

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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Ph.D.	University of Washington	2017
MSW	San Francisco State University	2008
BSSW	University of the Philippines	1996

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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2017-present	Assistant Professor University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work
2018	Research Affiliate Center for Mental Health Research and Innovations in Treatment Engagement and Services

### RESEARCH

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#### Funded Grants

2019	<b>Co-Investigator (\$8,000)</b> Acceso a la Salud Física y Mental: Manual de Trabajo Social con Comunidades Indígenas en Contextos Urbanos y Rurales Funded by: Programa de Apoyo a Proyectos para la Innovación y Mejoramiento de la Enseñanza (PAPIME) (PI: Leticia Aparico)
2018-2020	<b>Principal Investigator (\$250,000)</b> Latino Health and Behavioral Health Services Utilization: A Mixed Methods Study Using Experimental Vignette Survey, Qualitative Methods, and Pilot Testing of an E- <i>Fotonovela</i> Intervention Funded by: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Minority Research Grant Program 1W1CMS331632-01-00

- 2017-present      **Principal Investigator (\$6,000)**  
Engaging Parents Towards Pre-School Academic Achievement,  
Funded by: New Faculty Research Grant, University of Houston
- 2018-present      **Co-Investigator (\$8000)**  
Engaging and Maintaining Latinos in Needed Mental Health  
Services: Examining Stigma, Barriers, and Facilitators,  
Funded by: Center for Mexican American Studies Grant (PI: Robin  
Gearing)
- Unfunded
- 2020-2024      **Co-Principal Investigator (\$500,000)**  
Understanding and Promoting Grit and Resilience Among  
Secondary School Students in Complex Violent Contexts in Mexico  
Funder: The Lyle Spencer Foundation  
(Co-PI: Pedro Isnardo De La Cruz; Heather Storer)
- 2020-2022      **Co-Investigator (\$250,000)**  
Mejor Salud, Mejor Futuro: Un Proyecto Participativo Multinivel  
Para Promover La Salud Para Tod@s L@s Jovenes  
Funder: Fundacion Rio Arronte  
(PI: Pedro Isnardo De La Cruz)
- 2019-2024      **Co-Principal Investigator (\$1.5 million)**  
*Malu Balay*: A multi-country (Taiwan-United States-Mexico) study  
with indigenous populations to identify, examine, and improve  
identification, access, and treatment using experimental,  
epidemiological, and intervention research.  
Funder: Taiwan Ministry of Science & Technology  
(PI: Ciwang Teyra)

Training Grants and Scholarship

- 2015-2016      The Warren G. Magnuson Scholarship (\$30,000)  
University of Washington Warren G. Magnuson Institute for  
Biomedical Research and Health Professions Training
- 2014-2016      National Institutes of Health Multidisciplinary Pre-doctoral Clinical  
Research Clinical Translational Science Award (TL1 TR000422)  
University of Washington Institute of Translational Health Sciences
- 2012-2014      National Institute of Mental Health Prevention Training Grant  
Prevention Research Traineeship (T32MH20013)  
University of Washington School of Social Work

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### Peer-reviewed Articles

**Borja, S.,** Nurius, P., Song, C., & Lengua, L. (2019). Adverse childhood experiences to adult adversity trends among parents: Socioeconomic, health, and developmental implications. *Child and Youth Services Review*.

Sthapit-Wiley, C., Valdovinos-Smith, M., Teyra, C. & **Borja, S.** (2019). Addressing global social relationships in transnational social work research processes and institutions. *European Journal of Social Work*.

Miller, K. M., Eddy, J. M., Borja, S., & Lazzari, S. R. (2017). Variations in the life histories of incarcerated parents by race and ethnicity: Implications for service provision. *Smith College Studies in Social Work*, 87(1), 59-77.

Logan-Greene, P., Tennyson, R. L., Nurius, P. S., & **Borja, S.** (2017). Adverse childhood experiences, coping resources, and mental health problems among court-involved youth. *Child & Youth Care Forum* (Vol. 46, No. 6, pp. 923-946).

**Borja, S.,** Nurius, P., & Eddy, JM. (2015). Adversity across the life course of incarcerated parents: Gender differences. *Journal of Forensic Social Work*, 5:1- 3, 167-185.

Nurius, P. S., Green, S., Logan-Greene, P., & **Borja, S.** (2015). Life course pathways of adverse childhood experiences toward adult psychological well-being: A stress process analysis. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 45, 143-153. PMID 25846195.

### Manuscripts in Progress

**Borja, S.** (In process). Racial disparities in the accumulation of parental adversity and their proximal effects on early socio-emotional health. Target journal: *Child and Youth Services Review*.

**Borja, S.** (In process). Intergenerational mechanisms of adversity towards the early socio-emotional health of African-American and Latino children. *Child Abuse and Neglect*.

**Borja, S.,** De La Cruz, P.I., & Storer, H. (In process). Understanding fear of victimization in complex violent contexts: the case of Mexico. Target journal: *Trauma, Violence, and Abuse*.

**Borja, S.** & Amstberg, D. (In process). Intergenerational patterns of adverse childhood experiences among survivors of intimate partner violence. Target journal: *Trauma, Violence, and Abuse*

**Borja, S.,** Jeter, S., Williams, A. (In process). Neighborhood cohesion as a protective factor for parental adversity's effect on early behavioral health. Target journal: *Child and Youth Services Review*.

**Borja, S.,** Nurius, P., & Eddy, JM. Cumulative adversity and mental health of incarcerated parents: A structural equation model test. Target Journal: *Child and Family Social Work*

**Borja, S.** & De La Cruz, P.I. (In process). Transnational families and their embodiment of globalization: An opening for change. Target journal: *International Social Work*.

Cardoso, J. & **Borja, S.** (In process). Emerging health and socio-economic inequalities among U.S. citizen minors in Mexico. Target journal: *American Journal of Public Health*

Gearing, R., Torres, L., Cardoso, J., & **Borja, S.** (In process). Promoters and barriers to access and engagement in mental health.

### Book

Pecora, P. J., Whittaker, J. K., Barth, R. P., **Borja, S.,** & Vesneski, W. (2018). *The child welfare challenge: Policy, practice, and research*. Routledge.

### Other Publications

Miller, K., Eddy, JM., & **Borja, S.** (2017). Ethnic differences in life course accumulation of adversity. [Special Issue]. *Children of Incarcerated Parents*.

### **PEER REVIEWED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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**Borja, S.,** Valdovinos, M.G., Avellaneda, F., Mayoral, M., Torres, L., & Gearing, R. (2019, November). *Narrativas de salud y acceso a la salud entre los latinos en Houston: Resultados cualitativos de un estudio de métodos mixtos*. Paper presented at the 4th Mexico-US Binational Conference in Social Work and Migration, Houston, TX.

- Amstberg, D., **Borja, S.** & Johnson, S. (2019, November). *Intergenerational adverse childhood experiences among Latina survivors of intimate partner violence and their children*. Paper presented at the 4th Mexico-US Binational Conference in Social Work and Migration, Houston, TX.
- Jeter, S. & **Borja, S.** (2019, January). *Neighborhood cohesion as a protective factor for parental adversity's negative effect on early behavioral health*. Paper presented at the 2019 Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Amstberg, D., **Borja, S.** & Johnson, S. (2019, January). *Intergenerational patterns of adverse childhood experiences among survivors of intimate partner violence*. Paper presented at the 2019 Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Washburn, M., Gearing, R., Torres, L. & **Borja, S.** (2018, November). *Arriving in the US: Does Depression have to become a part of the American dream?* Paper presented at the Third Binational Mexico–U.S. Conference on Social Work, Migration and Human Rights, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.
- Borja, S.**, Washburn, M., Gearing, R. & Torres, L. (2018, November). *Obstacles to recruiting Latinos in research and some strategies to cross the divide*. Paper presented at the Third Binational Mexico–U.S. Conference on Social Work, Migration and Human Rights, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.
- Borja, S.** (2018). *A longitudinal study of intergenerational adversity and childhood wellbeing*, Paper presented at the 2018 Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Piedra, C. & **Borja, S.** (2017, October). *Childhood adversity, externalizing behaviors and the protective role of cultural connection*. Paper presented at the Council for Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.
- Borja, S.**, Teyra, C., Valdovinos, M. & Willey-Sthapit, C. (2017). *Critical issues in transnational social work research*. 2017 European Conference for Social Work Research, Aalborg, Denmark.
- Borja, S.** (2017). *Pathways of early life adversity towards later parenting self-efficacy of Latina and African-American mothers*. Paper presented at the 2017 Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Borja, S.** & Eddy, J.M. (2017). *Assessing pathways of cumulative adversity towards incarcerated parents' mental health*. Paper to be presented at the 2017 Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

- Borja, S.** (2016, May). *Intergenerational adversity and early childhood well-being: A longitudinal examination of adversity's developmental consequences among African- American and Latino children*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Borja, S.,** Rodriguez-Jenkins, J., & Fernandez, A. (2015, October). *Meeting halfway: Doctoral student and faculty mentoring relationships*. Paper presented at the Council for Social Work Education, Denver, Colorado.
- Borja, S. &** Eddy, JM. (2015, May). *Early adversity and parenting self-efficacy: Examining the mediating role of child maltreatment and adult victimization*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- Borja, S.** (2015, April). *Predictors of parental stress among mothers in US urban cities: Variation by race/ethnicity*. Paper presented at the Translational Science 2015 Meeting, Washington DC.
- Borja, S.** (2015, April). *Left behind after adoption: maternal perspectives on termination of parental rights*. Poster presented at the European Conference for Social Work Research 2015, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- Rodriguez-Jenkins, J., & **Borja, S.** (2015, January). *Predictors of parenting stress in early childhood: A test of heterogeneity among Latino mothers*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Logan-Greene, P., Nurius, P., & **Borja, S.,** & Tennyson, R. (2015, January). *Adverse childhood experiences, protective factors, and mental health problems among court-involved youth*. Paper presented at the Society of Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Borja, S.,** Nurius, P., Feldman, B., & Eddy, JM. (2014, October). "When it rains it pours": *Testing a life course model of adversity*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education's 60th Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- Borja, S.,** Nurius, P., & Eddy, JM. (2014, July). *Double jeopardy: Cumulative adversity and constrained support among incarcerated parents*. Poster presented at the National Forensic Social Work Annual Conference, New York, NY.
- Logan-Greene, P., Nurius, P., **Borja, S.** & Tennyson, R. (2014, July). *Adverse childhood experiences & mental health problems among youth on probation*. Paper presentation at the National Organization of Forensic Social Work Annual Conference, New York, NY.

Eddy, J.M., Shortt, J., Seeley, J., Martinez, C.,...& **Borja, S.** (2014, June). *Randomized trial of the relief nursery program: three-year outcomes*. Poster presented at the Third Biennial American Psychological Association Division 45 Research Conference, Eugene, OR.

Eddy, J.M., Martinez, C., Cearley, J., Herrera, D., Kjellstrand, J.,...**Borja, S.** (2014, June). Randomized trial of a professional mentoring program: three-year outcomes. Poster presented at the Third Biennial American Psychological Association Division 45 Research Conference, Eugene, OR.

**Borja, S.**, Eddy, M., & Nurius, P. (2014, May). *Physical and mental health among incarcerated parents: Testing a life course adversity model*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

**Borja, S.**, Eddy, M., & Nurius, P. (2013, May). *Effects of cumulative disadvantage on the psychosocial health of incarcerated parents*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Logan-Greene, P., Nurius, P., Kim, E., **Borja, S.**, & Hernandez, I. (2013, April) *Histories of trauma and social disadvantage in the juvenile justice system: a partnership between the courts and researchers*. Paper presented at the National Organization of Forensic Social Work Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

**Borja, S.** (2010, January). *Help-seeking patterns of immigrant Filipino women survivors of intimate partner violence*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Diego, CA.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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*“Transnational as Analytic Lens and political commitment: A proposal situated within postcolonial, indigenous, and feminist theories”* To be presented at the European Conference for Social Work Research 2019, Leuven, Belgium.

*“The Health and Social Costs of the American Dream and Its Implications on Migrant Youth and Transnational Families”* Congreso Jovenes en Movimiento: Realidades, Acciones, y Proyecciones, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, March 2019

*“La otra forma de separación familiar: cuando los padres indocumentados se ven obligados a dejar a sus hijos atrás en Estados Unidos”*, 2° Encuentro Multinacional de Trabajo Social, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, November 2018

*“Social Work Research Discussant, Commenter and Reviewer”* 2nd Social Work Research Conference at la Escuela Nacional de Trabajo Social, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, May 2018

*“Nuevas estrategias para la intervención social y el rediseño de políticas públicas”*. Congreso Desafíos y Reflexiones Para La Atención e Inclusión Social De Personas Migrantes, Refugiadas, Repatriadas, Indígenas Y En Desplazamiento Forzado: Una Perspectiva Desde Los Derechos Humanos, la Interculturalidad y el Trabajo Social . Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Escuela Nacional De Trabajo Social, Mexico City, Mexico, March 2018

*“Transnational considerations among Latino families and adverse experiences”*. Social Work and Social Science from a Global Perspective, The International Summer School in Social Work in the Social Sciences, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland, June 2015

#### **OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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| 2018-present | Co-Investigator: Intergenerational ACEs among Domestic Violence Survivors, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work and Northwest Assistance Ministries Family Violence Center |
| 2014-2017    | Research Analyst: Washington State Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, University of Washington School of Social Work (PI: Paula Nurius)  |
| 2013-2017    | Co-Principal Investigator: Mentoring in Social Work Doctoral Programs Study, University of Washington School of Social Work   |
| 2012-2017    | Research Analyst: Pierce County Juvenile Court Project . University of Washington School of Social Work, SUNY Buffalo and Pierce County Juvenile Court (PI: Paula Nurius)                   |
| 2012-2014    | Research Assistant: Youth Violence Prevention (El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras) (PREVENIR) University of Washington and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)      |

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: TEACHING**

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| Fall 2019   | Human Development and Diversity, Social Policy in the Social Environment (MSW) |
| Spring 2019 | Social Work Assessment (MSW)   |

Fall 2018	Human Development and Diversity, Social Policy in the Social Environment (MSW)
Fall 2017	Social Work Policy, Social Work Practice, Human Behavior in the Social Environment Hybrid Course (MSW)
Winter 2016	Global and Local Inequalities: Critical Analyses (MSW)
Fall 2015/2016	Poverty and Inequality (MSW)
Fall 2014	Child and Family Inequalities: Policy/Services Platform (MSW)
Spring 2013	Multi-generational Practice with Children & Families

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: PRACTICE**

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2008-2011	Child Protective Services Social Worker & Expert Witness Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services San Jose, CA
2005-2006	Eligibility Worker San Francisco Department of Human Services, San Francisco, CA
2005-2006	Mental Health Specialist Asian Community Mental Health Services, Oakland, CA
2003-2005	Youth Development Officer Private Industry Council of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
2001-2003	Case Manager Cross-cultural Community Services Center, San Jose, CA
1996-1997	Community Development Officer World Vision Development Foundation, Philippines

**SERVICE**

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International Participation

October 2017	World Health Organization 8th Global Campaign for Violence Prevention Meeting: Translating Sustainable Development Goal violence prevention targets into national & local action Host: Canadian Government and the Public Health Agency of Canada, Ottawa, Canada
September 2015	World Health Organization 7th Global Campaign for Violence Prevention Meeting: Linking global violence prevention with sustainable development. World Health Organization Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

## Reviewer Activities

The American Psychologist  
Trauma, Violence & Abuse  
Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health  
Journal of Orthopsychiatry  
Pediatrics  
ENTS Departamento de Publicaciones, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México  
Society for Prevention Research  
Council on Social Work Education  
University of Washington Human Subjects Division (2012)

## University

2018-2019	GCSW Foundation Committee
2017-2018	GCSW Strategic Planning Committee
2012-2017	PhD Program Admissions Committee
2014-2015	Graduate Education Mentoring for Underrepresented Students
2014-2015	Health Sciences Library Advisory Committee
2013-2015	Search Committee for PhD Assistant Director, Member
2013	Doctoral Program Student Mentor
2012-2015	Doctoral Program Steering Committee Student representative
2012-2014	Doctoral Program Social Justice Committee

## Community

2017-present	St. James Lutheran Family Life Center
2005	Habitat for Humanity Ad-Hoc Grant Reviewer
2002-2003	Franklin McKinley School District Truancy Intervention Board
2002-2003	San Jose Mayor's Gang Prevention Taskforce Member

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Council for Social Work Education  
European Social Work Research Association  
Society for Prevention Research  
Society for Social Work and Research

## **LANGUAGES**

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Ilocano (Native language)  
Tagalog (Native language)  
Spanish (Advanced)  
English (Fluent)