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Education

- 2007-present Ph.D student, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston. Anticipated Graduation, May 2012
Research Interest: Labor and Immigration Policy
- 2006-present M.S.W, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston. Anticipated Graduation, August 2008
Phi Alpha Honor Society, Mu Lambda Chapter
- 2006 Bachelor of Science in Sociology, Summa cum Laude, University of Houston-Downtown, 77002
Dean's List

Fellowships

- 2007-2008 Agencies for Gerontology Intercultural Field Training (AGIFT) Graduate Fellowship
Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston

Awards

- 2005 and 2006 Academic Excellence Award in Sociology
University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, Texas 77002
- 2006 **Delavega, M. E.** (2006). *A Comparative Analysis of Childcare Policy in the United Kingdom and Sweden*. Unpublished manuscript.
Third-Place Essay Contest Award
University of Houston-Downtown, English Department
Houston, Texas 77002

Service to the Graduate College of Social Work

- 2008-2009 Co-President
Phi Alpha Honor Society, Mu Lambda Chapter
Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston
- 2008-present Member
Editorial Board
Perspectives in Social Work, student edited online journal
Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston
- 2008 Planning Committee
Fourth Doctoral Social Work Student Research Symposium
Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston

2007
Planning Committee
Third Doctoral Social Work Student Research Symposium
Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston

Service to the Community

2008-present
Committee Member
Critical Issue Advisory Committee (ICIA) on Immigration
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
Texas Chapter

2003-present
Master Docent
Chair for Special Exhibits Docents, and Chair for HISD program
Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston, Texas 77030

Publications

Delavega, M. E. (2008, Fall). Addressing urban and rural cost of living differentials through a minimum-wage policy initiative (Abstract). *Perspectives on Social Work*. Doctoral Student Journal, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston.

Delavega, M. E. (2007, Fall). Does a high state minimum wage cause high unemployment? (Abstract). *Perspectives on Social Work*. Doctoral Student Journal, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston.

Presentations

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.

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.

Delavega, M. E. (2007). *Does a high state minimum wage cause high unemployment?* Paper presented at the Third Doctoral Student Research Symposium, March 22. Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston.

Delavega, M. E., Martinez, B., & Bailey, J. (2006, April 21). *Coding Public Comments to the Proposed Rules on Intercountry Adoption*. Poster session presented at the Fifth University of Houston-Downtown Student Research Conference. University of Houston-Downtown.

Media

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>

Delavega, E. (2007, August 1). Social work is the ultimate multidisciplinary discipline. *Kingwood Observer*, p. C5.

