

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- August 2008 **Ph.D.**, Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work,
University of Texas at Arlington: Arlington, Texas.
Universidad de Autónoma de Nuevo León (Monterrey,
Nuevo León, México) *Bi-National Ph.D. Social Work
Program: Doctoral Specialization in International
Comparative Social Welfare Policy*
Dissertation: Mental Health Care Barriers in the Latino
Community. **Chair:** Cathleen Jordan, **Committee:**
Norman Cobb, Randall Basham, Dr. Guillermo Zúñiga,
Dra. Guillermina Garza.
- 1999-2003 **M.S.W.**, Master of Social Work, Concentrations in
Children, Families, & Youth & School Social Work
(PPSC) California State University, Long Beach: Long
Beach, California. **Thesis:** The Impact of Solution-
Focused Supervision on Social Workers. Chair: Jeffrey
Koob, **Committee:** Molly Ranney, and Jillian Jimenez
- 1995-1997 **B.A.**, Bachelor of Arts, Major in Psychology. California
State University, Long Beach: Long Beach, California.
- 1992-1995 **A.A.**, Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts, Fresno City College
California: Fresno, California.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- 2013-Present Fresno State Social Work Department. Associate Professor:
Graduate practice courses.
- 2008- 2013 University of Texas-Pan American, Social Work
Department, Edinburg, Texas. Assistant Professor: Taught
graduate & undergraduate courses: *Advanced Family
Practice I; Advanced Field Practicum I & II; Human
Behavior in the Social Environment (ONLINE); Latino
Mental Health; Mexican-American Mental Health
(DEVELOPED COURSE); Field Practicum I & II;
Generalist Social Work Practice I. Have knowledge in
curriculum development in preparation for CSWE
accreditation reaffirmation.*
- Spring 2008 University of Texas at Arlington, Graduate Teaching
Assistant, Arlington, Texas. Taught: *Introduction to
Social Work (SW3304).*

- Fall 2007 University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas.
Graduate Teaching Assistant. Taught: *Introduction to Social Work (SW3304)*. *Co-Facilitated Advanced Micro-Practice (MSW course: SOCW6325)*:
- 2006-2007 University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas.
Graduate Research Assistant. Provided training and instruction to master level social work students regarding culturally competent practice with Latino children and families. Inserted date and created SPSS data shells.

PUBLICATIONS

- Barrera, I.,** Schulz, C. H., Rodriguez, S. A., Gonzalez, C. J., & Acosta, C. A. (2013). *Mexican-American Perceptions of the Causes of Mental Distress*. *Social Work in Mental Health*, 11:3, 223-248.
- Barrera, I.** Gonzalez, J., & Jordan, C. (2013). *Perceptions of Mental Illness amongst Mexican-Americans in the RGV*, *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 22:1, 1-16.
- Barrera, I.** (2012). *A Micro Systems Examination of Barriers to Mental Health Care for Latinos*. In Acevedo, J. Trujillo, M., & M. Lopez. (Eds.). *Problematica de los grupos vulnerables: visiones de la realidad TOMO III (pp. 133-147)*. Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico: Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila-CGEPI.
- Barrera, I.** & Jordan, C. (2011). *Potentially Harmful Practices: using the DSM With People of Color*, *Social Work in Mental Health*, 9:4, 272-286
- Catheleen Jordan, Ski Hunter, Vikki Vandiver, **Iran Barrera**, & Joan Rycraft.
Assessing families who are multistressed. Chapter 9 in Clinical assessment for social workers: Qualitative and quantitative methods. Chicago: Lyceum. 3rd edition (2011).
- Cabello, M., **Barrera, I.,** (2010). *Del estrés al desapego...una alerta a las instituciones de salud. Nuevas enfermedades mentales y Salud pública*. De la fundamentación teórica a la contingencia de la enfermedades mentales y Salud pública. Toluca, México: Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México.
- Barrera, I.** (2009). *Salud mental en Nuevo León: retos y desafíos de la sociedad Industrial (Nº 2)*. Coahuila, México: Universidad autónoma de Coahuila, Facultad de Trabajo Social. *Convergencia*, 45-53.
- Barrera, I.** (2009). *Mental Health in Older Latinos Teaching Module*. Council on Social

Work Education-Gero Ed Center.

<http://www.cswe.org/CentersInitiatives/GeroEdCenter/Programs/MAC/GIG/Arlington/37748.aspx>

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Barrera, I. *Latino Mental Health Care Utilization: A vital examination of variables.*

Gonzalez, J., **Barrera, I.**, Applewhite, S. *Older Mexican Americans: Pathways to Mental Health Service Use Characteristics and Behaviors of Older Mexican Americans Successful use of Mental Health Services.*

Barrera, I. *The relationship between depression and diabetes in Mexican-Americans.*

Barrera, I. *Assessing mental health literacy in Mexican-Americans along the U.S./Mexico border.*

FUNDED RESEARCH

2012

Co-Principal Investigator

Awarded \$5,000 for research titled: *Determinants and perceptions of quality of life with Diabetes among Diabetes vs. Non-Diabetic Mexican Americans.*

College of Health and Human Services
University of Texas Pan-American
1201 W. University Dr.
Edinburg, Texas 78541

2010

Principal Investigator

Awarded \$15,000 for research on *Lower Rio Grande Valley Mexican Americans: Experiences and Perceptions of Mental Distress*

South Texas Health Disparities Center
University of Texas Pan-American
1201 W. University Dr.
Edinburg, Texas 78541

NON-FUNDED RESEARCH

2012

Principal Investigator:

Assessing HIV knowledge Among Mexican-Americans.

Department of Social Work
University of Texas Pan-American
1201 W. University Dr.
Edinburg, Texas 78541

2010 **Principal Investigator:**
Mexican-American Perceptions of Mental Illness in the Valley.
Department of Social Work
University of Texas Pan-American
1201 W. University Dr.
Edinburg, Texas 78541

2008 **Principal Investigator**
Mexican-American's Perception of Mental Illness
South Texas Health Disparities Center
University of Texas Pan-American
1201 W. University Dr.
Edinburg, Texas 78541
(\$15,000)

GRANT WRITING ACITIVITY (Not Funded)

2010 **Principal investigator:**
Rio Grande Valley Mexican-American: Key Therapist Factors in Retention of Mexican-American clients.
Hogg Foundation for Mental Health: Academic Research Grant.
3001 Lake Austin Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78703-4200
(\$15,000)

2009 Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program.
Latino Mental Health Care Barriers in the United States.
United States Department of Health & Human Services:
Washington, DC

2008 Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program.
Latino Mental Health Care Barriers in the United States.
United States Department of Health & Human Services:
Washington, DC

2008 Council for International Exchange for Scholars. *Mental health views from Mexican-American's on border communities.*
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.
1400 K Street NW, Suite 700.
Washington, DC 20005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008-2013 **CEO/Therapist**
Barrera Behavioral Health, PLLC
108 N. Jackson Rd. Suite 8
Edinburg, Texas
Created and organized a mental health entity that assists with eliminating mental health care disparities in Mexican-Americans. Entity is also involved in research and is a continuing education provider for social work. Supervised employees as well as social work interns from the University of Texas-Pan American. Responsible for budget / financials. Provided evidence-based psychotherapy.
- 2009-2011 **Consultant**
Adult Protective Services (DFPS). Region 11-Texas.
Provide mental health assessments for adult protective services.
- 2008 **Consultant**
Center for Clinical Social Work
University of Texas at Arlington
211 S. Cooper Street, Box 19129, Arlington, TX 76019
Developed and organized culturally sensitive policies and procedures for Latinos.
- March 2005-June 2005 **Employee Assistance Professional**
Valley Baptist Health System
2101 Pease St.
Harlingen, TX 78550
Provided individual, group, and family therapy to assist in the identification and resolution of productivity problems associated with employees impaired by personal concerns, including, but not limited to: health, marital, family, financial, alcohol, drug, legal, emotional stress, or other personal concerns that may adversely affect employee job performance. Facilitated lectures on stress management, sexual harassment, and other employee trainings.
- June 2003-February 2005 **Program Developer**
Avenal Community Health Center
1000 Skyline Blvd.
Avenal, CA 93204
Responsible for planning, organizing coordinating, evaluating, controlling and directing the mental health program. Authored assessment instruments and clinical records. Created progress notes, mental health treatment plans, and quality assurance reports.

Associate Clinical Social Worker

Provided individual, group, marital, joint, and family therapy. Responsible for diagnosing, treatment, and case management plans. Provide trainings for local schools, community agencies, and businesses surrounding work burnout, communication techniques, and problem solving.

Mentor and Mediator

Facilitated resolution of employee and consumer conflicts and provided direction and role modeling for junior level paraprofessionals.

2003

Consultant

Jewish Children & Family Services
3801 E. Willow St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

Provided clinical oversight and review of qualitative and quantitative agency documentation for school based mental health and delivered liaison services to schools, families, and community organizations.

2003

School Based Mental Health Specialist

Wilenes Re-Growth Center
626 N. Park Ave.
Pomona, CA 91768

Provided individual, group, and family diagnostic services, social work intervention and follow up care in school and home settings. Collaborated with mental health professionals, teachers, parents, and foster parents to assist clients in their progress. Conducted classroom observations, field observations, and home base care. Documented department of mental health mandated reporting, including but not limited to treatment case plans and case goals.

September 2002-June 2003

Director

El Camino Children and Family Services Inc.
9155 Telegraph Rd.
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Organized and developed programs that benefited approximately 200 foster children and families. Monitored and supervised 15 foster care workers. Responsible for budget management and other fiscal responsibilities.

Foster Care Social Worker/Mental Health Therapist

Monitor adolescent's emotional, mental, and physical developments that have been placed in foster care. Provide weekly visits to children and their foster parents to assist in referrals, counseling, or other types of social service. Conducted individual, group, and family therapy to foster families. Conducted quality assurance reviews on all documentation required by Los Angeles County.

August 1999- August 2002 **Mental Health Specialist**

Shields For Families, Inc.

12714 S. Avalon Blvd. Suite 300

Los Angeles, CA 90061

Provided individual, group, and family diagnostic services, clinical social work intervention and follow up care in school and home settings. Collaborated with mental health professionals, teachers, parents, and foster parents to assist clients in their progress. Conducted classroom observations, field observations, and home base care. Documented department of mental health mandated reporting, including but not limited to treatment case plans and case goals.

School Based Mental Health Case Manager

Provided linkage and resource services to at risk African-American, Samoan, and Latino children (ages 7-18) and their families in the communities of Watts and Compton in south central Los Angeles, California.

Mentor and Training Supervisor

Provided mentoring and training for new case managers and mental health specialist.

1998

SR. Behavior Support Companion

Institution of Applied Behavioral Analysis

5777 West Century Boulevard, Suite 675

Los Angeles, California 90045 USA

Provided companion services in an educational setting to individuals with developmental or physical disabilities.

1997

Rape Counselor

West Fresno Crisis Center

144 East Durian Street
99Coalinga, CA 93210

Provided counseling to victims of sexual assault. Conducted sexual assault workshops and presentations in schools and other local agencies within the community.

CONTRIBUTING EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

September 2001-May 2002 **School Based Intern Therapist**

Jewish Family & Children's Services

3801 E. Willow St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

Provided individual, marital, and family therapy to minority population clients of all age groups. Facilitated group therapy for elementary and middle school students comprised of numerous ethnicities (Asian, Latino, Pacific Islander, and African-American).

September 2002-May 2003 **School Based Intern Therapist**

Guidance Center

3711 Long Beach Blvd., suite 600
Long Beach, CA 90807

Provided linkage and resource services to at risk African-American, Asian and Latino children (ages 7-18) and their families in the community of Long Beach. Provided individual, group, and family therapy in school and home settings. Collaborated with mental health professionals, teachers, parents, and foster parents to assist clients in their progress. Conducted classroom observations, field observations, and home visits.

RESEARCH AWARDS

2012-2013

Research Fellow

College of Health and Human Services
University of Texas Pan-American
1201 W. University Dr.
Edinburg, Texas 78541

2005-2008

Minority Fellowship Award

Awarded a Minority Fellowship from SAMHSA- (Mental Health and Substance Abuse Fellowship Program Advisory Committee), Council on Social Work Education, Alexandria, Virginia.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Barrera, I. (2013, February). *Manifestations of Mental Distress in Mexican-Americans in the Rio Grande Valley*. NACCS Tejas Conference, Edinburg, TX.

Pittman, S, Drumm, R., **Barrera, I.** (November 11, 2012). *Proactive Socialization for Professionalism Behaviors Prior to Field Placements*. Council on Social Work Education 58th Annual Program Meeting, Washington D.C.

Barrera, I., Schulz, C. H., Rodriguez, S. A., Gonzalez, C. J., & Acosta, C. A. (June 28, 2012) *Mexican-American Perceptions of the External Causes of Mental Distress*. Presentation at the 7th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Barcelona, Spain.

Barrera, I., Schulz, C. H., Rodriguez, S. A., Gonzalez, C. J., & Acosta, C. A. (April 7, 2012) “...It’s Something That Is External; It Doesn’t...Have To Do With You Inside...” : *Mexican-American Perceptions of the External Causes of Mental Distress*. Presentation at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Diego, CA.

Barrera, I., & Jordan, C. (2011, October). *Potentially Harmful Practices: DSM-IV-R*. Presentation for the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (35th Annual State Conference; Dallas, Texas).

Barrera, I., & Gonzalez, J. (2011, October). *Elderly Depression and Family Relations*. Annual Mental Health Awareness Conference (RGV Mental Health Coalition). Edinburg, Texas.

Barrera, I. (2011, April). *Causes of Mental Distress in Mexican-Americans along the Texas/Mexico Border*. Presentation for the Latino Social Work Organization Conference: Chicago, Illinois.

Barrera, I., Gonzalez, J. (2009, November). *Mexicanos Americanos en El Valle de Rio Grande: Percepciones de Enfermedades Mentales*. Presentation for 2009 International Colloquium. Edinburg, Texas.

Barrera, I. (2009, August). *Salud mental en Nuevo León: Retos y desafíos de la Sociedad industrial*. Presentation for Universidad Autónoma De Coahuila; Facultad de Trabajo Social. Saltillo, Coahuila, México.

Barrera, I., & Jordan, C. (2008, November). *Potentially Harmful Practices: DSM-IV-R*. Presentation for the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (32nd Annual State Conference; Galveston, Texas).

Barrera, I., & Méndez, O. (2007, September). *Salud mental en Nuevo León: Retos y Desafíos de la sociedad industrial*. Presentation for Universidad Autónoma De Nuevo León (IV Coloquio Internacional sobre Políticas Sociales sectoriales).

Barrera, I. (2007, June). *Exploring Mental Health Care Barriers in the Latino Community*. Presentation for the Latino Social Work Organization Conference: Chicago, Illinois.

Barrera, I. (2007, June). *Child Welfare Practice with Immigrant Latino Children and Families: Enhancing Cultural Competence through Systems of Care*. Presentation for the Latino Social Work Organization Conference: Chicago, Illinois.

Barrera, I. (2007, March). *Alternative Treatments for Mental Health Care in Mexican American Communities*. Presentation for the Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students (ACES; University of Texas at Arlington): Arlington, Texas.

Barrera, I. (2006, July). Poster presentation on a work in progress dissertation investigation: *The Utilization of Mental Health Care by Mexican-Americans*. Presentation for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Multicultural Summit Conference: Washington D.C.

Barrera, I. (2006, May). *A Work in Progress Dissertation: Mexican-Americans and Mental Health Care*. Presentation for the Rio Bravo Association Conference (Texas A&M International University): Laredo, Texas.

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Barrera, I. (2008, November). Texas Observer-Expert Quote on Alternative Treatments for mental illness in Mexican-Americans in the Rio Grande Valley: <http://www.texasobserver.org/article.php?aid=2894>

Barrera, I. (2007). *Mental illness in the Latino community*. Online newspaper article. (May 30th). Edinburg, Texas: Edinburg Star.

Barrera, I. (2005). *Cuidado la salud mental*. Newspaper interview. (January 14th). Hanford, California: Las Noticias del Valle Newspaper.

Barrera, I. (2005). *Mental health battles with culture*. Newspaper interview. (January 5th). Avenal, California: The Avenal Progress Newspaper.

Barrera, I. (2004). *Social worker wants people to feel comfortable seeking help*. Newspaper interview. (December 28th). Hanford, California: Hanford Sentinel Newspaper.

Barrera, I. (2004). *Mental health issues in the Latino community*. Radio talk-show. (December): Fresno, California: Radio Bilingue, KSJV 91.5.

Barrera, I. (2002). *School Based Social Skills Groups in Long Beach*. Newsletter interview. (Fall 2002, Volume 7, Number 2). Long Beach, California: Portraits-A snapshot of Jewish Family & Children's Service of Long Beach and West Orange County.

INVITED SPEAKER

Barrera, I. (2013, March). *Manifestations of Mental Distress in Mexican-Americans along the U.S./Mexico Border*. Latino Health Equity Conference: NCLR/CSULB Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation, and Leadership Training. Long Beach, CA.

Barrera, I. (2011, March). Mental Health among Mexican-Americans. Social Work Month -NASW/LRGV. McAllen, Texas.

Barrera, I. (2010). Communities in Schools (Hidalgo County). Empowering Youths in Vulnerable Communities.

Barrera, I. (2007, March). Invited lecture: *The need for cultural competence in social work*. Presented at a Graduate Social Work Practice Class, the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work, Arlington, Texas.

Barrera, I. (2007, February). Invited lecture: *Cultural assessment & child maltreatment*. Presented at a Graduate Social Work Practice Class, the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work, Arlington, Texas.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS/LEADERSHIP

Barrera, I. (2009-2013). **Mental Health Professionals Del Valle**. Developed curriculum that addresses mental health care disparities; organized community leaders and local mental health professionals to promote mental health literacy in South Texas. Developed and organized a facebook web page to promote mental health/illness literacy.

Barrera, I. (2012, October). Words and Terms Being Used as Descriptions of Mental Illness, Harlingen, Texas (Cameron County Mental Health Task Force).

Barrera, I. (2012, January). *Teenagers Self Medicating to Treat Depression*. PSJA Task Force. Pharr, Texas

Barrera, I. (2011, September). *Barriers to Mental Health Treatment in Mexican-American Families*. Tropical Texas Mental Health and Retardation. Edinburg, Texas.

Barrera, I. (2009, May). *Mexican-American Mental Health Care Barriers*. UTPA-UTHSCSA Cancer Center Partnership. Kerrville, Texas.

Barrera, I. (2009, February). *Latino Mental Health Training*. Hope Family Health Center. Edinburg, Texas, Echo Hotel & Conference Center.

Barrera, I. (2004, February). *Identifying symptoms of mental illness in high school students*. Avenal High School, Avenal, California.

Barrera, I. (2004, May). *Understanding conduct disorder in middle school students.* Avenal Middle School, Avenal, California.

Barrera, I. (1999, February). *Overcoming barriers and motivating you for college.* Coalinga High School, Coalinga, California.

Barrera, I. (1999, January). *Sexual Assault and Violence.* Avenal Rotary Club. Avenal, California.

CONSULTATIONS

Barrera, I. (2012, February). *Coping with Marital Stress.* Hidalgo County Head Start Program: Edinburg, Texas.

Barrera, I. (2012, January). *Manifestations of Mental Illness in Mexican-Americans.* Pharr, Texas: PSJA Task Force.

Barrera, I. (2011, October). *Positive Discipline.* McAllen, Texas: TDFPS.

Barrera, I. (2011, August). *What is culture?* Student Leadership Organization Conference. UTPA

Barrera, I. (2011, May). *Development Theories and Lifespan:* Weslaco Independent School District. Weslaco, Texas.

Barrera, I. (2011, April). *Professional Practice and Self-Care:* Weslaco Independent School District. Weslaco, Texas

Barrera, I. (2011, April). *Working with Teens.* McAllen, Texas: TDFPS.

Barrera, I. (2010, November). *Communication Styles in the Workplace: Males & Females.* McAllen, Texas; TDFPS.

Barrera, I. (2010, November). *“PTSD and how it manifests in Children.”* McAllen, Texas; TDFPS.

Barrera, I. (2010, June). *Ethics in the Workplace.* McAllen, Texas. Department of Family and Protective Services.

Barrera, I. (2010, April). *Professional Practice and Self Care.* Pharr, San Juan and Alamo school district.

Barrera, I. (2009, November). *Human Development & Behavior.* Social work licensing exam preparation for LBSW’s and LMSW’s.

Barrera, I. (2009, October). *Foster Parent’s Self Care & Stress Management;* McAllen, Texas. Department of Family and Protective Services.

Barrera, I. (2009, August). *Ethics in the Micro Setting.* University of Texas-Pan American School of Social Work; Edinburg, Texas. Field Education Professional Development Session.

Barrera, I. (2009, March). *Incorporating Social Work Values & Competency in Field Education.* University of Texas-Pan American School of Social Work; Edinburg, Texas. Field Education Professional Development Session.

Barrera, I. (2009, April). *Human Development and Behavior-Licensing Preparation.* University of Texas-Pan American School of Social Work; Edinburg, Texas.

TRAININGS AWARDED

Barrera, I. (Spring, 2013). UTPA ADVANCE Leadership Institute. The University of Texas Pan-American.

Barrera, I. (2009, July 25-31). *Summer Research Institute in Geriatric Psychiatry.* The National Institute of Mental Health & The University of California at San Diego.

Barrera, I. (2009, July 8-11). *The Art of Clinical Supervision.* The University of Texas at Austin-Office of Professional Development.

Barrera, I. (2009, June 24-26). *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Third Annual Symposium.* Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Princeton, New Jersey.

CERTIFICATIONS

2009	LCSW: Texas Board Approved Social Work Supervisor.
2004	Child abuse workshop. Completed a course on, “ <i>The Prevention & Treatment of Child Abuse</i> ”, California State University, Long Beach, Long Beach, California.
2003	Intern Training. Successful completion of intern training, The Guidance Center, Long Beach, California (May 14, 2003).
2003	P.P.S.C. Pupil Personnel Service Credential (Active), Granted by: California State University, Long Beach.
2001	Group Facilitation. Completed a course on, “ <i>The phases of group facilitation</i> ”, Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc., Los Angeles, California.

- 2000 **Aids.** Completed a course on, “*HIV Disease in the communities of African Descents*”, Prototypes Cross Training, Los Angeles, California.
- 2000 **Behavior.** Completed a course on, “*Conducting Behavior change Sessions with Adolescent Clients at Risk*”, Prototypes Cross Training, Los Angeles, California.
- 1999 **CBEST.** California Basic Educational Skills Test (Active), Granted by: Commission on Teaching Credentialing, Sacramento, California.
- 1999 **LA Browser.** Completed a course on internet systems for Los Angeles county social service programs, Los Angeles, California.
- 1999 **Aids.** Completed a course on, “*Women and HIV*”, Prototypes Cross Training, Los Angeles, California.
- 1998 **Sexual Assault.** Completed a course on, “*Hotline counseling and hospital advocacy for survivors of sexual assault*”, Rape Counseling Service, Fresno, California.

<p>HONORS RECEIVED</p>

Awarded: Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award: 2008.

Dean’s Merit Scholarship Award: Awarded a social work scholarship for the academic year of 2007-2008, as a result of being an outstanding social work student. The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work (August 3, 2007).

Federico Soufflé, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Award: Awarded this competitive scholarship for Fall 2007, as a result of my outstanding work with the Mexican-American community, The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work (August 1, 2007).

Dean’s Promising Ph.D. Award: Awarded a social work scholarship for the academic year of 2006-2007, The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work.

Eliminating Disparities: Multicultural Strategic Summit: Awarded a \$400 scholarship for a poster presentation on, “A work in Progress Dissertation”. May 2006. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Multicultural Summit Conference: Washington, D.C

Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society: Inducted by the membership, as an Life Member of the Alpha Zeta Chapter, at the School of Social Work at California State University, Long Beach (January 30, 2003).

Certificate of Appreciation: from SHIELDS for Families, Inc. In recognition of valuable contributions to the field of social work, Los Angeles, California (2002).

Certificate of Recognition: from SHIELDS for Families, Inc. In recognition for three years of services, Los Angeles, California (August 30, 2002).

Pi Lambda Theta: Inducted to the International Honor Society and Professional Association in Education, at California State University, Long Beach (February 28, 2001).

Certificate of Appreciation: from WATTS Youth Opportunity Movement for contributions made to the community of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California (2001).

Certificate of Appreciation: from SHIELDS for Families, Inc. In recognition of Good Sportsmanship Award, Los Angeles, California (August 18, 2000)

Certificate of Appreciation: from SHIELDS for Families, Inc. In recognition of being on the Holiday Committee, Los Angeles, California (December, 10, 1999).

Certificate of Appreciation: from Coalinga High School, In recognition of inspiring Coalinga High School Students, Coalinga, California (January 12, 1999).

Professional Athletic Contract: Signed a professional baseball contract with the Toronto Blue Jays Professional Baseball Organization, Canada (1997).

Dean' List: Recognized for outstanding academic achievement, Dean of Student Services, Fresno, California (Fall 1993).

Certificate of Recognition: from KFTV 21 News Channel, In recognition of student of the week for central California, Fresno, California (September 13, 1991).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member since 2005	National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
Member since 2005	Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
Member since 2005	Association of Latino Social Work Educators (ALSWE)
Member since 2005	Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)
Member since 2007	Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education
Member since 2011	Mental Health Coalition of the Rio Grande Valley
Member since 2011	National Hispanic Network Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish-Speak, Read, & Write. Level of proficiency: *Received a Ph.D. at a Mexican-University.*