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### **Education**

- 2007-present Ph.D student, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston. Anticipated Graduation, May 2012  
Research Interest: Poverty, Labor, and Immigration Policy
- 2008 M.S.W, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston.  
Phi Alpha Honor Society, Mu Lambda Chapter
- 2006 Bachelor of Science in Sociology, Summa cum Laude, University of Houston-Downtown  
Dean's List, Phi Kappa Phi, Psi Chi, National Scholars Honor Society

### **Guest Lectureship**

- 2008 SOC 2306 – Introduction to Social Work  
University of Houston-Downtown

### **Selected Scholarship and Award**

- 2008 Helen Fisher Delegate Assembly Scholarship  
NASW-Texas
- 2005 and 2006 Academic Excellence in Sociology  
University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, Texas 77002

### **Selected Community Services**

- 2009 Co-Editor, *Perspectives in Social Work*, online journal, University of Houston
- 2009-present Voting Member, Critical Issue Advisory Committee (ICIA) on Immigration, National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Texas Chapter
- 2005-present Special Exhibits Co-chair and Master Docent  
Houston Museum of Natural Science

### **Selected Publications**

1. **Delavega, E.** (2008, Fall). Addressing urban and rural cost of living differentials through a minimum-wage policy initiative (Abstract). *Perspectives on Social Work*, 7(1), 5.
2. **Delavega, E.** (2008, Oct). Hispanic. *BCR Reports* 19(2), 8.
3. **Delavega, E.** (2008, Oct). Collective decision making vs. personal responsibility philosophy as they relate to substantive rights. *BCR Reports* 19(2), 11.
4. Cheung, M., & **Delavega, E.** (2009). Using the Child Development Index to conduct child welfare research. *Social Development Issues, Forthcoming.*

### **Selected Presentations**

1. **Delavega, E.** (2009, April 4). *Minimum wage and the geography of cost of living: Addressing rural/urban differentials*. Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society: Inequalities Across the Life Course, April 1-4, 2009. New Orleans, Louisiana.
2. **Delavega, E.** (2009). *Internalized symbolic capital and day labor: Setting the discourse through a conceptual theoretical framework*. Paper presented at the Fifth Doctoral Student Research Symposium, March 5. Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston.
3. Villanueva, N, Barceleau, J., & **Delavega, M. E.** (2008). *Immigration: Social work voices for advocacy and action*. Paper presentation at the 32<sup>nd</sup> NASW –Texas Conference: Building on Strengths, November 6-8. Galveston, Texas.
4. **Delavega, M. E.,** & Cheung, M. (2008). *Needs and concerns of day laborers: Practice implications from client dialogues*. Paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, October 30 – November 2. Philadelphia, PA.
5. **Delavega, M. E.,** & McCarty, D. (2008). *Is NAFTA a lie?: Immigration, globalization, and the new conflicts of class warfare in North America*. Paper presentation at the Social Welfare Action Alliance Conference, April 4-6. Houston, Texas.
6. **Delavega, M. E.** (2008). *Addressing urban and rural cost of living differentials through a minimum-wage policy initiative*. Paper presented at the Fourth Doctoral Student Research Symposium, March 27. Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston.

### **Selected Media**

- o **Delavega, E.** (2008, March 30). To be fair, let's open legal immigration legally to all. *Houston Chronicle*, p. E6. Available <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/5658251.html>

### **Memberships**

1. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
2. National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
3. American Sociological Association (ASA)
4. Social Welfare Action Alliance (SWAA)
5. Asian & Pacific Islanders Social Work Educators Association (APISWEA)