

**Virginia Chaidez, Ph.D., R.D.****Curriculum Vitae**

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**EDUCATION and TRAINING**

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**University of California, Davis**

Public Health Sciences Department and Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders (M.I.N.D) Institute

Postdoctoral scholar, November 2009 – April 2012

**University of California, Davis**

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy, June 2009

Major: Nutrition

Designated Emphasis: International and Community Nutrition

**San Diego State University**

Dietetic Internship, 2000

**San Diego State University**

Degree: Bachelor of Science, May 1999

Major: Foods and Nutrition

**Commission on Dietetic Registration, Registered Dietitian, registration # 892525**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

Assistant Professor

Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences

January 2015 – present

- January 2015 – December 2019: research 60%, teaching 35%, and service 5%
- January 2020 – present: research 55%, teaching 40%, and service 5%

**University of California CalFresh Nutrition Education Program, State Office,  
CalFresh is the brand name for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),  
Supported by USDA**

Evaluation Analyst, April 2012 – December 2014

- Led statewide evaluation component of UC CalFresh NEP
- Provided statewide and county-specific analyses and summary of evaluation data
- Provided evaluation support for all UC CalFresh county nutrition education programs

- Monitored and built data entry portals for evaluation data collection
- Facilitated and collaborated on evaluation components for special projects and grants
- Coordinated, developed, and facilitated statewide regional trainings on evaluation
- Collaborated and provided consultation to state-level agencies and local partner programs

### **Sacramento Employee Training Agency, Head Start**

Nutrition Consultant

August 2011 – June 2012

- Provided individual nutrition consultations for Latino families identified at risk for child obesity
- Provided culturally tailored cooking demonstrations, recipes, tips and information on nutrition, shopping on a budget and child feeding practices

### **Kaiser Permanente**

Health Education Instructor for Worksite Wellness

Sacramento, California, April 2008 – June 2012

- Assisted in health fairs providing screening and counseling for glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure
- Taught classes on various worksite wellness topics related to nutrition, lifestyle and weight management, diabetes, cholesterol, and blood pressure
- Provided cooking demonstration and nutrition information

### **Tri-City Medical Center**

Clinical Dietitian

Oceanside, California, April 2001 – 2003

- Provided nutritional assessments and monitoring
- Recommended and monitored nutrition support
- Provided inpatient education and counseling
- Created and provided staff in-services and nutrition classes

## **RESEARCH**

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### PUBLICATIONS

#### REFERRED JOURNAL ARTICLES

My work has yielded 17 scholarly publications total (15 journal articles and 2 book chapters), including 10-refereed publications and 2 book chapters since I started my position at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2015. My Google Scholar h-index is 8 and i10 index is 7. My work has received 509 citations (450 in the last 5 years), and 1,007 downloads across 75 countries from educational, commercial, healthcare and government organizations including the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

- Citation counts and related information are from Google Scholar, <https://scholar.google.com/>, 8/12/2020.

- Download counts are from UNL's Digital Commons tracking system.
- *Italicized names* indicate the contributor was a student.
- \* Indicates equal contribution.
- Co-authored manuscripts have my contributions noted.

15. Erwin, S., Peters, J., Dalla, R., Chaidez, V., Encinger, A., Kreimer, L. Identifying and assisting human trafficking survivors: a post-training analysis of first responders in a Midwestern state. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* (accepted September 2020)

Contributions: Mentored graduate students by orienting to graduate school, discussed translational relevance of study findings including lessons learned, and collaborated to review and revise manuscript.

14. Palmer-Wackerly, A.L., Reyes, M.S., Ali, S.H., Carrasco, K.G., Habecker, P., Houska, K., Chaidez, V., Soliz, J., Tippens, J.A., Holland, K.J., Pytlik Zillig, L.M., Patterson, K. and Dombrowski, K. Examining multilevel communication within CBPR through evaluation of a mixed-methods project in a rural, minority-majority town. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*. (accepted June 2020)

Contributions: Collaborated with the research team in the conception of study design and procedures, as well as writing, reviewing, and revising the manuscript.

13. \*Tippens, J. A., \*Parra, G.R., Habecker, P., Gocchi Carrasco, K., Andrews III, A. R., Palmer-Wackerly, A.L., Chaidez, V., Soliz, J., Pytlik Zillig, L. and Dombrowski, K. (Accepted January 2020). Emotional support and mental health among Somali men in a rural midwestern town. *Journal of Rural Mental Health*, [\* indicates equal first authorship]

Contributions: Collaborated with the research team in the conception of the larger study design and procedures with input from community partners as well as writing, reviewing, and revising the manuscript.

12. Trout, K.E., Chaidez, V., Palmer-Wackerly, A.L. Rural-urban differences in roles and support for community health workers in the Midwest. (2020). *Family and Community Health Journal*, 43(2), 141-149. <https://doi.10.1097/FCH.0000000000000255>, PMID: 32079970

Contributions: Collaborated to obtain funding, led development of the study design and procedures, and collaborated to develop the analytic strategy in the concept of study goals, interpret results, and in reviewing and revising the manuscript.

11. Palmer-Wackerly, A.L., Chaidez, V., Wayment, C., Baker, J., Adams, A. and Wheeler, L. (2019). Listening to the Voice of Community Health Workers: A Multi-Level, Culture-Centered Approach to Overcoming Structural Barriers in Latinx Communities. *Qualitative Health Research*, 1-14. <https://doi.10.1177/1049732319855963>

Contributions: Collaborated to obtain funding, led development of the study design and procedures, and collaborated to analyze data, interpret results, and in reviewing and revising the manuscript.

10. *Mulcahy Toney, A., Fan, R., Xian, Y., Chaidez, V., Ramer-Tait, A. and Chung, S. (2019). Urolithin A, a gut metabolite, improves insulin sensitivity through augmentation of mitochondrial function and biogenesis. Obesity, 27, 612-620. <https://doi.org/10.1002/oby.22404>*

Contributions: Mentored graduate student by orienting to graduate school, developing strategies to address conflicts that arise among culturally diverse teams of junior and senior students and faculty, discussed cultural relevance of plant-derived metabolites (urolithin), and coaching for scientific written and oral presentation, as well as collaborated to review and revise manuscript.

9. Chaidez V., Fernandez y Garcia E., Wang L., Krakowiak P., Hertz-Picciotto I., Hansen R.L. (2018). Comparison of maternal beliefs about causes of autism spectrum disorder and association with utilization of services and treatments. *Child: Care, Health and Development*, 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cch.12612> or <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6447086/>

Contributions: Led all aspects of conceptualization of the work; developed the analytic strategy in the context of study goals; cleaned and combined datasets; analyzed data and interpreted results; collaborated with research team as lead writer and corresponding author.

8. Chaidez V., and Qiu Y. (2018). Exploring *H.pylori* seropositivity as a risk factor for type 2 diabetes, *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*, Vol.11: Iss. 2, Article 4. <https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/jhdrp/vol11/iss2/4/>

Contributions: Led all aspects of conceptualization of the work; collaborated with statistician coauthor on the analytic strategy in the context of study goals; collaborated on interpretation of results; collaborated with statistician coauthor as lead writer and corresponding author.

7. Chaidez V., Palmer-Wackerly A.L., and Trout K.E. (2018). Community Health Worker Employer Survey: Perspectives on CHW workforce development in the Midwest. *Journal of Community Health*, <http://doi.org/10.1007/s10900-018-0533-x>

Contributions: Collaborated to obtain funding; developed the larger study design and procedures; developed the analytic strategy in the context of study goals; collaborated on interpretation of the results; collaborated as lead writer and corresponding author.

6. Kaiser L.L., Chaidez V., Neelon M., Algert S., Horowitz M., Martin A., Mendoza C., and Ginsburg D. (2015). Food resource management education with SNAP participation improves food security. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 47(4):374-378. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jneb.2015.01.012>

Contributions: Collaborated with data cleaning and statistical analysis and interpretation of the results; actively collaborated in reviewing and revising the manuscript.

5. Chaidez V., Hansen R.L., and Hertz-Picciotto I. (2014). Gastrointestinal problems in children with autism, developmental delays, or typical development. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 44(5):1117-1127. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10803-013-1973-x>

Contributions: Collaborated and led conceptualization of the work; cleaned and combined datasets; collaborated in development of the analytic strategy in the context of study goals; analyzed data and interpreted results; collaborated as lead writer and corresponding author.

4. Chaidez V., McNiven S., Kaiser L.L., and Vosti S. (2014). Sweetened food purchases and indulgent feeding are associated with increased toddler anthropometry. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 46(4):293-298. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1499404613004934>

Contributions: Collaborated in obtaining funding for the project; collaborated with agricultural economist coauthors in conceptualization of the work; collaborated in data collection as well as data analysis and interpretation of results; collaborated as lead writer and corresponding author.

3. Chaidez V., Hansen R.L., and Hertz-Picciotto I. (2012). Autism Spectrum Disorders in Hispanics and non-Hispanics. *Autism: International Journal of Research and Practice*, 16(4): 381-397. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1362361311434787>

Contributions: Collaborated and led conceptualization of the work; cleaned and combined datasets; collaborated in development of the analytic strategy in the context of study goals; analyzed data and interpreted results; collaborated as lead writer and corresponding author.

2. Chaidez V., Kaiser L.L. (2011). Validation of an instrument to assess toddler feeding practices in Latino mothers. *Appetite*, 57(1):229-236. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.appet.2011.05.106>

Contributions: Collaborated to obtain funding for the project; collaborated and led conceptualization of the work; developed and pilot tested survey instrument; conducted all data collection: scheduled and interviewed all study participants in English or Spanish; analyzed data and interpreted results; collaborated as lead writer and corresponding author.

1. Chaidez V., Townsend M., Kaiser L.L. (2011). Toddler-feeding practices among Mexican American mothers: A qualitative study. *Appetite*, 56(3):629-632. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.appet.2011.02.015>

Contributions: Collaborated to obtain funding for the project; collaborated and led conceptualization of the work; developed and pilot tested interview questions; conducted all data collection: scheduled and interviewed all study participants in English or Spanish; transcribed all interviews; analyzed mixed methods data and interpreted results; collaborated as lead writer and corresponding author.

#### EDITED AND PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

2. Chaidez, V. and Palmer-Wackerly, A. (2016) Community Health Workers: One Person *Can* Make a Difference. In K. Dombrowski (2) *Reducing Health Disparities: Research updates from the field*. Nebraska: Syron Design. (Peer-review process entailed an annual MHDI scholarly writing retreat where researchers committed an entire weekend for the purpose of providing critical review for every member who prepared a book chapter ahead of the retreat. This writing commitment required considerable effort and efficiency in getting the chapter written up in time for planning the annual retreat, while also carving out the time to read everyone's chapter ahead of the writing retreat. The writing retreat provided a structured agenda and welcoming work environment that facilitated a coordinated approach to providing every member a constructive peer review process and turnaround for the book's final editing and production.)

1. Chaidez, V. (2015) Building Bridges through Community Health Workers. In K. Dombrowski (1) *Reducing Health Disparities: Research updates from the field*. (191-208). Nebraska: Syron Design. (Peer-review process entailed an annual MHDI scholarly writing retreat where researchers committed an entire weekend for the purpose of providing critical review for every member who prepared a book chapter ahead of the retreat. This writing commitment required considerable effort and efficiency in getting the chapter written up in time for planning the annual retreat, while also carving out the time to read everyone's chapter ahead of the writing retreat. The writing retreat provided a structured agenda and welcoming work environment that facilitated a coordinated approach to providing every member a constructive peer review process and turnaround for the book's final editing and production.)

#### REFERRED JOURNAL ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW OR REVISION (*italicized names* denotes student co-authors)

*Schlange, S.A., Palmer-Wackerly, A.L., and Chaidez, V. Medical interpretation services and their effects on quality of health care. Journal of General Internal Medicine* (submitted July 2020)

Contributions: Mentored undergraduate student by orienting to manuscript preparation for publication including identification of appropriate peer-review journal, coaching in scientific writing, literature review and refining her thesis to meet journal specifications, discussed translational relevance of study findings, collaborate to review and revise manuscript and serve as corresponding author.

Tippens, J. A., Padasas, I., Roselius, K., Khalif, G., Ashimwe, J. C., Kohel, K., Chaidez, V., Palmer-Wackerly, A. L., and Dorsey Vinton, S. Searching for 'community' in community-

engaged research: Reflections on establishing CBPR partnerships with two refugee groups. *Journal of Community Health*. (submitted April 2020).

Contributions: Collaborated with the research team to conceive the study as well as develop the study design and procedures, and actively participated in reviewing and revising the manuscript.

Chaidez, V., Qiu Y, Palmer-Wackerly, A.L., Tippens, J.A., Parra, G.R., Soliz, J., Pytlik Zillig, L.M., Habecker, P.N., Gocchi Carrasco, K., Dombrowski, K. Ethnic differences in perceptions of well-being, community support and financial stressors in a majority-minority Midwest city. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*. (will revise and resubmit in 2020)

Contributions: Worked with the research team to conceive the larger study, collaborated in development of the larger study design and procedures with input from community partners, collaborated with statistician coauthor on development of the analytic strategy; collaborated with interpretation of results; collaborated with research team as lead writer and corresponding author.

REFERRED JOURNAL ARTICLES IN PREPARATION (*italicized names* denotes student co-authors)

Toney, A.M., Martin, T., and Chaidez, V. Examining the macrosystem level of influence on community health worker effectiveness in the Midwest: a qualitative approach. *Journal of Community Health* (tentative submission September 2020)

Contributions: Mentored graduate student by orienting to graduate school, developing strategies to address conflicts that arise among culturally diverse teams of junior and senior students and faculty, coaching for qualitative analysis of interview data as well as scientific writing and literature review, discussed translational relevance of study findings, and collaborate to review and revise manuscript.

\*Chaidez, V., \*Parra, G.R., Tippens, Palmer-Wackerly, A.L., J.A., Soliz, J., Pytlik Zillig, L.M., Habecker, P.N., Gocchi Carrasco, K., Dombrowski, K. Predictors of happiness and hopelessness in Latinos residing in a majority-minority Midwest town. *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice* (tentative submission in fall 2020) [\* indicates equal first authorship]

Contributions: Worked with the research team to conceive the parent study, collaborated in development of the parent study design and procedures with input from community partners, as well as this specific study design and collaborated with coauthor on development of the analytic strategy; collaborated with interpretation of results; collaborated with research team as co-lead writer and corresponding author.

Palmer-Wackerly, A. L., Chaidez, V., Sanchez, S. Exploring the communication and support challenges of community health workers according to pay status. *Journal of Community Health* (tentative submission summer 2020).

Contributions: Collaborated to obtain funding, led development of the study design and procedures, and collaborated to analyze data, interpret results, and reviewing and revising the manuscript.

## PRESENTATIONS

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Chaidez, V. and Palmer-Wackerly, A.L. *Community Health Workers: One person can make a difference.*

- Presentation at the annual Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) Conference, Lincoln, NE, April 9, 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19; tentatively rescheduled for spring 2021).

Mulcahy, A., Fan, R., Chaidez, V., Chung, S.

Urolithin A, a gut metabolite, improves insulin sensitivity through augmentation of mitochondrial function and biogenesis.

- Poster presentation at Harvard Medical School New England Science Symposium (NESS), Boston, MA. April 2019.

Mulcahy, A., Fan, R., Chaidez, V., Chung, S., poster

Urolithin A, a gut metabolite of ellagic acid, improves hepatic insulin sensitivity in C57BL6 mice against high fat diet.

- Abstract selected for the Young Minority Investigator Oral Competition (and awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place winner), e-poster, and poster presentation at the American Society for Nutrition – Nutrition 2018 Conference, Boston, MA, June 2018.

Palmer-Wackerly, A. L., Wayment, C., Adams, A., and Chaidez, V. Addressing intergroup communication barriers through the voice of community health workers: The meaning of shared language in improving health disparities.

- Paper presented and awarded Top 3 Paper in the Intergroup Interest Group at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2018.

Erwin, S., Dalla, R., Chaidez, V., Peter, J., and Mulcahy, A. *Connecting Academia to the Community: Including Community Health Workers in Human Trafficking Research.*

- Abstract submitted to the annual American Public Health Association Conference, San Diego, CA, February 2018.

Palmer-Wackerly, A. L., Chaidez, V., Wayment, C., Baker, J., and Adams, A. (under review). Listening to the voice of community health workers: A multi-level, culture-centered approach to overcoming structural barriers in Latina/o communities.

- Accepted to the Health Communication division for the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT, November 2018.



Erwin, S., Peter, J., Mulcahy, A., Dalla, R., and Chaidez, V. *Connecting Academia to the Community: Including Community Health Workers in Human Trafficking Research Methodology*.

- Presented at the annual Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) Conference, Lincoln, NE, February 9, 2018.

Mulcahy Toney, A., You, M., Okla, M., Chaidez, V., Chung, S. poster  
*High Fat Diet-Induced Inflammation Interferes with Obligatory Iron Mobilization for Beige Fat Development*.

- Presented at Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology – Bioenergetics and Metabolic Disease, Keystone, Colorado. January 2018.

Erwin, S., Dalla, R., Chaidez, V., Peter, J., Mount, A., Price, C., Clark, T. poster  
*“Methodology of Assessing the Prevalence of Human Trafficking in Nebraska.”*

- Presented at the annual National Council on Family Relations Conference, Orlando, Florida, November 2017

Chaidez, V., Erwin, S., Dalla, R., Peter, J., Mount, A., Price, C., Clark, T. poster  
*“The Path to Exploitation: Identifying Mechanisms of Trafficking and Health Needs of Survivors.”*

- Presented at the annual National Council on Family Relations Conference, Orlando, Florida, November 2017.

Adams, A., Wayment, C., Chaidez, V., and Palmer-Wackerly, A. L., poster  
*“Communicating culture: Navigating and negotiating cultural communication between community health workers and patients.”*

- Nebraska Summer Research Symposium, UNL, Lincoln, NE, August 2017.

Chaidez, V., speaker

“Obesity, Latinos, Community Health Workers and YOU”

- Nebraska Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Annual Meeting  
Lincoln, Nebraska, April 27, 2017.

Dalla, R., Chaidez, V., Erwin, S., Peter, J., Mount, A., poster  
*“Methodology of assessing the prevalence of human trafficking in Nebraska”*

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln Spring Research Fair, April 2017.

Mulcahy, A. Kim, J., Ozaki, G., Chaidez, V., Chung, S. poster  
*Differential Regulation of Hepatic Hcpidin by Cold Treatment and Inflammation*.

- Presented at Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity Diseases through Dietary Molecules (NPOD) – Obesity, Lincoln, NE April 2017.

Palmer-Wackerly, A., Matthews, K., Chaidez, V., speaker (panel)

“Creating a Common Language between Universities and the Community: Translating Research into Practice and Practice into Research”

- Public Health Association of Nebraska (PHAN) Annual Conference

Lincoln, Nebraska, September 30, 2016.

Ginsburg, D., Chaidez V., speaker (panel)  
“UC CalFresh Evaluation: Outcomes and Highlights”

- Western Region Snap Directors Conference  
San Francisco, California, August 28, 2013.

Chaidez V., speaker  
“A Family-Centered Approach to Help Address Obesity”

- Let’s Move California Summit  
Los Angeles, California, June 15, 2012.

Chaidez V., Hansen R.L., Hertz-Picciotto I., speaker  
“*Childhood Autism Risks from Genetics and the Environment (CHARGE): Comparison of gastrointestinal symptoms in a case-control study.*”

- The UC Davis Mind Institute (Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders)  
Research Seminar Series  
Sacramento, California, September 16, 2011.

Chaidez V., Hansen R.L., Hertz-Picciotto I., poster  
“*Childhood Autism Risks from Genetics and the Environment (CHARGE): Comparison of gastrointestinal symptoms in a case-control study*”

- The Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Annual Conference  
San Antonio, Texas, September 16-19, 2011

Chaidez V., Hertz-Picciotto I., poster  
“*Autism in Hispanics and non-Hispanics*”

- The International Meeting for Autism Research  
San Diego, California, May 12-14, 2011

Chaidez V., Hertz-Picciotto I., speaker  
“*Autism in Hispanics and non-Hispanics*”

- The UC Davis Mind Institute (Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders)  
Research Seminar Series  
Sacramento, California, October 15, 2010

Chaidez V., Kaiser L.L., poster  
“*Toddler-feeding practices in Latinos: an early start in obesity prevention.*”

- Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Annual Conference  
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2009

Chaidez V., Kaiser L.L., poster  
“*Early child-feeding practices in Mexican Americans deviate from current recommendations*”

- The American Dietetic Association 2007 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2007

- Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety (WCAHS) Graduate Student Research Colloquium  
University of California, Davis, October 2007

Chaidez V., Kaiser L.L., speaker

*“Child-feeding practices in Latinos: an early start in obesity prevention”*

- Agricultural and Natural Resources Conference  
University of California, Davis, June 2007

Chaidez V., Kaiser L.L., speaker

*“Are child-feeding practices in Latinos contributing to obesity?”*

- Founding Food Studies Symposium  
University of California, Davis, May 2006

Chaidez V., Spindler. A.A, speaker

*“Assessment of Nutrition and Self-Efficacy in Mexican American Cancer Patients”*

- The Ronald E. McNair Research Symposium  
University of California, Berkeley, August 1999  
University of California, San Diego, August 1999

Chaidez V., Spindler. A.A, speaker

*“Health Promoting Behaviors in Mexican American Women”*

- The Ronald E. McNair Research Symposium  
University of California, Irvine, August 1997  
University of California, San Diego, August 1997
- The California Dietetic Association 1999 Annual Meeting  
Anaheim, California, April 1999
- 20<sup>th</sup> Central California Research Symposium  
California State University, Fresno, April 1999

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH and NETWORKING PRESENTATIONS

Chaidez, V., speaker, Palmer-Wackerly, A. L., speaker *“Preliminary survey findings from the Health Voice Vision project.”* A community project partnership with UNL’s Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI).

- Dawson County Historical Museum  
Lexington, Nebraska, July 10, 2018.

Chaidez V., speaker

*“Building Bridges to Healthy Communities”* – 5-minute *Rapid fire* presentation

- Ag Builders of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska, January 13, 2016

Chaidez V., speaker

*“A Year in 5 minutes”* – *Getting to know our colleagues* presentation

- NHS Faculty Staff Meeting

Lincoln, Nebraska, November 20, 2015

Chaidez V., speaker

“Building Bridges” – 5-minute *Bullet* session

- Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) Spring Retreat  
Lincoln, Nebraska, April 13, 2015

#### PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

Kaiser L.L., Schneider C., Chaidez V., Neelon M., Algert S., Smith D., Horowitz M. Plan, Shop, Save, Cook: Influence of SNAP on program outcomes. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. 2013; 45(4S): S16 – S17.

Chaidez V., Kaiser L.L. Toddler-feeding practices in Latinos: an early start in obesity prevention. *Journal of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology* April 22, 2009; 23:737.17

Chaidez V., Kaiser L.L. Early child-feeding practices in Mexican-Americans deviate from current recommendations. *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*. 2007; 107: A18.

#### **SPONSORED RESEARCH ACTIVITY**

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##### INTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH

*Systems-based Community Intervention Development: A Multilevel CBPR Approach to Enhancing Health Care Services and Communication in Meatpacking Communities*, PIs: **Virginia Chaidez**, Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, UNL and Angela Palmer-Wackerly, Department of Communication Studies, UNL; **Co-Investigators:** Arthur “Trey” III Andrews, Department of Psychology, UNL; Athena Ramos, Center for Reducing Health Disparities, College of Public Health, UNMC; Elizabeth Mollard, College of Nursing, UNMC–Lincoln; Julie A. Tippens, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, UNL; Lorey Wheeler, Nebraska Research Center for Children, Youth, Families, and Schools, UNL; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant, July 22, 2020 – July 21, 2021 (\$20,000)

Contributions: As Principal Investigator, I actively participated in study design and procedures; played central role in facilitating collaborative partnerships with UNL’s Center on Children, Families and the Law; will actively recruit Community Health Workers (CHWs) for interviews and survey dissemination; and will actively participate in leading, reviewing and revising co-authored manuscripts prior to submission.

*Mobilizing a Community of Practice for COVID-19 Social Support, Detection, and Disease Management among Im/migrant and Refugee Populations in Lincoln, Nebraska*

PI: Julie A. Tippens, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, UNL; Co-PIs: Elizabeth Mollard, College of Nursing, UNMC–Lincoln; Sheila Vinton Dorsey, Executive Director, Asian Community and Cultural Center, Lincoln; **Co-Investigators:** **Virginia Chaidez**, Department of

Nutrition and Health Sciences, UNL; Angela Palmer-Wackerly, Department of Communication Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant, September 2020 – May 2021 (\$44,000)

Contributions: As Co-Investigator, I actively participated in study design and procedures; will assist with recruiting and interviewing Community Health Workers (CHWs); and will actively participate in reviewing and revising co-authored manuscripts prior to submission.

*Dental Wars: Arming Latino/a Immigrants with Culturally Appropriate Dental Health Prevention Strategies*; Principal Investigator: Cynthia Willis-Esqueda; **Co-PI: Mary Willis, Virginia Chaidez**, Lorey Wheeler, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2018 – 2019 Layman New Directions Awards, (\$10,000)

Contributions: As Co-PI an active participant in informing dietary data collection and overseeing my doctoral student who was involved in Spanish translation of materials, data collection and dental translation services.

*Assessing the Prevalence and Mechanisms of Human Trafficking*; Principal Investigator: Rochelle Dalla, Child, Youth and Family Studies Department, **Role Co-PI: Virginia Chaidez**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Interdisciplinary Internal Award, January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017; extension granted until December 31, 2018; (\$20,000)

Contributions: As Co-PI actively participated in study design and procedures; assisted with recruiting and training of Community Health Workers (CHWs); and actively participated in reviewing and revising the manuscript.

*Identifying the Interrelationships between Social Determinants, Self-Identity, and Public Health in Minority Rural Communities: Photovoice + Random Spatial Sampling Survey*; Principal Investigator: Kirk Dombrowski, **Role Co-Investigator: Virginia Chaidez**; Department of Sociology; University of Nebraska, Rural Future Institute (RFI) Research and Engagement Competitive Award, July 1, 2016, (\$94,066 +\$5,860)

Contributions: As co-Investigator, I actively participated in study design and procedures; connected the university Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) team with Lexington community partner organizations; assisted with recruiting and maintaining relationships with Community Health Workers (CHWs); and actively participated in leading, reviewing and revising co-authored manuscripts prior to submission.

*Community Health Workers: Building a workforce to improve health disparities*  
**Role Principal Investigator: Virginia Chaidez**, Layman Seed Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, June 2, 2016-May 31, 2017, (\$9,873)

Contributions: As PI, I obtained funding; actively participated in study design and procedures; contracted with Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR) for assistance in handling survey mailings and data entry, cleaning and preliminary analysis; supervised

graduate students involved in identifying CHW employers statewide and compiling a mailing list; and actively participated in leading, reviewing and revising co-authored manuscripts prior to submission.

*Community Health Worker Qualitative Research*, **Role Principal Investigator: Virginia Chaidez**, Social and Behavioral Science Research Consortium, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, October 19, 2015-October 18, 2016, (\$5,000)

Contributions: As PI, I obtained funding; actively participated in study design and procedures; recruited Community Health Workers (CHWs) across the state; conducted all interviews and data collection; assisted in data analysis and interpretation; supervised graduate students involved in analysis, interpretation and writing; and actively participated in leading, reviewing and revising co-authored manuscripts prior to submission.

#### UNFUNDED RESEARCH GRANT ACTIVITY: SUBMISSION DATES

*The Role of Drug Use on HPV Testing, Community Health Worker Follow-Up, and Linkage to Health Care among a Diverse Sample of Rural Women: The Feasibility and Acceptability of At Home Self-Testing*. R21 revision under review at The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2022. Direct costs requested: \$275,000. Estimated total costs: \$427,625.

Lead Principal Investigator: Angela Palmer-Wackerly; **Role Co-Principal Investigator: Virginia Chaidez**; Co-I: Tierney Lorenz, Peter Angeletti. Initial impact score: 38. Resubmitted 2/7/20. New impact score: 31, summary received 4/9/20, considering resubmission after COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

*Community Health Worker (CHW) Workforce Surveillance Survey*; National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) **Role Principal Investigator: Virginia Chaidez**, Co-Investigators: Dejun Su PhD, Director, Center for Reducing Health Disparities (CRDC), UNMC College of Public Health (COPH), Victoria Vinton MSN, RN Executive Director, Nebraska Action Coalition-Future of Nursing 5, Kathy Karsting MPH, RN Program Manager II, NE DHHS Division of Public Health, Kate Trout PhD, MPH Assistant Professor, Peru State College, Drissa Toure MD, PhD, MPH Community Clinical Research Coordinator, CRDC UNMC COPH, Patty Falcone MPH, CPH Community Health Educator, Douglas County Health Department, Joanna Barrera a CHW and Manager of CHWs, NE Total Care (MCO), Pat Lopez MSN, RN Interim Director, Lancaster Co. Public Health Department and Chair - Nursing Section of the Public Health Association of NE; Proposed project timeline January 2020 – January 2021. Letter of Intent submitted July 1, 2019. (\$50,000)

*The Promise of Home - Prepared Meals for Health: A Community Culinary Nutrition Program*; Principal Investigator: Georgia Jones, **Co-Investigator: Virginia Chaidez**, Layman New Directions Awards, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Proposed project timeline May 2019 – April 2020.

*Improving Latinx Physical and Mental Health through a Systems Approach to Family Communication*. Principal Investigator: Lorey Wheeler, Co-Investigators: **Virginia Chaidez** and

Angela Palmer-Wackerly. Letter of Intent for Great Plains IDeA-CTR Pilot Funding, NIH funding source, September 2018, (\$50,000)

*Dental Wars: Arming Immigrants with the Tools to Combat Poor Dental Health and Stigma*  
Principal Investigator: Cynthia Willis-Esqueda, **Co-Investigators:** Mary Willis, **Virginia Chaidez**, Lorey Wheeler, Campus-Community Research Collaboration on Health Issues for Immigrant/Refugee Populations, April 2017 (\$10,000)

*Latino Family Resilience Project: Family Mealtimes as a Lens to Rural Parent-Adolescent Dynamics and Health*, Principal Investigator: Lorey Wheeler, **Co-Investigators:** **Virginia Chaidez**, Weiwen Chai, Angela Palmer-Wackerly, Rural Futures Institute- Research and Engagement Award Proposal, March 2017, (\$74,907)

*Exploring Novel Mechanisms to Explain the Latino Diabetes Disparity*, **Role Principal Investigator:** **Virginia Chaidez**, Co-I: Yumou Qiu; Minority Health Funding from Social and Behavioral Science Research Consortium, June 2, 2015, (\$25,000)

#### RESEARCH AWARDS and FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT: UNDERGRADUATE CAREER and GRADUATE CAREER

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| 2009        | Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)/Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program Travel Award, up to \$1,850, V. Chaidez                     |
| 2007 – 2008 | Peter J. Shields and Henry A. Jastro Research Award, \$990, V. Chaidez   |
| 2007        | Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety Seed Grant, \$7,500, V. Chaidez  |
| 2006 – 2007 | University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UCMEXUS) Dissertation Research Grant, \$12,000, V. Chaidez  |
| 2006 – 2007 | Peter J. Shields and Henry A. Jastro Research Award, \$1,200, V. Chaidez   |
| 2006 – 2007 | Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Fellowship 2006 – 2007, all expenses paid up to \$1,500 for attending one research conference of choice, V. Chaidez |
| 2005 – 2006 | Food Stamp and Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP) Collaboration Proposal, \$5,000, V. Chaidez   |
| 2004 – 2005 | Gustavus and Louise Pfeiffer Research Fellowship, \$10,000 stipend per academic year plus \$5,000 research seed, V. Chaidez  |
| 2003 – 2004 | Gustavus and Louise Pfeiffer Research Fellowship, \$10,000 stipend per academic year plus \$5,000 research seed, V. Chaidez  |

- 1999                    McNair Scholar, \$1,400 awarded for completion of summer research project, V. Chaidez
- 1997                    McNair Scholar, \$1,400 awarded for completion of summer research project, V. Chaidez
- 1997                    Hughes Network Systems Book Award, 1997 (\$500), V. Chaidez

#### OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

##### University of California, Davis

Public Health Sciences Department and

Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders (M.I.N.D) Institute

Postdoctoral scholar, Nov 2009 – April 2012

Explored differences in autism phenotypes and scores between Hispanic and non-Hispanic children; ethnic differences in perceived causes of autism and treatment; differences in GI problems among children with autism, developmental delay and typical development; and the association between breastfeeding and an autism diagnosis

##### University of California, Davis

Mentor: Dr. Lucia L. Kaiser, Cooperative Extension Specialist

Doctoral Dissertation: 2006 – 2008

*“Child-feeding practices in Latinos: an early start in obesity prevention”*

Explored early child-feeding practices using qualitative interviews with Latino mothers to develop a Toddler-Feeding Questionnaire (TFQ) and used the TFQ in a longitudinal study to explore the relationship between indulgent feeding practices and toddler dietary intake and growth status

Mentors: Dr. Lucia L. Kaiser, Luz Elvia Vera Becerra, Martha Lopez

Summer 2007

*“Influence of Migration on Nutritional Practices that Promote Obesity in Young Children”*

Assisted in data entry and data cleaning

##### San Diego State University, McNair Scholar

Mentor: Dr. Audrey A. Spindler, Professor of Nutrition

McNair Scholar Summer 1999

*“Assessment of Nutrition and Self-Efficacy in Mexican American Cancer Patients”*

Investigated levels of self-efficacy, health-promoting behaviors, and nutrition in Mexican American cancer patients to evaluate quality of life

McNair Scholar Summer 1997

*“Health Promoting Behaviors in Mexican American Women”*



Investigated health promoting behaviors and knowledge of two generations of Mexican American women

## HONORS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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- 2020 Courtesy Appointment, Department of Communication Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2019 *Strengthening the Community Health Worker Workforce to Improve Maternal and Child Health in Nebraska: A Statewide Assessment of Needs, Barriers, and Assets.* (2019). Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health. Acknowledgements, page 4. Available: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/MCAH/CHW-Workforce-Assessment-Report.pdf>
- 2019 University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Parent's Recognition Award. Available: <https://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/cehs-news/9296/54505>
- 2018 Top 3 Paper at the 2018 Annual International Communication Association (ICA) Conference, Intergroup Communication Interest Group (*see citation under Conference Presentations*)
- 2015 – 2017 Fellow, Scholarly Enhancement Program, College of Education and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2013 [Autism Speaks](#) Top Ten Research Advances of 2013

## TEACHING

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### COURSES TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

Semester	# Students Enrolled	# Student Respondents	Overall* Evaluation Score	Instructor** Evaluation Score
NUTR 356: Nutrition Education in the Community				
Spring 2016	64	34	3.82	4.12
Spring 2017	46	11	4.21	4.41
Spring 2018	50	17	4.35	4.72
Spring 2019	81	24	4.38	4.71
Spring 2020***	55	23	4.52	4.65
NUTR 860: Health Behavior Theories				
Fall 2017	10	4	4.15	4.31
Fall 2018	18	9	4.48	4.63

Fall 2019	7	2	4.17	4.72
NUTR 352: Social Marketing in Health Communication				
Fall 2018	34	9	4.49	4.60
Fall 2019	34	8	4.60	4.76

\*The overall evaluation score is based on the average score of items 3 – 19 on the student evaluation survey.

\*\*The instructor evaluation score is based on the average score of items 8 – 16 on the student evaluation survey.

Maximum score is 5.0

\*\*\*A new student evaluation assessment was implemented in Spring 2020, containing ten Likert-scale questions with responses ranging from 1 – 5 (1-Strongly Disagree, 2-Disagree, 3-Neither Agree or Disagree, 4-Agree, 5-Strongly Agree). Overall evaluation score is the mean score across all ten questions. Instructor evaluation score is mean score for two questions: *I feel welcome and respected. I find communication with the instructor (e.g. office hours, email, Canvas, etc.) effectively supports my learning.*

#### GUEST LECTURES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), Food for Health Grant, PI: Dr. Jamie Loizzo, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication. Topic: Food insecurity and nutrition. Guest lecture involved filming a casual interview in spring 2018 and then providing input during the topic week module when the MOOC was piloted in fall 2018.

Communication Studies Department, College of Arts and Sciences, Instructor: Dr. Angela Palmer-Wackerly, Course: Health Disparities and Communication, Topic: Community Health Workers in Nebraska, Spring 2016

#### OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Davis

Graduate Student Teacher Assistant: graded assignments and supervised students

Food Service Management 120 Lecture, Winter and Spring quarters 2005

Food Service Management 122 Lab, Fall quarter 2006, Winter quarter 2007

Lab Instructor: seminar on how to give a formal presentation and critique scientific papers

Nutrition 190, Winter quarter 2007

Lab Instructor: led journal club discussion for undergraduate interns working on autism research, Summer quarter 2010, Fall quarter 2010

Guest Lecturer: provided a lecture on “Disparities in Breastfeeding” for graduate level Reproductive Epidemiology course

Spring quarter 2011

#### GRADUATE MENTORING

#### ADVISOR

1. Ashley Mulcahy, PhD, Nutrition and Health Sciences, start date Fall 2016, expected graduation, 2021
2. Courtney Smith, MS, Nutrition and Health Sciences, graduated May 2017  
Thesis title: University Wellness: A Numbers Game – How Health Numbers Relate to Blood Pressure
3. Topacio Ortiz, MS, Nutrition and Health Sciences, (adviser Spring 2018-Fall 2018, non-thesis), student changed to complete a thesis based on her study abroad involvement with adviser's research.
4. Caitlin McCann, MS (non-thesis), Nutrition and Health Sciences, graduated December 2019

#### COMMITTEE MEMBER

1. Krista Godfrey, MS, Nutrition and Health Sciences, graduated August 2015  
Thesis title: The Effectiveness of Educational Displays Related to Foodborne Illness in Infants
2. Christy Burger, PhD, Nutrition and Health Sciences, start date (as adviser) Fall 2017
3. Candace Sorden, MS, Nutrition and Health Sciences, graduated August 2017  
Thesis title: Assessment of the Campus Food Environment Using Components of the Healthy Campus Environmental Audit
4. Miteshri Prajapati, MS, Nutrition and Health Sciences, graduated December 2017
5. Suzanne Stluka, PhD, Nutrition and Health Sciences, graduated May 2018  
Dissertation title: Bountiful Backpacks: The Role of Nutrition Education and Food Preparation Skills in Increasing Food Security and Diet Quality among Limited Resource Families in South Dakota
6. Megan Fletcher, MS, Nutrition and Health Sciences, graduated May 2018  
Thesis title: CHAMPS: Child Health and Methods of Parenting Study
7. Gretchen Burgquist, PhD, Communication Studies, graduated August 2018  
Dissertation title: Mental Health Care and Sociocultural Context: Understanding Intersections Of Stigma Socialization And Mental Health Care Service Use In Rural Areas
8. Carly Hillburn, MS, Nutrition and Health Sciences, start date (as adviser) Spring 2019
9. Heather Voorhees, PhD, Communication Studies, graduated December 2019  
Dissertation title: Chronic Illness, Identity, And Support-Seeking Communication: An Exploratory Sequential Mixed-Methods Research Study

ADVISER, GREAT PLAINS INTERACTIVE DISTANCE EDUCATION ALLIANCE (GP-IDEA) DIETETICS PROGRAM (Non-thesis)

Advise and serve as the chair for all Final Oral Exams for UNL's online Nutrition and Health Sciences Master's degree program with Dietetics specialization (for registered dietitians only).  
June 2015 – present

Graduated students:

1. Sarah Wilson, December 2015
2. Kirsten Graves, May 2016
3. Amy Stalp Cordingley, December 2016
4. Jessica Meuleners, December 2016
5. Stephanie Rupp, December 2016
6. Tara Neighbors, August 2017
7. Jordan Stilmock, December 2017
8. Jill Rolfson, December 2017
9. Beth Nacke, December 2017
10. Kelsy Jensen-Engels, May 2018
11. Taylor Johnston, May 2018
12. Christina (Rezac) Katusin, May 2018
13. Molly (Zavadil) Myers, May 2018
14. Katherine Vellabati, May 2018
15. Frida Swenson, August 2018
16. Josh Werner, August 2018
17. Lisa Varney, August 2018
18. Cheri Kaczmarek, December 2018
19. Allison (Doerfler) Turnquist, May 2019
20. Kathryn Holt, May 2019
21. Natasha (Tayar) Avila, May 2019
22. Michelle Clinton, December 2019
23. Julianna Coughlin, May 2020

Current students:

1. Andrea O'Brien
2. Courtney Neneman
3. Daniel Shaw
4. Erica Hauf
5. Jayne Peters
6. Jessica Erbst
7. Kate Meadows
8. Laura Millburn
9. Mallory Fangman
10. McKena Ludemann
11. Sara Matras
12. Veronica Bair

COMMITTEE MEMBER, WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS (Master's, Non-thesis)  
Provide written comprehensive exam questions and graded responses as Pass/No Pass

1. Zane Ehnes, graduated December 2017
2. Amaal Saleh Al-Aamri, graduated December 2017
3. Ruqaiya Khalfan Al-Sulaiman, graduated December 2017
4. Marusa Cernjul, graduated May 2018
5. Sidney Haas, graduated May 2018
6. Desmond Cooney, graduated December 2018
7. Jenna Ford, graduated May 2019
8. Nicole Hayes (Beam), graduated May 2019
9. Camille Davis, graduated May 2020
10. Jessica Mueller, graduated May 2020
11. Riley Loy, graduated May 2020

### UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

#### ADVISER

1. Topacio Ortiz, Dietetic Intern, Preceptor for 80-hour project, Fall 2016  
Project: Delivery and evaluation of “Salud! Comiendo en Familia” nutrition program for Latino Community Health Workers (CHW) in Omaha.
2. Raelyn Haubensauk, Honors Project, graduated May 2017  
Honor’s project: Dinner Table Questions and How They Affect Conversations
3. Marta Jonson, Honors Thesis, graduated May 2018  
Honor’s thesis title: A Closer Look at Food Insecurity in Lancaster County
4. Stacie Bartels, Honors Thesis, graduated May 2019  
Honor’s thesis title: Medical Interpretation Services and Their Effects on Quality Health Care

#### COMMITTEE MEMBER

1. Mary ‘Maggie’ Dawson, Honor’s Thesis, graduated May 2017  
Honor’s thesis title: Child Feeding Practices in Rural Mozambique
2. Larissa Kmetz, Minority Health Disparity Initiative (MHDI) Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU), August 2016  
Poster title: Connecting the Dots: A Systematic Review of the Intersections of Informal Healthcare Networks and Social Determinants of Health

### MEDIA INTERACTION and OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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NET Nebraska’s PBS and NPR Stations, March 2020. Interviewed for an NET television special on Diabetes Prevention, which aired in April 2020.

<http://netnebraska.org/article/news/1215170/thousands-nebraskans-battle-diabetes>

Lexington Clipper-Herald, July 2018. Presented preliminary survey findings from UNL's Minority Health Disparities Initiative, Health Voice Vision project. This project helped spark community action to revisit the idea of building a free health clinic for Dawson County. [https://lexch.com/news/free-health-clinic-for-dawson-county-being-proposed/article\\_098068f4-8121-11e8-99e0-a775e6f1c5fb.html](https://lexch.com/news/free-health-clinic-for-dawson-county-being-proposed/article_098068f4-8121-11e8-99e0-a775e6f1c5fb.html) Also see Rural Future Institute video with Health Voice Vision project PI & MHDII Director Dr. Kirk Dombrowski: <https://ruralfutures.nebraska.edu/healthvoicevision/>

UNL Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication, May 2018.  
Served as a guest lecture on the topic of food insecurity for the development of a massive open online course (MOOC) as part of a Food for Health pilot project, PI- Dr. Jamie Loizzo

UNL Social and Behavioral Science Research Consortium, November 2016  
<http://sbsrc.unl.edu/sbsrc%E2%80%99s-first-voucher-award>

UNL Rural Futures Initiative (RFI) Conference, January 2016  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=587&v=1PvBxWDDWd4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=587&v=1PvBxWDDWd4)

UNL Social and Behavioral Science Research Consortium, October 2015  
<http://sbsrc.unl.edu/sbsrc-voucher-award-helps-chaidez-give-community-health-workers-chw-voice>

UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) News: Faculty Spotlight, September 2015  
<http://ianrnews.unl.edu/faculty-spotlight-virginia-chaidez>

Back to School Jam at Malone Community Center, August 2015  
<http://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/unltoday/article/minority-health-disparities-initiative-ready-to-expand-reach/>  
[http://journalstar.com/news/local/back-to-school-jam-focuses-on-fun-health/article\\_391ab891-e664-5f2d-8a72-1021682119dc.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/back-to-school-jam-focuses-on-fun-health/article_391ab891-e664-5f2d-8a72-1021682119dc.html)  
<http://www.1011now.com/home/headlines/Back-To-School-Jam-Educates-Minority-Parents-and-Children-321219181.html?device=phone&c=y>

*Prior to University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Expert Witness Testimony for California State Senate Bills, SB 158 and SB 367  
<http://autism.senate.ca.gov/informationalhearings> , Senate Human Services Hearing 4/9/13 (video)

SB 158 would establish an innovative Regional Center for Excellence in Community Autism Partnerships Program (RE CAP Program) that will identify, implement, and disseminate state-of-the-art interventions, supports, and best practices to assist regional center consumers with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), and their families, who are either 1) deemed to be members of an underserved demographic ethnic or racial group; and/or 2) residing in underserved communities.

SB 367 requires each regional center director, under the California Department of Developmental Disabilities, to provide an annual report on the center's efforts to address issues of inequity in access to services by underserved consumers.

Television Interviews: Discussed findings and implications of diagnosing autism spectrum disorders and developmental disabilities in Hispanic children

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=a1dbc2ab-deb5-40e9-a2aa-d50d6d4d9f41> , October 2012

<http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=e1a6f4e7-ac3a-4fe6-a75e-394774cf4cc0> , October 2012

Press and Radio Interviews- Provided insight on gastrointestinal problems in children with autism spectrum disorders and developmental delays and shared findings related to diagnostic disparities of autism spectrum disorders and developmental disorders in Hispanic children.

UC Davis Health: <https://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/publish/news/newsroom/8522>

UC Davis MIND Institute: <http://youtu.be/INLr6UvCdLs>, November 2013

Estrella TV, Al Dia show: [http://youtu.be/\\_qkNP65fUB8](http://youtu.be/_qkNP65fUB8), November 2012

NPR, Science Friday in Spanish <http://sciencefriday.com/blogs/09/06/2012/-18-salud-publica-aromas-y-estrellas.html?interest=4&audience=3&series=24> , September 2012

NBC Latino <http://nbclatino.com/2012/08/28/study-more-hispanic-children-with-autism-remain-undiagnosed/> , August 2012

UC Davis MIND Institute

<http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/publish/news/mindinstitute/6903> , August 2012

1010 am – Live radio interview for “Hecho en CA”, August 2012

100.3 FM KBRG RECUERDO- Radio interview for "Tu Familia con Celina" Domingos 7:30 am, August 2012

Related media outlets: Findings and implications of autism spectrum disorders in Hispanic children, May 2011-September 2012

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/news/articles/2012/09/13/improved-developmental-screening-urged-for-hispanic-kids>

<http://blogs.kqed.org/stateofhealth/2012/08/31/hispanic-children-focus-of-new-study-on-developmental-delay-and-autism/>

<http://www.elmensajero.com/article/20120827/SALUD/120829229>

<http://www.laopinion.com/article/20120827/SALUD/120829229/-1/SALUD05>

<http://www2.esmas.com/salud/492715/ninos-hispanos-con-autismo-son-diagnosticados-mal/>

<http://www.enlaceglobal.com/salud/1147608-hispanos-con-autismo-son-mal-diagnosticados-la-opinion.html>

<http://www.eldiariony.com/article/20120827/SALUD/120829229/-1/undefined>

<http://noticias.latino.msn.com/eeuu/los-ni%C3%B1os-hispanos-con-autismo-no-son-diagnosticados-adecuadamente-seg%C3%BAAn-un-estudio>

<http://www.azcentral.com/lavoz/ent/articles/2012/08/27/20120827los-nios-hispanos-con-autismo-no-son-diagnosticados-adecuadamente-segn-un-estudio.html>

[http://www.laprensasa.com/25\\_hispanos/1722974\\_los-ninos-hispanos-con-autismo-no-son-diagnosticados-adecuadamente-segun-un-estudio.html](http://www.laprensasa.com/25_hispanos/1722974_los-ninos-hispanos-con-autismo-no-son-diagnosticados-adecuadamente-segun-un-estudio.html)  
[http://efe.vistasemanal.com/25\\_inmigracion-e-hispanos/1722974\\_los-ninos-hispanos-con-autismo-no-son-diagnosticados-adecuadamente-segun-un-estudio.html](http://efe.vistasemanal.com/25_inmigracion-e-hispanos/1722974_los-ninos-hispanos-con-autismo-no-son-diagnosticados-adecuadamente-segun-un-estudio.html)  
[http://www.elmensajero.com/article/20120930/IMPORT01/309309990&timediff=0?fb\\_action\\_ids=4691210559848&fb\\_action\\_types=og.likes&fb\\_aggregation\\_id=288381481237582#.UGh2V7ucwRo.gmail](http://www.elmensajero.com/article/20120930/IMPORT01/309309990&timediff=0?fb_action_ids=4691210559848&fb_action_types=og.likes&fb_aggregation_id=288381481237582#.UGh2V7ucwRo.gmail)  
<http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/health/2011/06/01/autism-rates-latinos-increases-experts-say-thats-good-news/>

Freelance Interview: Provided feedback on questions related to child nutrition and childhood obesity to a freelance writer for use in health and pediatric magazines, January 2008

Academic Advisor Search Committees: Served as Ex-officio member for two different search committees providing input on candidates for the position of UC Cooperative Extension Advisors representing the counties of Fresno and San Luis Obispo/Santa Barbara, 2013

Interviews for Latino health dissemination: Coordinated with University of California Davis, Public Affairs Office for press releases, and interviewed with a public relations consultant specializing in Latino health about findings on autism in Hispanics.

Spanish Radio Interview: Interviewed on the subject of toddler nutrition and childhood obesity for use in Spanish radio dissemination

- December 2008
- July 2007

## **SERVICE**

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### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Online Expert: Invited to be an expert for an online platform that provides the public with access to experts and an informal, accessible forum for scientific consensus about any number of topics, May 2018-present <http://metafact.io>

Reviewer: Served as a reviewer for the *Interpretive Guide to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) Evaluation Framework: Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Prevention Indicators*, February 2016

Reviewer: Served on a review panel for the SNAP-Ed/EFNEP Southern Regional Center of Excellence in Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (RNECE-South) Innovation Sub-award proposals. July 2015

Contributor/Evaluation Committee Member: Served on the SNAP-Ed Western region evaluation committee charged with development and refinement of the *Western Region SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework: Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Prevention Outcomes*



which has become recognized nationally as the Framework by which all SNAP-Ed programs are now encouraged to use for evaluation. February 2013-April 2014

#### AD HOC REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

- Appetite
- Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior
- Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition
- Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved
- World Journal of Pediatrics
- Maternal and Child Health Journal
- Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders
- Journal of Intellectual and Disability Research
- Disability and Health Journal
- Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
- Public Health Nutrition

Student Interview Committee: Served on a student interview committee to provide input on candidates for the position of Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor at the University of California, Davis, 2008

Reviewer: Served as a reviewer for research instruments developed in Spanish:

- Banna J, Townsend MS, Sylva K. Food Stamp Program Food Behavior Checklist for Spanish speakers. Public Health Institute, California Department of Health Services, 2007. (Spanish, 22 items reflecting Food Guide Pyramid guidelines; Visually enhanced food behavior checklist in 5-page booklet designed for clients with limited literacy skills).
- Banna J, Townsend MS, Vera LE, Fournery A, Perez M, Heredia C, Romero I, Grajales-Hall M, Davidson C, Leavens L. Administering the Food Stamp Program Food Behavior Checklist for Spanish speakers: Instruction Guide. Public Health Institute, California Department of Health Services, 2007.

Development of Classroom Exercise: Created case studies of toddler nutrition scenarios for use in university classroom exercise for discussion, March 2007

Editing: Served as an editor on a chapter of nutrition in toddlers for a California Food Guide resource created for health professionals, June 2006

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN (UNL) SERVICE

Co-founder, Women's Health Research Collaborative: Group connecting scholars from University of Nebraska campuses and Creighton University) (2019-present)

Member, Big Red Resilience and Well-being (BRRWB) Initiative, Well-being Collaborative Council, Physical Well-being Team: Invited to be a member of a team charged with developing a coordinated effort to enhance physical well-being and to develop a common framework that ensures curricular and co-curricular aspects of programming that appropriately complement one

another. This team will be responsible for coordinating calendaring, communication and assessment around physical well-being on our campus. Fall 2019-present.

Reviewer, Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GP-IDEA) Dietetics Program: Reviewed and scored student applications for selection of one student in the Dietetics program to compete in the Great Plains IDEA Student Excellence Award, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020

Participant, Peru State College IANR Campus Visit/Meeting: Invited to be a representative of NHS and UNL to explore potential opportunities for collaboration between the universities, February 2018. The meeting resulted in establishing a working relationship with a faculty member at Peru State College with expertise in Health Policy.

Facilitator, Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) Annual Conference, UNL: Facilitated round table discussion for attendees on the conference thematic topic of mental health and stigma. February 2018

Facilitator, Husker Dialogues: Served as a “Conversation Guide” for this event designed to use small group discussion to increase incoming students’ abilities to have meaningful conversations about diversity and inclusion. September 2016 and 2019

Co-facilitator, Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) Conversation Series, UNL: Co-facilitated, with Dr. Lorey Wheeler from Child, Youth and Family Studies, the first in the 2016-2017 conversation series (with colleague Dr. Lorey Wheeler from Child, Youth and Family Studies). Topic: Exploring ways to have meaningful community impact through research focusing on health disparities. August 2016

Panelist, Institute for International Teaching Assistants (ITA) Final Panel, UNL: Invited to serve as a faculty panelist to rate international students’ teaching ability in English after having received an intensive 2-week program. August 2016

Member, Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC): Invited to serve on the CIC representing UNL for the CIC Health Equity Initiative. The CIC is a consortium of top-tier research universities. The CIC Health Equity Initiative is a partnership between CIC and state health departments collaborating to eliminate health disparities through a 5-year project funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. January 2016-2017

Member, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Consortium (SBCRC) Faculty Advisory Board, UNL: Invited to be one of the ten faculty representatives representing four colleges and Nebraska Extension, meetings are approximately four times a year. December 2015-2018

Member, Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) Core Faculty, UNL: Invited to join core group of faculty representing UNL health disparities research. Activities include research and technical support; annual writer’s retreat; hosting dinner for visiting professors and participation in university and community outreach events. April 2015-present.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION and HUMAN SCIENCES (CEHS) SERVICE at UNL

Speaker, CHES Graduate video: Invited to speak in a short video to congratulate and send best wishes to all CEHS graduates. <https://mediahub.unl.edu/media/12918>

Member, Search Committee: Served as a team member in the search for Food, Nutrition and Health Extension Educator (faculty) position in Butler, Platte, Polk, Seward, and York Counties. Spring 2020

Panelist, CEHS Scholarly Enhancement Program (SEP): Invited to speak on a panel to current SEP fellows about advice for grant funding success at UNL. March 2020

Panelist, CEHS New Faculty Orientation: Invited to speak on a panel and share advice, impressions, tips, and suggestions for success at UNL. October 2019

Guest host: Invited to be a UNL Nutrition and Health Sciences (NHS) liaison through lunchtime discussion with a group of visiting Family and Consumer Science Teachers from Omaha Bryan High School. August 2019

Member, Diversity Committee: Developed and proposed new language to replace the Diversity and Inclusion statement for all CEHS syllabus. Committee also discussed next steps for proactive approach to addressing diversity in CEHS, such as faculty workshops on facilitating conversations around this topic and integration into curriculum. Spring 2017

Speaker, CEHS College Meeting, Short Presentation: Invited to speak 5-7 minutes to provide brief comments at the college faculty meeting that set the stage for discussions around extension/engagement/outreach. Highlighted benefits of working with extension faculty to collaborate on research. October 2016

Member, Search Committee: Served as a team member in the successful search of a Family Immigration and Migration Assistant Professor in the Department of Child, Youth and Families (CYAF) Studies. Fall 2015

#### DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION and HEALTH SCIENCES (NHS) SERVICE at UNL

Member, NHS Chair's Advisory Council: Elected to serve a 2-year term meeting on a monthly basis with various tasks and charges assigned such as conducting annual reviews for promoted faculty (associate level) and full promoted (full) for 3-year review and other departmental priorities and related business. August 2015-2017, August 2019-2021.

Member, Community Nutrition and Health Promotion (CNHP) Steering Committee: Invited to serve on a steering committee representing undergraduate and graduate course curriculum development in this area of specialization. Fall 2018-present.

Member, Academic Program Review (APR) Steering Committee: Invited to serve on a steering committee representing the Community Health and Wellness area of NHS, assisting the interim

department chair with self-study documentation preparation for the APR that took place Spring 2018.

Participant, “Better Together” Planning Committee: Invited to serve on a planning committee for a day-long “retreat” as a starting point in facilitating discussion among Nebraska immigrant and refugee community health workers, community organizations, and University of Nebraska educators and researchers. The goal is to develop new connections and ideas for meaningful collaboration to improve community health. This project was funded by the Rural Futures Institute of Nebraska and is a collaboration between UNL’s Nutrition and Health Sciences Department and UNMC College of Nursing. June 2017-2018.

Member, Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee: Invited to serve on NHS committee charged with representing NHS faculty vision and strategic planning agenda for the department. August 2016-present.

Member, Ad Hoc Community Nutrition Graduate Group Committee: Organized, scheduled, facilitated and kept meeting notes. April 2015-March 2016

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Lincoln chapter, 2019-present.
- Guest lecturer, Nebraska’s Department of Health and Human Services, Community Health Worker Training: *Provided guest lecture on diabetes and program resources for Community Health Workers.* September 2017.
- Key informant, Masters of Public Administration program at University of Nebraska, Omaha: *Served as a key informant for an interview on the topic of efficacy of formal training and certification requirements for Community Health Workers (CHW) for a graduate student conducting research for a capstone project.* April 2017
- Member, Community Health Worker Association (CHWA) Advisory Board: *Invited to serve on Nebraska’s CHWA.* 2015-present.
- Member, Community Nutrition Partner Council (CNPC): *Attend and participate in quarterly CNPC meetings hosted by UNL’s Extension Nutrition Education Program (NEP).* 2015-present.
- Participant, Community Health Worker (CHW) Stakeholder meeting: *Invited to take part in the first of a series of stakeholder meetings to discuss and mobilize the future of CHW workforce in Nebraska.* 2017-present.
- Panelist, Nebraska State Student Nurses Association, Nebraska State Student Nurse of the Year Award Competition at Bryan College of Health Sciences in Lincoln, NE, February 2017: *Invited to serve as a judge panelist to select a nursing student of the year.*
- Participant, Healthy Halloween Bash at the Malone Community Center, October 2016: *Assisted (along with doctoral student) El Centro de las Americas participation in health fair activities targeting Latino community.*
- Participant, Nebraska State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Meetings, March-July 2016: *Participated in 2 of the 4 meetings inviting the community to hear the latest State Health Assessment Findings and help select state health priorities for the next 5 years (2017-2021).*

- Collaborator, Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) and Buffalo County Community Partners project: *Collaborated with BHECN and BCCP on a report titled Behavioral Health in Central Nebraska, which outlines the behavioral health environment in NE and provides recommendations for building a Community Health Worker workforce focusing on behavioral health.*
- Participant, Healthy Halloween Bash at the Malone Community Center, October 2015: *Assisted UNL's Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) with dissemination of information and giveaways.*
- Facilitator, Community Health Worker Track, Session 3: Nebraska Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity, Minority Health Conference, Kearney, Nebraska, July 2015
- Participant, Back to School Jam at the Malone Community Center, August 2015: *Assisted UNL's Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) with 'Dunk the Doctor' activities and school supplies prize giveaways.*

Prior to joining UNL

- Clinica Tepati, non-profit student-run clinic associated with UC Davis School of Medicine providing free primary health care to the uninsured, 2009-2013.  
*Serve as an educator one Saturday per month for Spanish-speaking patients with diabetes covering topics related to nutrition and diabetes care*
- Diabetes prevention workshop, University of California, Davis, November 2011.  
*Provided a talk for a Latino fraternity on diabetes prevalence and prevention through healthy eating and physical activity*
- Puente Project Conference, University of California, Davis, November 2010. *Served as a career panelist where the goal of the workshop was for under-represented high school students to learn about career options in the field of health and medicine*
- La Raza Cultural Days, University of California, Davis, 2009, 2010.  
*Serve as an annual guest speaker for undergraduates on eating healthy, tips with cultural foods and provide healthy recipes with a cooking demonstration*
- Autism Outreach, MIND Institute, Sacramento, February 2010.  
*Assisted in miscellaneous tasks at Spanish outreach event*
- Autism Outreach, Madison Migrant Housing and Education Center, August 2010.  
*Disseminated autism awareness and resource information in Spanish*
- Neighborhood Watch Captain, 2007-2014.  
*Initiated and coordinate Neighborhood Watch meetings, regular email communication with neighbors and an annual National Night Out Barbeque*
- Rio Linda High School Parent Group member, 2008-2011.  
*Actively attended monthly parent meetings and participated in school events and activities*
- 'Sophomore Slump' class guest, University of California, Davis, 2008.  
*Served as guest on graduate student panel in class and participated in interviews by individual undergraduate students to answer questions about graduate school.*
- Summer research program for under-represented students, Berkeley, California, 2007.  
*Served on a panel of graduate students to share my experiences for promoting a career in science.*
- Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, Northern California Affiliate, 2007.  
*Volunteered in dissemination of information and services at health fairs targeting Latinos.*

- Children's Liturgy of the Word, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Escondido, California, 1997-2003. *Planned and implemented Sunday mass teaching for grade school children.*

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- Summer Institute for Online Training (SIOT), May 2020, a compact 2-week summer course offered to faculty anticipating conversion of in-person classes to remote classes in response to COVID-19 pandemic
- Emergency Preparedness Training, January 2020, a department training on campus emergency preparedness led by Emergency Management Director and Security Operations Captain.
- Substance Abuse Prevention one-day workshop, August 2019, presented by Dr. Jason Kilmer of U of Washington and hosted by NeDHHS, Division of Behavioral Health
- Messaging to Advance Health Equity in Public Policy, National Academy of Medicine webinar, June 2019
- Broader Impacts Partners Meet and Greet, Office of Research and Economic Development, April 2019
- Nebraska Healthy Kids Summit, May 2019
- Moving Forward After Failure Feedback: Secrets from Insiders, ARD and CEHS workshop, March 2018
- Leading Class Discussions, UNL Office of Graduate Studies, February 2019
- REACH Training, mental health awareness and suicide prevention workshop, hosted by UNL Big Red Resilience and Wellbeing, January 2019
- Teaching and Learning Symposium, UNL Innovation Campus, February 2018
- CEHS Graduate Committee workshop "Rights and Responsibilities for Graduate Students," February 16, 2018
- Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) Conference, February 2018
- Suicide prevention workshop "Question. Persuade. Refer," January 2018
- Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Symposium (SBSRC) Writing Group – Meet weekly (or as schedule allows) to focus some time on writing projects 2017-2018
- CEHS Graduate Committee various workshops, March 2017
- GP IDEA Clinical and Translation Research (CTR) Inaugural Annual Scientific Meeting, October 2017
- Peer Review Teaching Project, Academic year 2016-17
- CASNR, Learning How to Learn (luncheon) and Integrating Teamwork and Active Learning into the Classroom, presented by Dr. Barbara Oakley, November 2016
- Interdisciplinary Translational Science Retreat, Enhancing Lives through Interdisciplinary Translational Science: An opportunity for the social-behavioral-educational fields, UNL, September 2016
- Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) Writer's Retreat, May 2016
- "Write Winning Grant Proposals," UNL Workshop, March 2016
- Survival Skills, IANR Workshop, April 2016
- Communicating with the Public about Research, NURAMP Workshop, April 2016
- Teaching and Learning Symposium, UNL Innovation Campus, April 2016
- CEHS Scholastic Enhancement Program (SEP), 2015-2017

- U of N Rural Futures Institute (RFI) Annual Conference, October 2015
- UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) Road Scholars Tour, August 2015
- Nebraska Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity, Minority Health Conference, Kearney, Nebraska, July 2015
- Minority Health Disparities Initiative (MHDI) Writer's Retreat, May 2015
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Regional Seminar, Baltimore, Maryland, May 2015
- Minority Health Disparities Spring Retreat, Lincoln, Nebraska, April 2015
- Developing a Competitive NSF Career Application, UNL Whittier, April 2015
- Teaching and Learning Symposium, UNL Innovation Campus, February 2015

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- Public Health Association of Nebraska, 2015-present
- Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, 2013-present
- American Society for Nutrition, 2005-2019
- California Dietetic Association, 1999-2010
- American Dietetic Association, 1998- 2010