

## **MH-RITES Center Research Affiliate**

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Sharon Borja, PhD focuses her scholarship on intergenerational adversity and resilience; migrant health and wellbeing; determinants of health and mental health and health inequities in Low- and Middle-Income Countries and in the United States; and culturally grounded social work prevention approaches and interventions. She has more than a decade of clinical social work practice working in various community mental health and child welfare settings. Borja is the principal investigator of the Latino Health and Behavioral Health Services Utilization Mixed Methods Study Using Experimental Vignette Survey, Qualitative Methods, and Pilot Testing of an Electronic Fotonovela Intervention (1W1CMS331632-01-00). This study examines diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease and comorbid anxiety and depression among Latinos and identifies barriers and facilitators to their engagement in treatment. Her scholarship also includes quantitative data analysis of longitudinal and multi-year datasets to examine intergenerational links between parental adversity and the various health, behavioral, and mental health outcomes of their children.