healthy Objectives Everyday**Committee Members:** Marjorie Kagawa-Singer, PhD, MA, MN, RN (Public Health, Chair), Ninez Ponce, PhD, MPP (Public Health), Thu-Huong Nguyen-Vo, PhD (Asian Languages and Cultures)**MPH** 1999, UCLA, Department of Community Health Sciences, School of Public Health**Concentration:** Public Health Policy**BS** 1997, University of California, San Diego (UCSD), Division of Biological Sciences, Revelle College**Major:** Biochemistry and Cell Biology**BA** 1997, UCSD, Independent Major, Revelle College**Major:** Issues in Public Health**Traineeships and Internships**2001-2005 National Institute of Mental Health AIDS Predoctoral Research Training Program at UCLA, *Service Systems for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Research Training Program*, Los Angeles, CA

2000 Fogarty Minority International Research Traineeship, University of Veracruz-Public Health Institute, Xalapa, Mexico

1999-2000 Veterans Administration Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System-Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center, Patient Education Resource Center Internship, Los Angeles, CA

1999 University of California Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation Graduate Internship in International Affairs Summer Program, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization Internship, Washington, DC

1998 Edmund G. Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs/ARCO Fellowship, Internship in the District Office of Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles, CA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017-Present **Lecturer**, San Diego State University, College of Health and Human Services, School of Social Work (undergraduate & graduate)

- Social Work 391-Methods of Social Work Research (Fall 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025)
- Social Work 601-Seminar in Social Work Policy and Services (Fall 2019)
- Social Work 610-Computer Applications in Social Work Practice (Spring 2020)
- Social Work 690-Seminar in Research Methods for Social Work and Gerontology (Fall 2017, 2023, 2024; Spring 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)

2021-Present **Lecturer**, University of California, San Diego, Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health & Human Longevity Science (undergraduate & graduate); **MPH Practicum Supervisor** from 2023-2025

- Family Medicine & Preventive Health 120-Health Policies for Healthy Lifestyles (Fall 2022; Winter 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024; Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Family Medicine & Preventive Health 193 & 194-Capstone I & II (Winter 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025; Spring 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, expected 2026)
- Family Medicine & Preventive Health 403-Public Health Research Methods (Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- Family Medicine & Preventive Health 496A-Public Health Leadership in Practice (Fall 2023, 2024, 2025)
- Family Medicine & Preventive Health 496B-MPH Practicum Field Placement (Winter 2023, 2024, 2025; Summer 2023, 2024)

2013-2020 **Associate Faculty/Lecturer & Faculty Assessment Liaison**, University of Phoenix, College of Health Professions, School of Health Services Administration (undergraduate & graduate)

- Health Care Services 245-Introduction to Health and Disease (September 2014, August 2016)
- Health Care Services 451- Health Care Quality Management and Outcomes Analysis (August 2017)
- Health Care Services 457-Public and Community Health (November 2013, May 2014, March 2016)
- Health Care Services 465-Health Care Research Utilization (September 2013, February 2014, December 2014, March 2015, May 2015, July 2016, April 2018, May 2019, May 2020)
- Health Care Research 562-Health Care Research (May 2018)

2013-2020 **Associate Faculty/Lecturer & Subject Matter Expert**, Ashford University, College of Health, Human Services, and Science (undergraduate & graduate)

- Health Care Administration 415-Community and Public Health (April 2013, June 2013, July 2013, September 2013, November 2013, May 2014, July 2014)
- Health Care Studies 316-Cultural Diversity in Health and Illness (October 2014, December 2014, March 2015, July 2015, August 2015, October 2016, December 2016, May 2017)
- Health Care Studies 412-Health Promotion Planning and Evaluation (December 2015, February 2016, March 2016, January 2018)
- Health Promotion 460-Analysis of Health Research (January 2020)
- Master in Public Health 601-Introduction to Public Health Concepts (June 2018)
- Master in Public Health 602-Social and Biological Determinants of Public Health (November 2018)

2011-2012 **Lecturer**, University of Southern California, School of Social Work (graduate)

- Social Work 562-Social Work Research (Spring 2011; Spring 2012)

2003-2009 **Teaching Assistant (TA)**, University of California, Los Angeles (undergraduate)

- Worked as a TA multiple times for 2 Social Welfare classes and 1 Southeast Asian Studies

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2018-2021 **Project Manager**, UCSD's Department of Family Medicine and Preventive Health
Helped mentor undergraduates placed in Dr. Trinidad's lab in a joint UCSD-SDSU grant from the National Cancer Institute; served as project manager in various project-related administrative and research-related tasks about tobacco use, educational disparities, and racial disparities; helped submit grant progress reports; assisted with manuscript edits and progress reports

2015-2021 **Senior Community Health Program Representative/Field Researcher**, UCSD Moores Cancer Center

Assisted previous Associate Director of Community Outreach in various programmatic and research-related tasks related to cancer disparities; immediate supervisor to undergraduates placed in Dr. Sadler's lab for the Faculty Mentor Program; served as program manager and summer program faculty of a National Cancer Institute-funded program in collaboration with SDSU to target incoming undergraduate students at UCSD and SDSU, assisted with NIH grant submissions, IRB renewals, and manuscript edits

2010-2012 **Senior Public Administration Analyst**, UCLA, Department of Neurology–Health Services Research Program

Worked for the Vice-Chair of the Department of Neurology and served as the Center Administrator at UCLA for one of five American Heart Association sponsored Health Outcomes Research Center in the nation that focused on health disparities and access to care, provide research support on health research projects and manuscripts, manage study websites, and help develop documents in secondary stroke study implemented in county hospitals

2008-2009 **Research Scientist**, Brentwood Biomedical Research Institute, affiliated with the Veterans Administration Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

Performed video analysis for respirator study among veterans, which was conducted in conjunction with UCLA Department of Family Medicine, as well as provided research support including recruiting, screening, and consenting potential subjects as well as proofreading manuscripts and inputting

October-November 2007 **Student Principal Investigator**, HIV/AIDS study among people who inject drugs in Moldova & Russia (support by the International Research and Exchange Board)

Conducted a research study based on focus groups with injecting drug users in Moldova, as well as interviews with local and international organizations about HIV/AIDS epidemic in Moldova and Russia

2006-2007 **Student Principal Investigator**, HIV/AIDS study among injecting drug users, Vietnam (supported by the Fulbright Program and collaboration with Tufts School of Medicine-Public Health and Community Health Department, Nutrition/Infection Unit and Vietnam's National Hospital for Tropical Diseases (formerly National Institute of Infectious and Tropical Diseases))

Performed dissertation fieldwork and administered in-depth interviews and conducted focus groups with people who inject drugs and have HIV/AIDS to explore potential factors contributing to their nutritional status and food insecurity

2004-2005 **Project Coordinator**, UCLA, Center for Health Policy Research

Assisted in the American Indian and Alaska Native Research Program on a breast cancer intervention and evaluation program, including helping at sponsored workshops

2003-2004 **Policy Coordinator**, Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council (A3PCON)

Served as the point person for this coalition of over 30+ community-based organizations to organize and coordinate advocacy efforts, as well as worked with elected officials' offices and assisted with grant proposals

Summer 2002 **Student Principal Investigator**, HIV/AIDS study among injecting drug users and commercial sex workers, Hanoi, Vietnam (supported by the National Security Education Program and in collaboration with the Director of the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology in Vietnam)

Conducted research about consumer acceptability about HIV vaccines via focus groups with at-risk HIV groups in Vietnam about their knowledge, attitudes, and potential behavioral actions if a HIV vaccine became available

2000-2002 **Data Coordinator**, Prototypes-Ctrs. for Innovation in Health, Mental Health, and Social Services Documented research activities in the *Women, ADM Disorders, and Violence Study*, follow legislation on Proposition 10, prepare reports, and participate in meetings with key community and health officials about integration of dual diagnosis within the health care delivery system in Los Angeles

2000-2001 **Training Assistant and Consultant**, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles-Training and Education Department

Assisted in preparing and creating PowerPoint presentations for various trainings (e.g., HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, mental health, etc.) for homeless shelter and social service providers; later hired as a consultant to draft final evaluation report

2000 **Consultant**, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization-Washington, District of Columbia

Provided research support about gender inequalities in the Health and Human Development Division, Health and Public Policy Program

2000 **Student Principal Investigator**, HIV/AIDS study among college students, Xalapa, Mexico

Supported by the Fogarty Minority International Research Traineeship and research collaboration with the University of Veracruz-Public Health Institute Administer questionnaire to college students to examine their risks for HIV/AIDS based on their knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs

1999-2000 **Program Assistant**, Pacific Institute for Women's Health

Assisted with presentations and publications, reviewed and edited documents, drafted correspondence and communicated with different organizations, and set-up and maintained organization system

1999 **Intern**, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization-Health and Human Development Division, Health and Public Policy Program, Washington, DC (supported by the University of California Institute for Global Conflict & Cooperation Fellowship)

Conducted research about various policies and legislation about tobacco, coordinated and co-presented at an anti-tobacco conference at the Chilean Congress for parliamentarians, and assist in preparing a presentation for an AIDS meeting at the Brazilian Congress

1998-1999 **Student Principal Investigator**, Osteoporosis prevention health education project (student grant from UCLA School of Public Health's Community Health Promotion Program)

Worked in collaboration with the Los Angeles Department of Health Services on the *Students Health and Osteoporosis Understanding for Tomorrow* project, where I gave presentations about osteoporosis prevention throughout Los Angeles County in primary and secondary schools & at California State University, Northridge

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

Sandoval, S., Leung, R. K., **Nguyen-Grozavu, F.**, Wang, R. M., Sadler, G. R. (2023). Institutional Barriers to Clinical Trials Exploration Experienced by the Latinx Community. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 38(4), 1271-1276. DOI: [10.1007/s13187-022-02259-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13187-022-02259-4)

Ko, E., **Nguyen-Grozavu, F.**, & Valadez Galindo, A. (2023). "I Had to Do It All Alone": Hispanic Perspectives on Navigating Breast Cancer Treatment. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 20(5), 4163. DOI: [10.3390/ijerph20054163](https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph20054163)

Nguyen-Grozavu, F., Ko, E., & Valadez Galindo, A. (2023). Gauging the Changing Landscape: Telehealth Perceptions among Hispanic Females with Breast Cancer. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 20(3), 1713. DOI: [10.3390/ijerph20031713](https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph20031713)

Sakuma, K.K., Pierce, J.P., Fagan, P., **Nguyen-Grozavu, F.T.**, Leas, E.C., Messer, K., White, M.M., Tieu, A.S., & Trinidad, D.R. (2021). Racial/Ethnic Disparities across indicators of Cigarette Smoking in the Era of Increased Tobacco Control, 1992- 2019. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 23(6), 909-919. DOI: [10.1093/ntr/ntaa231](https://doi.org/10.1093/ntr/ntaa231)

Nguyen-Grozavu, F.T., Pierce, J.P., Sakuma, K.K., Leas, E.C., McMenamin, S.B., Kealey, S., Benmarhnia, T., Emery, S.L., White, M.M., Fagan, P., & Trinidad, D.R. (2020). Widening disparities in cigarette smoking by race across education level in the United States. *Preventive Medicine*, 139, 106220. DOI: [10.1016/j.ypmed.2020.106220](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2020.106220)

Kaisey, M., Mittman, B., Pearson, M., Connor, K., Chodosh, J., Vassar, S., **Nguyen, F.**, & Vickrey, B. (2012). Predictors of Acceptance of Offered Care Management Intervention Services in a Quality Improvement Trial for Dementia. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, 27(10), 1078-1085. DOI: [10.1002/gps.2830](https://doi.org/10.1002/gps.2830)

Nguyen, F. (2007). Gauging the Acceptability of HIV Vaccines. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 16(1/2), 161-192. DOI: [10.1300/J051v16n01_06](https://doi.org/10.1300/J051v16n01_06)

Sadler, G., **Nguyen, F.**, Doan, Q., Au, H., & Thomas, A. (April 1998). Strategies for Reaching Asian Americans with Health Information. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 14(3), 224-228. DOI: [10.1016/s0749-3797\(97\)00067-6](https://doi.org/10.1016/s0749-3797(97)00067-6)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Nguyen, F. (2008). *Lessons Learned for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control: Comparative Assessment from its Evolution in Russia to the Emerging Threat in Moldova*. Research Brief based on project supported by the International Research and Exchange Board Short-Term Travel Grant.

Pillsbury, B., Maynard-Tucker, G., & **Nguyen, F.** (2000). *Women's Empowerment and Reproductive Health: Links Throughout the Life Cycle*. New York: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Nguyen, F. (January 2000). National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program: High Risk among Vietnamese American Women. *E-Research*, 6(2), On-Line Publication.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS AT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Sadler, G. R., **Nguyen, F.**, Bohan, S. S., & Malcarne, V. L. (2019). The Challenges of Creating Programs to Increase the Diversity of the Health and Science Workforce. *International Cancer Education Conference*, Salt Lake City, UT

Nguyen, F. (2005). Nutrition & HIV/AIDS in Vietnam: Examination from a Dietary & Policy Perspective. Presentation at the *New Investigators Conference* sponsored by UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services, Los Angeles, CA

Nguyen, F., Harawa, N.T., and Butler, Q. R. (2004). Overview of HIV Testing and High-Risk Behaviors among Latinos in LA County: Data from the 2002 HIV Testing Survey. *New Investigators Conference* sponsored by UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services, Los Angeles, CA

Nguyen, F. (2003). Consumer Research on HIV Vaccines in Vietnam: Issues of Vaccination among Intravenous Drug Users. *New Investigators Conference* sponsored by UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services, Los Angeles, CA

Nguyen, F. (2003). HIV/AIDS in Vietnam: Exploratory Research in HIV Vaccines and Commercial Sex Workers. UCLA Center for Study of Women *Thinking Gender 13th Annual Conference*, Los Angeles, CA

Nguyen, F. (2002). Consumer Research on HIV Vaccines: In-Progress Report of Phase I of a Post-Trial HIV Vaccine Project. *New Investigators Conference* sponsored by UCLA AIDS Institute, UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services, and Drew Cares, Los Angeles, CA

POSTER PRESENTATION AT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Lung, H.H., Raggio, G., **Nguyen-Grozavu, F.T.**, Leas, E.C., Pierce, J.P., White, M.M., & Trinidad, D.R. (2021). Association Between E-Cigarette Use and Age of Regular Cigarette Smoking Onset Across Racial/Ethnic Groups. *Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco 27th Annual Meeting* (virtual)

Raggio, G., Lung, H.H., **Nguyen-Grozavu, F.T.**, Pierce, J.P., Leas, E.C., White, M.M., & Trinidad, D.R. (2021). Race/Ethnic Differences in the Use of E-Cigarettes During Quit Attempts. *Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco 27th Annual Meeting* (virtual)

Nguyen-Grozavu, F.T., Pierce, J.P., Sakuma, K.K., Leas, E.C., McMenamin, S., Kealey, S., Benmarhnia, T., Emery, S.L., White, M.W., Fagan, P., Roudebush, M.R., & Trinidad, D.R. (2020). Widening Disparities in Cigarette Smoking by Education Level across Race/Ethnic Groups in the US. *Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco 26th Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA

Trinidad, D.R., Felicitas-Perkins, J.Q., Fagan, P., **Nguyen-Grozavu, F.T.**, White, M.M., Nguyen, H.L., Leas, E.C., & Sakuma, K.K. (2019). *Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco 27th Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA

Chen, S. Y., Le, N. O., **Nguyen-Grozavu, F.**, Bohan, S. S., Malcarne, V., Sadler, & G. R. (2019). Metrics for Evaluating High-Impact Undergraduate Science Enrichment Programs are Severely Limited. *International Cancer Education Conference*, Salt Lake City, UT

Le, N. O. Chen, S. Y., **Nguyen-Grozavu, F.**, Bohan, S. S., Malcarne, V., Sadler, & G. R. (2019). The Distribution of Social Factors Among Underrepresented Undergraduate Students Pursuing Careers in Health and Research. *International Cancer Education Conference*, Salt Lake City, UT

Ding, K., Giang, K., Liu, K., **Nguyen, F.**, Tran, B., Truong, D., Gish, & R. (2017). Assessing Hepatitis B Vaccination Status and Barriers to Vaccination in Asian Populations of San Diego County. *California Society of Health-System Pharmacists Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV

Nguyen, F., Melgar-Quinonez, H., & Peng, C.Y. (2012). Examination of Food Insecurity among People Living with HIV/AIDS in Vietnam. *American Public Health Association 140th Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA

Nguyen, F. (2004). Perceptions on HIV Vaccines in Vietnam. *Society for Social Work and Research 8th Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA

Nguyen, F. (2003). Exploratory Research about HIV Vaccines among High-Risk Groups in Vietnam. *American Public Health Association 131st Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA

Nguyen, F., Sneed, C.D., Nguyen, C., & Morisky, D.E. (2002). Ethnic Divergence in Perception of Parental Attitudes and Communication about Sex. *International AIDS 14th Conference*, Barcelona, Spain

Nguyen, F. (2001). College Students in Veracruz, Mexico: HIV/AIDS Beliefs and Behavioral Practices. *American Public Health Association 129th Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA

Nguyen, F. (2001). HIV/AIDS and College Students in Xalapa, Mexico. *4th Annual Conference on AIDS Research in California/18th Annual Universitywide AIDS Research Program Meeting* (combined meeting with UCLA AIDS Institute), Los Angeles, CA

OTHER PRESENTATIONS/MODERATOR EXPERIENCE

Nguyen, F. Moderator for session (*Core Competencies New Hires Need to Know*) at the 2018 *University of Phoenix Healthcare Summit*, San Diego, CA, 2018.

Nguyen, F. Poster presentation about HIV/AIDS at Physicians for Human Rights- Student Leadership Training, *Students Mobilizing Against the Crisis of AIDS*, Washington DC, 2003.

Nguyen, F. Oral presentation about HIV/AIDS in Vietnam at the Students of North America/ Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration 7th Annual Conference, *Globalization and the Twenty-First Century: Student Competencies for Work, Citizenship, and Sustainability Conference*, San Diego, CA, 2001.

Nguyen, F. Organizer of two session of my choice and Moderator for two sessions (*Getting Started in International Health* and *Women in Public Health Leadership*) at the American Public Health Association 128th Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 2000.

Nguyen, F., & Torres Parodi, C. Oral presentation about anti-tobacco legislation in the Americas at the Chilean Congress, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization sponsored meeting with congress and parliament members, *For a Tobacco-Free World: Meeting of the Working Group of Regional Lawmakers on the Control of Tobacco Use*, Valparaiso, Chile, 1999.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2025-2028 SDSU University Senate-Contingent Faculty Member serving three-year term

Summer 2025 Practicum Mentor, SDSU Master in Public Health Program (Mentee: Hetty Zhang)

2016-Present Board Member, American Pacific Health Foundation

2014-Present Advisory Board Member, Student Assembly of the American Public Health Association

Fall 2023 Faculty Advisor, UC San Diego Faculty Mentor Program (Mentee: Elsabella Wang)

2020-2021 Affiliate, Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco

2019-2021 Associate Member, American Assn, of Cancer Education (served on Education Committee)

2014-2018 Girl Scouts Troop Co-Leader

2006-2008 Associate, SHARE Institute

2003-2005 Member, Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council

1999-2002 USA Representative/Inaugural member, Students of North America (part of Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration-‘CONAHEC’) meeting in Veracruz, Mexico, 1999; USA Delegation Member to the New Europeans Congress in Paris, France, 2000; Local Organizing Committee Member, CONAHEC meeting in San Diego/Tijuana, 2001

1999-2001 President of Student Assembly (formerly Public Health Student Caucus) of the American Public Health Association

1995-1997 Member, UCSD School of Medicine-Osteoporosis Prevention Program (presented within school districts in San Diego County)

1994 –1996 Project Coordinator, UCSD Moores Cancer Center
Coordinated, organized, and ran a monthly outreach program for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community about cancer prevention, obtained translations of health information in various languages, and recruited and trained outreach volunteers (eventually funded by the California Breast Cancer Early Detection Program)

Reviewer (Abstracts, Grants, and Journals)

2024, 2025 *Asia Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development*, Manuscript Reviewer

2023, 2025 *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, Manuscript Reviewer

2025 *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, Manuscript Reviewer

2025 *BMC Health Services Research*, Manuscript Reviewer

2025 *Breast Communications*, Manuscript Reviewer

2025 *npj Digital Medicine*, Manuscript Reviewer

2025 *Tobacco Control*, Manuscript Reviewer

2025 *Tobacco Induced Diseases*, Manuscript Reviewer

- 2024 *Academia Medicine*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2023 *Preventing Chronic Diseases*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2014, 2019, 2020, 2022 *Journal of Communication in Healthcare: Strategies, Media and Engagement in Global Health*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2022 *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2022 *Preventive Medicine Reports*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2022 Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT), Abstract Reviewer for SRNT 29th Annual Meeting
- 2021 *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2021 *Tobacco Prevention and Cessation*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2012, 2014 *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2013 Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, in official relations with the American Public Health Association (APHA), Abstract Reviewer for APHA 141st Annual Meeting
- 2001 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Grant Reviewer of organizations' application for the Minority HIV Prevention Initiative
- 2001 Latino Caucus, in official relations with APHA, Abstract Reviewer for APHA 129th Annual Meeting
- 2000 Los Angeles County Children and Families First-Proposition 10 Commission, Grant Application Reviewer of childcare providers

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

- 2025 Most Influential Faculty Member for Top Graduate Student in SDSU School of Social Welfare
- 2022 Most Influential Faculty Member for Top Undergraduate Student in SDSU School of Social Welfare
- 2018 Faculty Recognition, Ashford University, College of Health, Human Services, and Science
- 2016 Distinguished Faculty of the Year, School of Health Services Administration, University of Phoenix
- 2011 UCLA Global Health Certificate from UCLA Center for Global and Immigrant Health
- 2008 Outstanding Graduate Student Award, UCLA Alumni Association
- 2007-2008 UCLA Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 2006-2007 Fulbright Program Fellowship, Dissertation Fieldwork, Hanoi, Vietnam
- 2006 National Security Education Program Fellowship for work in Hanoi, Vietnam
- 2005-2006 UCLA Graduate Division Research Mentorship Fellowship
- 2002 National Security Education Program Fellowship for work in Hanoi, Vietnam
- 2001 UCLA Women for Change Leadership Award
- 2000 Affiliates of UCLA Adopt-A-Scholar Award
- 1999 Tinker Grant from UCLA Latin American Institute
- 1999 Certificate of Recognition for Volunteer Service, California State Assembly