

## Maria A. Gurrola

### Education

Ph, D. 2009 Arizona State University.

Dissertation: *Family asset building in Transnational Mexican Communities in Arizona*

MSW, 2005 Arizona State University.

Thesis: *Recent immigrant mothers' acculturation level and their perceptions of their children's school performance in a Southwestern urban area.*

Master in Human Relations. 2000. The University of Oklahoma.

Bachelor in Social Work. 1998. Arizona State University.

Associates of Arts. 1998. Estrella Mountain Community College.

Private Accountant Degree. 1989. Colegio Motolinia. Zacatecas, México.

### Academic Positions

August 2012 – present: Associate Professor, School of Social Work  
New Mexico State University

August 2009 – May 2012: Assistant Professor, School of Social Work,  
California State University Long Beach

September 2007 – May 2009: Instructor, School of Social Work Arizona State  
University

### Teaching Interests

- Social policy and social justice
- Asset building and economic environment in minority populations
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- Community Practice
- Diversity and oppression

## Teaching Experience

ASU Diversity and Oppression (SWG-533)	Fall 2006
ASU Research Methods (SWU-320)	Fall 2007, Spring 2008
ASU Research Methods (SWG-520)	Spring 2009
<b>California State University Long Beach</b>	
SW 330 Human behavior and the social environment: Birth through adolescence	Fall 2009, 2011,
SW331 Human behavior and the social environment: Early adulthood through completion of the life cycle	Spring 2010, 2012
SW503A Human behavior and environment in multicultural perspectives: Focus on prenatal through adolescence	Fall 2009, Fall 2010
SW503B Human behavior and the environment in multicultural perspectives: Focus on young adulthood through old age	Spring 2010
SW698A Thesis/Project I	Fall 2009, 2010, 2011
SW699A Thesis/Project II	Spring 2010, 2011, 2012
SW660 Direct intervention with groups: Focus on children, youth and families	Summer 2010
SW661 Direct intervention with groups: Focus on older adults and families	Fall 2010
SW592 Community Projects	Spring 2011, 2012
SW693 Community Projects II	Fall 2011
<b>New Mexico State University</b>	
SWK 311 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	Fall 2012(1), 2013(2)
SWK 312 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	Spring 2013(1), 2014(2)

## Research Interests

- The impact of globalization in health, particularly on the family environment and migration.
- Migration policy and its effects on family's health in México and in the U.S.
- Family separation by international borders and gender relations within the family and social environment.
- Assets building behaviors in minority populations.
- Mixed method analysis.

## Publications

Atchinson, A.B., Murphy, L. M., Gurrola, M., Lee, C. D., & Simon, S. R. (In press). Academic Mentoring of Social Work Faculty: A Group Experience with a Feminist Influence. We are all in the same boat: Proceedings of the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on Social Work with Groups, London: Whiting and Birch.

**Gurrola, M., Moya-Salas, L., & Ayon, C.** (In press). Mexican adolescents' education and hopes in an anti-immigrant environment: The perspectives of first and second generation youth and parents. *Journal of Family Issues*.

Moya-Salas, L., Ayon C., & **Gurrola, M.** (In Press). Trauma and mental health in Latino communities due to immigration raids. *Journal of Community Psychology*.

Ayon, C., **Gurrola, M.**, & Moya-Salas, L., Androff, D., Krysik, J. (2012). Intended and unintended consequences of employer sanction laws on Latino families. *Qualitative Social Work*, 11(6), 587-603.

Ayon, C., Krysik, J., Gerdes, K., Androff, D., Becerra, D., **Gurrola, M.**, & Moya-Salas, L., Segal, E., (2011). The mental health status of Latino children in the public child welfare system: A look at the role of generation and origin. *Child & Family Social Work*, 16, 369-379.

Androff, D., Ayón, C., Becerra, D., **Gurrola, M.**, Salas, L., Krysik, J., Gerdes, K., & Segal, E. (2011). US immigration policy and immigrant children's well-being: The impact of policy shifts. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 38, 77-98.

Becerra, D., **Gurrola, M.**, Ayon, C., Androff, D., Krysik, J., Gerdes, K., Moya-Salas, L., & Segal, E. (2010). Poverty and other factors affecting migration intentions among adolescents in México. *Journal of Poverty*, 14, 1-16.

Marsiglia, F. F., Nieri, T., Valdez, E., **Gurrola, M.**, Marrs, C. (2009). History of violence as a predictor of HIV risk among multi-ethnic, urban youth in the Southwest. *Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services*, 9 (2), 144-165.

### **Book Chapter Submission**

Becerra, D., Ayon, C., Gurrola, M., Androff, D., Segal, E. (In press). Immigrants. The new reality of poverty: Populations at-risk in the United States. Pearson/Allyn & Bacon.

### **Manuscript submission**

Gurrola, M., Becerra, D., & Wagaman, M.A. The relationship between low socioeconomic status and perceived discrimination on mental health issues in Latino children. *Journal of Children and Poverty*.

Gurrola, M. Research on asset building in transnational communities through women's voices. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*.

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

Gurrola, M. Critical analysis of group work with Hispanics.

Gurrola, M. Gender violence in Mexican women.

Gurrola, M. Hispanics struggling for service equity in an anti-immigrant and antagonist environment.

Gurrola, M. & Ayon, C. Influences of immigration policy tightening on California Latino Residents.

Abarca, C. & Gurrola, M. Farmer to Farmer.

De la Rosa, I. & Gurrola, M. IVP and resiliency in Hispanic women.

### **Conference Presentations**

Gurrola, M. & Harris, R. (2013). The great conversation. Presented in the International Association for Social Work with Groups, Inc. (IASWG). Revitalizing our heritage: A bridge to the future. The XXXV Annual International Symposium, Boston, MA.

Gurrola, M. & Ayon, C. (2013). Influences of immigration policy tightening on California Latino Residents. Presented in the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Social Work for a Just Society: Making Visible the Stake and Stakeholders. San Diego, CA

Gurrola, M. (2012). Border realities and Hispanic communities. Presented at the National Science Hispanic Network on Drug Abuse (NSHN) 12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference. Bridging the Gap in Behavioral Health Services for Latinos. San Diego, CA

Gurrola, M. & Becerra, D. (2012). The relationship between low socioeconomic status and perceived discrimination on mental health issues in Latino children. Presented at Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Research that makes a difference: Advancing practice and shaping public policy. Washington, DC.

Moya-Salas, L., Gurrola, M. & Ayon C. (2012). Estamos traumatados: The impact of anti-immigrant sentiment and policies on the mental health of Mexican immigrant families. Presented at Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Research that makes a difference: Advancing practice and shaping public policy. Washington, DC.

Gurrola, M. (2011). Hispanics struggling for service equity in an anti-immigrant and antagonist environment. Poster presented at *Pathways Toward Health Equities in Hispanic Populations*. 11th Annual NHSN Conference. Miami, FL.

- Gurrola, M. (2011). Hispanics and group work. Paper presented at The Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc. International Symposia. Long Beach, California.
- Atchinson, A., Gurrola, M., Lee, C. D., Murphy, L. M., & Simon, S. R., (2011). Academic mentoring of social work faculty: A group experience with a feminist influence. Paper presented at The Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc. International Symposia. Long Beach, California.
- Gurrola, M., Moya-Salas, L. & Ayon, C. (2011) Ethics and education in Latino children. Paper presented at the National Association for Ethnic Studies, Inc., 2011 Conference. The New Racism: Illusion of Equality and the Assault on Ethnic Studies. Claremont, California.
- Gurrola, M., Ayon, C., & Androff, D.K. (2011) Intended and unintended consequences of employer sanction laws on Latino Families. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Tampa, Florida.
- Becerra, D., Gurrola, M., & Castillo, J. (2010). Perceived discrimination and fear of deportation among Latino immigrants in the U.S. Poster presented at the 138<sup>th</sup> APHA Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.
- Gurrola, M. (2010). Striving and getting by in a consumerist economy. Presented at the 2010 SJSU Immigration conference. Immigration and social policy: The changing of America. San Jose, California.
- Gurrola, M. (2009). *Mexican Families' Migration and Asset Building in Mexico and the U.S.* Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Denver, Colorado.
- Ortiz de Valdez, E., Gurrola, M., Bay, C. (2008) *Resiliency and Hope. HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention among youth and young adults.* Poster presented at the 2008 National HCH Conference and Policy Symposium. Striving for inclusion, health care, housing and rights for all. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Gurrola, M. (2008) *Asset Building in a Transnational Community.* Paper presented at The Fifth Annual West Coast Nonprofit Data Conference. Tempe, Arizona.
- Gurrola M. (2007). *Mexico/United States Cyclical Migration, Family and Social Implications.* National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN). Poster presented at the Seventh Annual International Conference. Drug Use & Adaptation to Rapidly Changing Environments. Miami Beach, Florida.
- Marsiglia, F. F., Garcia-Perez, H., Ortiz de Valdez, E., Gurrola, M. (2007). "*Exposure to violence and associated health-risk behaviors among adolescent and young adults.*" Poster presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual SIRC Research Conference. Drug

abuse prevention and treatment: Intersections of gender and ethnicity. Phoenix, Arizona.

Marsiglia, F. F., Ortiz de Valdez, E., Gurrola, M., Nieri, T. (2007). *Violence as a predictor of HIV risk in two indicated samples of multi-ethnic, urban youth in the Southwest*. Paper presented at The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS “There’s change in the air – future challenges for HIV/AIDS Social Work.” Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Rimza, M., Bailey, K., Becerra, D., FitzHarris, B., Gurrola, M., Parsai, M., & Shahan, K. (2006) *Cesarean Section Rates: Teaching vs. Non-Teaching Hospitals*. Paper presented at the 12th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.

Marsiglia, F. F., Ortiz de Valdez, E., Gurrola, M., (2006). *Transdisciplinary HIV and Drug Use Prevention in the Borderlands: A Community Agency/University Research Partnership*. Paper presented at the National Hispanic Science Network, Scottsdale, Arizona

Marsiglia, F. F., Ortiz de Valdez, E., Nieri, T., Gurrola, M. (2006). *History of Violence and HIV Risk among Two Indicated Youth Populations*. Poster presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual SIRC Research Conference. Transcending Boundaries in Drug Abuse Research: Cross-Cultural Generalizability. Tempe, Arizona.

### **Invited presentations**

Gurrola, M. (2013). Co-occurring disorders in Latino families adjusting to a changing environment: Substance use and other mental health issues. Vulnerability Issues in Drug Abuse (VIDA). UTEP, El Paso, TX

Bustamantes, D., Carmona, V. L., & Gurrola, M. (2012). Intergenerational trauma. Las Cruces, NM.

Gurrola, M. (2012). Latinos wellbeing and community connections. California State University Long Beach. Long Beach, CA

Jennings, L. & Gurrola, M. (2011). Student’s worries and difficulties while working with a diverse elderly population. Los Angeles, CA

Gurrola, M. (2009). Group work with immigrants. Presented at The Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups (AASWG’s) Southern California Chapter. Long Beach, CA

## Grants

- College's Mini Grant Award, NMSU. \$5,000.00 (2013)
- National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse conference travel grant. Air Fare, hotel, estimated \$1,000.00 (August, 2011, September 2012).
- Partners for Success Stipend \$2,500.00 (2011).
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- College's Block Grant Award CSULB. \$5,000.00 (2010).
- El Primer Taller Sobre Migración y Desarrollo Orientado a la Formación de Jóvenes Investigadores y Docentes workshop grant estimated \$2,000.00 (May 2008).
- National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse conference travel grant. Air Fare, hotel, estimated \$1,500.00 (September, 2007).
- National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse training and travel grant. Air Fare, hotel, and \$500.00 stipend, estimated \$2,000.00 (May, 2007).
- Graduate College travel grant. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Albuquerque, NM. \$800.00 (2007).
- Graduate College travel grant. 12th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Conference. Atlanta, Georgia. \$800.00 (2006).
- Hispanic Leadership Institute workshop grant. \$1,200.00 (2004).
- Air Force Spouse grant. Partial tuition for graduate tuition at Oklahoma University, \$250.00 X 6 (1998-2000).
- Air Force Aid Society Grant. One year tuition at ASU (1997).
- MECHA grant. Community College grant. \$100.00 (1996).

## Research

### **Substance use and mental health issues through community gardens (PI)**

The purpose of this study is to explore the disconnection among seniors and adolescents in New Mexico border communities by looking at the relationship of substance use and mental health issues through a community garden.

### **Farmer to farmer. (Co-PI)**

This study is looking at the historical, educational, and training value of the work done by American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in New Mexico. AFSC provides training to promote economic stability and sustainable farming for low income people in NM.

### **Spirituality and resilience among Mexican and Mexican American women involved in Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). (Co-PI)**

The purpose of this study is to explore the understanding of spirituality and resiliency when looking at the culture of Mexican and Mexican American women when being involved in IPV.

### **Anti-immigrant sentiment and the effects on aspirations of Latino families and their children's future (PI May, 2010 – present)**

The purpose of this study is to explore the effects of current immigration legislation and anti-immigrant sentiments on the daily functioning and future aspirations of Latino families and their children in the Long Beach area.

**Southwest Collaborative on Immigration Inequality and Poverty (SCIIP)**

Founding member

Current Faculty Associate

SCIIP unites researchers from various universities in the U.S. and Mexico to conduct research on issues regarding migration, immigration, inequality, and poverty.

**Current SCIIP projects:**

**The Impacts of Poverty on Migration Intentions Among Adolescents in Mexico (May 2008 – 2011)**

**PI – David Becerra, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado**

**CoPI – Maria Gurrola, California State University, Long Beach, California.**

**Immigration raids and the effects in community's residents (Nov 2008 – Present).**

**PI – Lorraine Moya-Salas,**

**CoPI - Maria Gurrola, California State University, Long Beach, California.**

**Research Experience**

**Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy, ASU, 2008-2009**

Family reunification services after children have been removed due to substance abuse. Conducted phone interviews regarding to assess the program success.

**Concilio Latino de Salud, 2006- 2009**

HIV and substance abuse. Analyzed data in a 5 year SAMHSA grant. Participated in writing annual evaluations and future goals.

**HIV/Aids Project, Concilio Latino de Salud. SIRC ASU August 2005**

**May 2007**

➤ *Analyzing data and manuscript development.*

Assisted with the data analysis and writing of one manuscripts. The objective of these projects was to obtain translational data research involving HIV/AIDS that can be utilized by the university and the community.

➤ *Maintain university and community collaboration.*

Coordinated with a community agency to adapt and implement an acculturation questionnaire, assisted with data gathering and data entry.



**Substance abuse evaluation. SIRC ASU 2007**

Analyzed data from pre and post test. This data was collected by an agency program, examining adolescent attitudes towards substance use.

**Latino Acculturation Health Project SIRC ASU 2006**

Analyzed data and writing for a project in collaboration between ASU and the University of North Carolina. The primary goal of the research was to measure acculturation stress and depression, also participated in manuscript writing.

**Practice Experience**

**Concilio Latino de Salud, Phoenix, AZ 2007- 2009**

Supervised prevention specialists in the jail and community settings.

**Valle del Sol Inc. Phoenix, AZ 2005-2007**

Performed psychological assessments as a contractor, mainly with Spanish speaking clients.

**Valle del Sol Inc. Phoenix, AZ 2002-2005**

Counselor II. As a counselor, performed 4-5 assessment weekly, and had 30-35 counseling behavioral clients, the majority who were bilingual or Spanish speaking clients

**National Autistic Society. Middlefield Manor. Suffolk, England. 1998-2001**

Supervised and provided assistance in daily activities to adult autistic clients in a residential setting. The clients displayed challenging, self injurious and violent behavior towards themselves and others. Monitored and recorded daily assessments of client's diet, physical fitness, and behavior to ensure good health and prevent or reduce injuries to self and others.

**Training**

Mixed methods

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) January 2011

El Primer Taller Sobre Migración y Desarrollo Orientado a la Formación de Jóvenes Investigadores y Docentes. Tijuana, B. C., México, 2008

National Hispanic Science Network, summer research institute. Houston, Texas, June, 2007.

Constructing Grounded Theory: An introduction

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) January 2007

Hispanic Leadership Institute-West  
Avondale, Arizona, September – December 2004.

**Service NMSU**

**University, College, School, & Community Service**

*University*

Committee member of GECCC

*College*

Dean of research search

*School*

Bachelor committee

Faculty Affairs

Tenure and Promotion

MSW Comprehensive Final Exam

*Community Service*

Board member of Colonias Development Council (CDC)

Community of Hope

**Service CSULB**

**University, College, & School Service**

*University*

VET Net Ally (2010)

Partners for Success (Mentoring Program) (2010, 2011)

AB 540 Ally (2009)

*School*

Research sequence committee (2009)

Practice Sequence Committee (2009)

Human Behavior Committee (2009)

Faculty advisor for the Latino Students Social Work Network (LSSWN) (2010)

**Professional Service**

IAASWG Board member 2012 present

Co-Chair for the AASWG international conference in Long Beach 2011

Reflection Journal board member (2010, 2011)

AASWG abstract reviewer (2011, 2013)  
Society for Social Work and Research abstract reviewer (2010, 2011, 2012)  
Journal of Substance Abuse reviewer (2010)  
Journal of International Migration reviewer (2010)

### **Professional Development**

Winter Institute for Teaching and Learning, January 2011  
RTP training. The Academic Portfolio, January 2011  
Winter Writing Institute, CSULB January 2011  
VET Net Ally, CSULB September 2010  
Summer Writing Institute, CSULB June 2010  
AB 540 Ally, CSU Long Beach (2009)  
Professional Mentoring Group (2009)  
Human Subjects Protection Research Training (2009)  
Latino Cultural Competency scholar, Arizona State University (2009)  
Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Arizona State University (2007-2008)

### **Professional Memberships**

National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN)  
Society of Social Work Research (SSWR)  
International Association of Social Work with Groups (IASWG)  
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

### **Language**

Spanish (fluent)