

Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty



Dr. Dianne Ciro, Assistant Professor

Research Areas: Trauma, Latino mental health, and health disparities

Recent Publications:

*Yu, Q., *Hodgdon, E.A., *Kryza-Lacombe, M., *Osuna, L., *Bozzetto, L., Ciro, D., Wakschlag, L.S., & Wiggins, J.L. (2022). Roads diverged: Developmental trajectories of irritability from toddlerhood through adolescence. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaac.2022.07.849>



Dr. Stacy Dunkerley, Assistant Professor

Research Areas: Child welfare practice and policy, parent engagement, translational research, evidence-based practice

Recent Publications:

Dunkerley, S. (January 2023). Engaging Parents in Child Welfare Services: A Longitudinal Examination of the Relationship between Parent Engagement and Family Reunification. [ePoster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

Keeney, A., Ciro, D., & Dunkerley, S. (January 2023). Exploring the Impact of Precarious Employment on Father's Depression, Parenting Stress, Parental Involvement, and Parenting Practices. [Oral presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.



Dr. Megan Ebor, Assistant Professor

Research Areas: Health outcomes for older racial and ethnic minority women and communities of color

Recent Publications:

Ebor MT, Jackson AP. Depression and HIV Risks: Engaging Older African American Women in HIV Prevention Education Through the Church. *Front. Reprod. Health*. (In Press, 2023).



Dr. David Engstrom, Professor

Research Areas: International Social Work, Cross-border and immigration issues, survivors of torture

Recent Publications:

Bunn, Mary, **David W. Engstrom**, Loring P. Jones and Natasha Boykin, "Psychological Effects of Torture in Thai Survivors of Torture," *Peace and Conflict: A Journal of Peace Psychology*. [in press]

Tang, Katie Tzi Ki* and **David W. Engstrom**, "Consensus Organizing as a Strategy for Child Labor Prevention: A Case Study of Samut Sakhon, Thailand," *Journal of Asian and Pacific Social Work* DOI: 10.1080/02185385.2020.1772100



Dr. Mario Garrett, Professor

Research Areas: Aging and the brain, racial/ethnic issues in aging

Recent Publications:

Garrett MD (2022) Critical Age Theory. *European Journal of Medical and Health Sciences*, 4(6).

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Dr. Annie Keeney, Assistant Professor

Research Areas: social and political factors that affect child, family, and community health and safety outcomes in rural, high agriculture production areas; program assessment

Recent Publications:

Keeney, A.J., Beseler, C., & *Ingold, S. (2023). County-level analysis on occupation and ecological determinants of child abuse and neglect rates employing elastic net regression. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 137. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2023.106029>

Impact Factor (2021): 4.863 Contributions: served as lead author, oversaw all aspects of the study, and supervision of the graduate student listed as co-author.



Dr. Eunjeong Ko, Professor

Research Areas: Aging, racial and ethnic disparities in accessing and utilizing health services

Recent Publications:

Ko, Lowie, & Ni (2023). Confidence in carrying out palliative care among intensive care nurses. *Nursing in Critical Care*, 28(1), 13-20. doi: 10.1111/nicc.12735

Tsou, M., Xu, J., Lin, C., Daniels, M., Embury, J., Park, J., Ko, E., & Gibbons, J. (In Press). Analyzing Spatial-Temporal Impacts of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status Variables on COVID-19 Outbreaks as Potential Social Determinants of Health. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*.

Ko, E., Woodruff, S. I., Zúñiga, M.L., Cardeas, V., Lizarraga, M., & Urais, A. (In press). Culturally-tailored Survivorship Care Planning for Rural Latina Breast Cancer Patients: A Pilot Study. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*.

Nguyen-Grozavu, F., Ko, E., & Valadez, A. (In Press) Gauging the Changing Landscape: Telehealth Perceptions among Hispanic Females with Breast Cancer. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.

Grants:

Project 2 SDSU PI (Ko). U54CA132384 ,2/2 SDSU/UCSD Cancer Center Comprehensive Partnership. National Cancer Institute (NIH-NCI) PI: Madanet & Co-PI: Cripps. Pilot Project “Proyecto Mariposa: Cancer Survivorship Care Planning for Rural Latina Breast Cancer Patients”. \$ 265,905 (2018-2020)

Co-I (Ko) U54 MD012397-02 Health Link Pilot Project Award, SDSU Center for Transdisciplinary Health Disparities Research (MPI: Ayala/Wells). Pilot project “Developing a measure for individual, intergenerational, and historical community trauma in the East African community.” \$50,000 (Pending date), PI: Urada, L.



Dr. Jong-Won Min, Director, Professor

Research Areas: Health disparities, social determinants of health, minority aging

Recent Publications:

Min, J.W. (2019). The Influence of Stigma and Views on Mental Health Treatment Effectiveness on Service Use by Age and Ethnicity: Evidence from the CDC BRFSS 2007, 2009, and 2012. *SAGE Open*: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2158244019876277>.

Min, J. W. (2018). A Longitudinal Study of Cognitive Trajectories and Its Factors for Koreans Aged 60 and Over: A Latent Growth Mixture Model. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. DOI: 10.1002/gps.4855

Grants:

Title IV-E Child Welfare Stipend Program for SDSU BSW and MSW Programs by California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC). PI. (July 1, 2018- June 30, 2020: \$2,862,255).

“San Diego Resource Center for advancing Alzheimer’s Research in Minority Elders (SDRC- ARMS),” Alzheimer’s-related Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (AD-RCMAR) NIA P30 Grant (FOA: RFA-AG-18-002) by UCSD and SDSU. Alison Moore, Hector Gonzalez, John Elder and Paul Gilbert (co-PIs). A member of Analysis Core Component. (8/2018 - 7/2019) \$3,8 million.

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Dr. Frances Nedjat-Haiem, Associate Professor

Research Areas: Health disparities, palliative/end of life care, immigrant issues and vulnerable populations, Latinos and Veterans, interdisciplinary health/behavioral health care interventions

Recent Publications:

Nedjat-Haiem, F.R., Cadet, T., Parada, H., & Mishra, S. (2021) A National Survey of Social Workers Focusing on Attitudes, Knowledge, and Practice Behaviors for Educating Patients About Advance Directives: Implication During COVID19. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine* (Online release).

Cadet, T., Burke, S., O'Connor, K., Mitchell, J., & **Nedjat-Haiem, F.** (2021). Does perceived loneliness matter for diverse older men and their prostate specific antigen testing behaviors? *Social Work Research*, 1-12,

Parada, H., Laughlin, G. A., Yang, M., **Nedjat-Haiem, F. R.**, & McEvoy, L. K. (2021). Dual impairments in visual and hearing acuity and age-related cognitive decline in older adults from the Rancho Bernardo Study of Healthy Aging. *Age and Ageing* Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ageing/afaa285>

Jones, T., **Nedjat-Haiem, F. R.**, & Bullock, K., (2021) *Health Equity and Palliative Care for the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Care Social Work* (2nd Edition) (In Press)



Dr. Eileen Pitpitan, Associate Professor

Research Areas: HIV prevention interventions; alcohol and drug use; health equity; psychological and socio-structural factors underlying health behavior and disease; marginalized and disadvantaged communities; advanced quantitative methods

Recent Publications:

Espinosa da Silva C, Pines HA, Patterson TL, Semple S, Harvey-Vera A, Strathdee S, Martinez G, **Pitpitan E.V.**, Smith LR. Psychometric evaluation of the Personal Feelings Questionnaire-2 (PFQ-2) shame subscale among Spanish-speaking female sex workers in Mexico. *Assessment*. doi: 10.1177/1073191120981768. PMID: 33371719.

Smyth, H.L., **Pitpitan E.V.**, MacKinnon, D.P., Booth, R.E. (2021). Assessing Potential Outcomes Mediation in HIV Interventions. *AIDS and Behavior*. doi: 10.1007/s10461-021-03207-x. epub: 2021 Mar 19. PMID: 33740215

Pitpitan E.V., MacKinnon D.P., Eaton L.A., Smith L.R., Wagman J., Patterson, T.L. (2021). Using novel approaches to evaluate behavioral interventions: Overlooked significant HIV prevention effects in HPTN 015 Project EXPLORE. *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*. doi: 10.1097/QAI.0000000000002711. epub: 20 Apr 2021. PMID: 33901103.

Smyth, H.L., **Pitpitan E.V.**, MacKinnon, D.P., Booth, R.E. (2021). Assessing Potential Outcomes Mediation in HIV Interventions. *AIDS and Behavior*. doi: 10.1007/s10461-021-03207-x. Epub: 2021 Mar 19. PMID: 33740215

Pitpitan E.V., MacKinnon D.P., Eaton L.A., Smith L.R., Wagman J., Patterson, T.L. (2021). Using novel approaches to evaluate behavioral interventions: Overlooked significant HIV prevention effects in HPTN 015 Project EXPLORE. *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*. Doi: 10.1097/QAI.0000000000002711. epub: 20 Apr 2021. PMID: 33901103.

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Dr. Lucinda Rasmussen, Professor

Research Areas: Child sexual abuse, risk assessment, trauma effects on youth

Recent Publications:

Kahn, E. R., Reed, E., Rusch, M., Raj, A., Silverman, J., Finlayson, T. L., & **Rasmussen, L.** (2022). Reported perpetration of intimate partner violence among adolescent girls: Motivations and IPV victimization. *Adolescents*.

Rasmussen, L. A. L. (2022). Youth adjudicated for sex offenses and followed into adulthood. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, and Trauma*, Published online: 18 August 2022. DOI: 10.1080/10926771.2022.2112332

Rasmussen, L. A. L. (2022, August). Following adolescents adjudicated for sex offenses: How many are found on a sex offender registry? Perspectives: CCOSO's Quarterly Newsletter, 1, 6-11. California Coalition on Sexual Offending. Available: <https://ccoso.org/>



Dr. Lianne Urada, Associate Professor

Research Areas: Human trafficking, homelessness, historical community trauma, substance use, health disparities, women and HIV, community-based intervention research

Recent Publications:

Gulina, V., **Urada, L.A.***, Odinkova, V., Rusakova, M. (2022). Women selling sex in Russia: Analyzing women's appraisal of exploitation and mistreatment using cognitive dissonance and cultural sex script frameworks. *Sexes*, 3, 463-476. <https://doi.org/10.3390/sexes3030034>

Urada, L.A., Tran, J.H., Pimentel Simbulan, N., Hernandez, L.I., Reed, E.E. (2022). Traumatic associations amongst men and women selling sex in the Philippines. *Trauma Care*, 2, 330-340. <https://doi.org/10.3390/traumacare2020027>

Urada, L.A., McClung M, Van Brocklin R., Blumenthal, J. (2022). Effects of an HIV peer navigation intervention for women living with HIV: A brief report. *Medical Research Archives*, 10(6). <https://doi.org/10.18103/mra.v10i6.2835>

Fonseka, R.W., McDougal, L., Raj, A., Reed, E., Lundgren, R., **Urada, L.**, Silverman, J.G. (2022). Does proximity to conflict zones moderate associations between child marriage, intimate partner violence and contraception in post-conflict Sri Lanka? *Advances in Global Health*, 1 (1): 1539582. <https://doi.org/10.1525/agh.2022.1539582>



Dr. Lauren Willner, Assistant Professor

Research Areas: Social Justice and Human Service Nonprofit Organizations, Community-Based Participatory Research, Institutional Racism and Oppression, Social Justice Pedagogy, Qualitative Research Methods

Recent Publications:

Willner, L., & Barrera, D. (2021). Using Critical Research Approaches to Teach Students About Non-profit Organizations: A Case Examination. *Journal of Nonprofit Education and Leadership*, (11)1, 104-121.

Willner, L. (2019). Organizational Legitimacy and Managerialism Within Social Justice Nonprofit Organizations: An Interest Divergence Analysis. *Administrative Theory & Praxis*, 1-20.

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Dr. María Luisa Zúñiga, Professor

Research Areas: Substance use, mental health, HIV and care engagement among Latino and other underserved populations

Recent Publications:

Rivera Saldaña, C.D., Beletsky, L., Borquez, A., Kiene, S.M., Strathdee, S.A., Zúñiga, M.L., Martin, N.K., Cepeda, J. (2021). Impact of cumulative incarceration and the post-release period on syringe sharing among people who inject drugs in Tijuana, Mexico: A longitudinal analysis. *Addiction*. Accepted February 2, 2021.

Ko, E., Zúñiga, M.L., Woodruff, S. I., Serra-Martinez, Y., & Cardenas, V. (2020). Development of a Survivorship Care Plan (SCP) Program for Rural Latina Breast Cancer Patients: Proyecto Mariposa—Application of Intervention Mapping. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 17, 5784. doi:10.3390/ijerph17165784

Grants:

National Institutes on Drug Abuse Urada (PI) 03/01/21 – 02/30/23 Homelessness during COVID-19: Exploring the usability and effects of telehealth interventions on buprenorphine treatment. <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DA-20-058.html> Explore the impact of telebuprenorphine interventions (defined as non-in-person treatment interactions, such as via videoconferencing and mobile phones) for those experiencing homelessness and SUD, the barriers and facilitators to telebuprenorphine, and its potential impact beyond COVID-19. Role: Co-I