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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Vanderbilt University, expected May 2018

Dissertation: *Health and Migration Within and Across Borders: A Study of Mexican Internal Migrants and Return US Migrants*

Committee: Evelyn J. Patterson (chair), André C. Christie-Mizell, Katharine M. Donato, Stephanie DiPietro

M.A. in Sociology, Vanderbilt University, 2015

M.A. in Sociology, Texas A&M International University, 2012

B.A. in International Studies, *Cum Laude*, Universidad de Monterrey, 2008

FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

Public Scholars Fellowship, Vanderbilt's Curb Center for Art, Enterprise, and Public Policy, 2017-Present

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowship, 2012-2017

Vanderbilt Institute for Digital Learning Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2015-2016

Lamar Bruni Vergara Research Fellowship, Texas A&M International University, 2011-2012

Lamar Bruni Vergara Graduate Scholarship, Texas A&M International University, 2010-2011

Distinguished Student Award for Academic Excellence, Universidad de Monterrey, 2004; 2006

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Migration, medical sociology, demography, quantitative methodology

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

León-Pérez, Gabriela, Kenneth A. Wallston, Kathryn M. Goggins, Heidi M. Poppendeck, and Sunil Kripalani.

2016. "Effects of Stress, Health Competence, and Social Support on Depressive Symptoms After Cardiac Hospitalization." *Journal of Behavioral Medicine* 39:441-452.

Donato, Katharine M. and Gabriela León-Pérez. 2017. "Educación, Género, y Migración de Colombia y México a Estados Unidos." Pp. 179-202 in *Migración Internacional Patrones y Determinantes: Estudios Comparados Colombia-América Latina - Proyecto LAMP*, edited by M.G. Roa Martínez. Cali, Colombia: Universidad del Valle.

Non, Amy L., Gabriela León-Pérez, Holly Glass, Emma Kelly, and Nanibaa' A. Garrison. "Stress Across Generations: A Qualitative Study of Stress, Coping, and Caregiving Among Mexican Immigrant Mothers." Forthcoming in *Ethnicity and Health*.

Young, Maria-Elena, Gabriela León-Pérez, Christine R. Wells, and Steven P. Wallace. "Inclusive State Immigration Policies and Health Insurance among Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, Black, and White Noncitizens in the United States." Forthcoming in *Ethnicity and Health*.

Manuscripts Submitted and in Preparation

Donato, Katharine M., Gabriela León-Pérez, Kenneth A. Wallston, and Sunil Kripalani. "Something Old, Something New: When Gender Matters in the Relationship Between Social Support and Health." (Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*)

- Young, Maria-Elena, Gabriela León-Pérez, Christine R. Wells, and Steven P. Wallace. "More Inclusive States, Less Poverty Among Immigrants? An Examination of Poverty, Citizenship Stratification, and State Immigrant Policies." (Under Review at *Population Research and Policy Review*)
- León-Pérez, Gabriela. "Trends and Predictors of Skilled Migration from Mexico to the United States."
- León-Pérez, Gabriela and Evelyn J. Patterson. "Self-Rated Health among Legal Permanent Residents in the United States: Do Gender and Prior Legal Status Matter?"
- León-Pérez, Gabriela and Amy Non. "'We Practically Have No Family Time Together': Work and Parenting Stressors among Undocumented Mexican Mothers."
- Donato, Katharine D. and Gabriela León-Pérez. "How Gender Interacts with Education to Influence Migration from Colombia and Mexico."

Conference Presentations

- "Internal Migration and the Self-Rated Health of Indigenous Mexicans: A Longitudinal Study." Paper presented at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, 2017, Montreal, Canada.
- "A Life Course Approach to the Health of Mexican Return Migrants." Paper presented at the 111th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, 2016, Seattle, WA.
- "Self-Rated Health Trajectories of Legal US Immigrants: Does Prior Legal Status Matter?," with Evelyn J. Patterson. Paper presented at the 111th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, 2016, Seattle, WA.
- "Emotional Labor in Health Survey Research: Interviewing Sick Patients for a Wage." Paper presented at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, 2015, Chicago, IL.
- "Género, Educación, y Migración a los Estados Unidos. Una Comparación entre Colombia y México," with Katharine M. Donato. Paper presented at the conference Colombia en la Encrucijada: El Proyecto LAMP-Colombia Sobre Migración, 2015, Bogotá, Colombia.
- "A Study of Barriers to Health Care and Adaptations of a Border Community Population," with John C. Kilburn. Paper presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, 2012, New Orleans, LA.
- "Laredo, Texas: Crossing for Health Care Services," with John C. Kilburn, Fernando Quintana, Marcus A. Ynalvez, and Maria Romero-Ramirez. Paper presented at the McGill University Conference on Training and Retention of Health Professionals, 2012, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- "Crossing to Mexico for Health Care: Only for the Poor and Uninsured?" Paper presented at the 37th Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, 2011, Little Rock, AR.

Additional Research and Professional Experience

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University, 2012-Present

Duties: Perform research in several substantive areas including migration and health, mortality, and political sociology; also assist in quantitative analysis of data.

Research Assistant, *Explorations for Diversifying Engineering Faculty Initiative*, Department of Teaching & Learning, Vanderbilt University, 2017-Present

Duties: Quantitative data coding and analysis using SPSS and SAS, conduct literature reviews.

Research Assistant, *Hispanic Immigrant Project*, Vanderbilt University, 2014-2016

Duties: Conduct focus groups and interviews with immigrant women and children, qualitative data coding and analysis using NVivo, design and translation of questionnaires, supervise undergraduate research assistants.

Graduate Assistant, Texas A&M International University, 2011-2012

Duties: Coordinate the Lamar Bruni Vergara/Guillermo Benavides Z. Academic Conference; provide assistance to the Institutional Review Board.

Research Coordinator, *Laredo/Webb County Health and Workforce Needs Assessment*, 2011

Duties: Design and translate household and youth questionnaires, coordinate field interviewers, data management, quantitative data analysis.

Additional Training

- Certificate in Health Policy, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, Meharry Medical College, 2016
- Mellon Institute in Digital and Public Humanities for Early-Career Scholars, Vanderbilt University, 2015
- Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Institute:
 - Immigration, Immigrants and Health Conditions, Health Status, and Policies: Examining Multilevel and Multidimensional Models and Approaches, 2015
 - Longitudinal Analysis, Including Categorical Outcomes, 2014
- Summer Institute on Health, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, Meharry Medical College:
 - Cost-Effectiveness Analysis and Decision Making in Health Policy, 2015
 - Race, Ethnicity, and Health, 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University, 2012-present

Undergraduate courses: Contemporary Mexican Society; Criminology; First Year Writing Seminar: Mass Incarceration; Environment and Development.

Duties: Guest lectures, lead discussions, manage course blogs, grading.

Adjunct Instructor, Laredo Community College, 2011

Course: English as a Second Language (lecture and lab)

DISCIPLINE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Student Council Member, American Sociological Association International Migration Section, 2015-2016

President, Sociology Graduate Program, Vanderbilt University, 2015-2016

Vice President, Sociology Graduate Program, Vanderbilt University, 2014-2015

Graduate Student Council Representative, Vanderbilt University, 2014-2015

Graduate Recruitment Assistant, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University, 2014

Graduate Senator, Student Government Association, Texas A&M International University, 2012

Committee Member, Lamar Bruni Vergara/Guillermo Benavides Z. Academic Conference,
Texas A&M International University, 2011-2012

Vice President, Alpha Kappa Delta, Texas A&M International University, 2011-2012