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College of Health and Human Services

2014 Faculty Research Profiles

Dear Friends and Colleagues,



The College of Health and Human Services is proud to present the 2014 edition of its Faculty Research Profiles. These profiles serve as an important resource in bringing increased awareness of the research expertise our faculty within each of our academic departments, centers and institutes possess. We envision that the 2014 Faculty Research Profiles will serve as a bridge to exploring new collaborations and partnerships, and will serve as a helpful resource in addressing the critical health and human services issues in the region. While each of our departments, centers and institutes are unique and distinctive, we all share one common commitment to Live Well Central California.

Sincerely,

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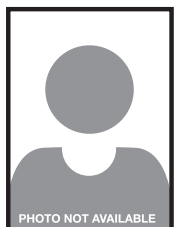
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Degrees Held:

- Ph.D. Health Promotion and Wellness, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions
- M.A. Physical Education, California State University, Fresno
- B.A. Special Major - Exercise Science, California State University, Fresno

Research Interests

- Physical activity for the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases
- Prevention and physical rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injury
- Clinical exercise physiology



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- Ph.D. La Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon
- M.S.W. California State University, Long Beach
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Research Interests:

- Health disparities
- Mental health



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Degrees Held:

- Ph.D. Research Methodologies, University of North Dakota
- M.A. Sociology, University of North Dakota
- B.A. Sociology, University of North Dakota

Research Interests:

- Racial relations
- Social determinants of health
- Health disparity
- Evaluation
- Community needs assessment



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- M.A. Recreation Administration: Special Populations, California State University, Chico
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Research Interests:

- Leadership
- Technology
- Deaf studies
- Sign language interpreting
- Mentoring
- Online education



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Research Interests:

- Inequity in health and well-being
- Place, race/ethnicity, and public policy
- Financing public health and personal health: local, county, and state infrastructure
- Universal, sustainable, and efficient national health policies
- Eldercare policies and programs
- Adolescent development, teen pregnancy prevention, substance abuse prevention



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Research Interests:

- Pediatric audiology
- Cochlear implants



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- M.S. International Relations-Development Studies,
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- B.A. English Literature, Reed College, Portland, Oregon

Research Interests:

- Multiculturalism and cultural diversity in global social work education
- Migration
- Addiction and harm reduction
- LGBTQ issues in social work
- Social memory, conflict and reconciliation



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- M.A. Exercise Science, California State University, Fresno
- B.A. Special Major: Biology/Physical Ed & Human Performance,
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Research Interests:

- Fitness and wellness
- Applied exercise science: sport specific



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- M.A. Adult Education, East Carolina University
- B.A. Psychology, East Carolina University

Research Interests:

- Language development of deaf children
- Social development of deaf children
- Literacy development of deaf children
- ASL/English bilingual education
- Sign language interpreting



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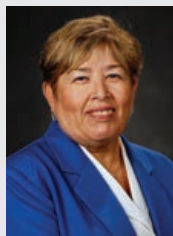
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- M.P.A. California State University, Fresno
- B.A. Religion, Azusa Pacific College (University)

Research Interests:

- Elders with lifelong and acquired disabilities
- Grandparents raising their grandchildren
- Elder stories: aging matters
- Elders in the LGBT community



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Research Interests:

- Increasing the diversity of healthcare professionals in California
- Impact of transitional to practice programs for new graduates
- Increasing the number of minority nurse leaders in California



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- Masters in Transforming Spirituality, Seattle University
- M.S.W. San Diego State University
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Research Interests:

- Mental health issues within the Deaf and hard of hearing communities including related hearing family members
- Shame and resiliency among segments of the Deaf community
- Social Work and Spirituality
- Social connectedness and empowerment



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Research Interests:

- Grant writing and development
- Project and program development
- Evaluation
- Sustainability
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- M.A. Exercise Physiology, California State University, Fresno
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Research Interests:

- Development of teaching pedagogies
- Utilizing standardized patients in schools of nursing
- Transition from student nurse to registered nurse
- The implementation of active/learner centered methodologies
- Holistic approach to care of the diabetic patient



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Degrees Held:

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Research Interests:

- Collaborative leadership
- Service learning
- Research methods



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Research Interests:

- Child welfare/foster care
- Aging/adult protective services
- Organizational change



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- Child Welfare
- Administration and organizational change



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Research Interests:

- Adult speech and language disorders



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- M.A. Human Kinetics - University of Ottawa
- Bachelor of Education - Physical Education, University of Ottawa
- Bachelor of Physical Education - (Honors) University of Ottawa

Research Interests:

- Applied sport psychology intervention
- Sport psychology with high school athletes
- Stress and coping
- Sport psychology curriculum development



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Research Interests:

- Healthcare simulation
- Interprofessional simulation
- Performance assessment/evaluation



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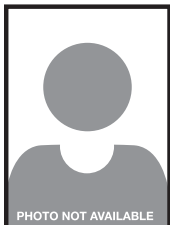
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- M.A. Human Kinetics, University of Ottawa
- B.P.E (Honors), University of Ottawa

Research Interests:

- Talent development
- Youth sports
- High performance sport
- Sport coaching



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- Credentialed School Nurse, California State University, Fresno

Research Interests:

- Adolescent diabetes
- Cultural diversity in healthcare
- Minorities and higher education



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Research Interests:

- Coach effectiveness
- Performance enhancement
- Stress management



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- M.S.W. Our Lady of the Lake University
- B.A. Social Welfare and Psychology, Texas Tech University

Research Interests:

- Education
- Drugs and alcohol
- Program evaluation
- Developmental disabilities



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- B.S. Physical Therapy, California State University, Fresno

Research Interests:

- Language and cultural barriers in health care, emphasis on physical therapy
- Isokinetic norms for the upper extremity
- Inter-professional, international and student/faculty collaboration for public health initiatives



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Research Interests:

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- Fluids and Hydration
- Exercise & Sport Nutrition
- Aging



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- Sc.D. Maternal and Child Health, Johns Hopkins University
- Graduate Certificate Infant-Parent Mental Health, University of Massachusetts, Boston
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Research Interests:

- Effects of infant-caregiver relationships on infant mental health
- Effects of parenting styles and sensory profiles on children's mental health
- Developing community systems of care for children birth to three



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- M.P.E. Athletic Administration, Idaho State University
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Research Interests:

- Human growth and motor development
- Dynamic systems theory
- Human performance and skill acquisition
- Developmental constraints
- Lifespan motor development
- Elementary physical education



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- Dr. P.H. Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley
- M.S.P.H. Health Administration, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- B.S. Conservation of Natural Resources, University of California, Berkeley

Research Interests:

- American Indians and cancer management
- Community health workers (Promotores)
- Improving health services delivery to underserved populations
- Health disparities
- Women's health



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- Ph.D. (joint degree) Exposure Sciences, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
- M.S. Food and Biotechnology, Yonsei University, Korea
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- B.S. Food and Biotechnology, Yonsei University, Korea

Research Interests:

- Exposure assessment to air pollutants
- Maternal and children's exposure assessment
- Real-time measurement of pollutants and time-location data
- Asthmatic children's study



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- Ph.D. Social Work, Washington University
- M.S.W. Social Work, Washington University
- B.S.W. Social Work, Kathmandu University

Research Interests:

- Social development, poverty, institutions, the “middle class”
- Geo-spatial mapping (GIS) — mapping poverty, health and social disparities
- Indigenous peoples and self-governance
- Equanimity, universality and diversity



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- Master of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Oregon
- M.A. Recreation and Park Administration, California State University, Chico
- B.A. Geography-Community & Regional Planning, California State University, Chico

Research Interests:

- Tourism and recreation impacts (economic, social, cultural and environmental) on local communities.
- Survey research
- Sustainability, Livable Cities and Well Being
- Management of recreation services
- Recreation in isolated environments (islands and the Arctic)
- Social Capital, Livability and Well Being



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- Ph.D. Michigan State University
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Research Interests:

- Psychology of sport injury
- Performance psychology in sport and exercise
- Children and adolescents in sport and exercise
- Physical education pedagogy



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- M.S.W. Social Work, California State University, Fresno
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Research Interests:

- Collaboration
- Juvenile justice
- Higher education leadership and service learning
- Mentoring
- LGBTQ elder care



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- Autism
- Augmentative and alternative communication
- Literacy acquisition



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Research Interests:

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- Water safety
- Elementary physical education



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- Mentoring
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- Sport art law
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Research Interests:

- Palliative care
- End of life care and the mentally challenged
- Spirituality and nursing care
- Curriculum development



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- Health care disparities and access to care
- Elder abuse
- Program evaluation



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Research Interests:

- Social welfare policy
- Human services organizations
- Quantitative research methods
- Child welfare policy and practice
- Central California human services issues



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- Prevention and treatment of shoulder injuries
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- B.A. Physical Education, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez

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- Exercise efficiency and its association to the surface EMG power spectrum
- Exercise-induced fatigue and changes to the surface EMG power spectrum
- Power-velocity relationships of intact human skeletal muscle during cycle ergometry
- Physiological demands and responses of crossfit performance



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- M.A. Therapeutic Recreation, Central Michigan University
- B.A. Communication, Michigan State University

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- Inclusive recreation
- Youth development
- Pedagogy
- Accessible tourism



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- M.A. Educational Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana
- B.A. Mathematics and Computers, Antioch College

Research Interests:

- Parent education
- Education of deaf and hard of hearing children
- Fundraising and development



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- HIV/AIDS
- Palliative Care
- Community/Public Health
- Hospice Nursing



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- M.S. Health Education, Penn State
- B.A. Research in Mental Health, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Research Interests:

- Global health
- Adolescent health
- Cultural competence
- Health literacy



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Research Interests:

- International health
- Alternative medicine and holistic health
- Hispanic health
- Hmong health



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- Ph.D. Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- M.A. Speech-Language Pathology, California State University, Fresno
- B.A. Communicative Disorders and Deaf Studies, California State University, Fresno

Research Interests:

- Efficacy of speech therapy with deaf and hard of hearing individuals
- Treatment for individuals with traumatic brain injury
- Assessment and treatment of voice disorders



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- M.S.S. Economics, University of Dhaka
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Research Interests:

- Health economics
- Economic evaluation and cost effectiveness analysis
- Tele-health and telemedicine



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Research Interests:

- Eating disorders and school age children
- Rural health and health disparities
- Cultural diversity in health care



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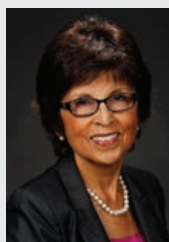
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Research Interests:

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Research Interests:

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- Aging
- Stroke rehabilitation
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- Concussion
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- Alcohol among college students
- Impact of religion on health outcomes

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