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Curriculum Vitae
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PERSONAL DATA

Place of Birth: San German, Puerto Rico
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EDUCATION

May 1998	B. A. Washington University, St. Louis, MO. Major: Psychology and Spanish
May 2001	M. S. W. George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. Concentration: Mental Health Specialization: Research
August 2005	Ph. D. George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.
June 2005 ~ May 2006	Postdoctoral Fellowship School of Social Work, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

EMPLOYMENT AND POSITIONS

1995 ~ 1998	Spanish Lab Instructor Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, Washington University, St. Louis MO.
2002 ~ 2003	Teaching Assistant , George Warren Brown School of Social Work Washington University, St. Louis MO.
2002 ~ 2005	Part-time Faculty Advisor for MSW students , George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis MO.
2004 ~ 2005	Teaching Fellow , George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis MO.
2006 ~ 2009	Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) , School of Social Work, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
2007 ~ 2009	Assistant Professor , Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
2009 ~ 2012	Research Scientist V , Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, New York, NY.
2009 ~ Present	Assistant Director , Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence, New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York, NY.
2009 ~ Present	Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatric Social Work (in Psychiatry) , Department of Psychiatry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, NY
2012 ~ 2014	Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) , School of Social Work, Columbia University, New York, NY
2014 ~ Present	Associate Professor (Tenure Track) , School of Social Work, Columbia University, New York, NY

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1997 Dean's List, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
 2008 Fellow, OBSSR NIH Summer Institute on the Design and Conduct of Randomized Clinical Trials Involving Behavioral Interventions
 2011-2012 Fellow, NIH Implementation Research Institute, Center for Mental Health Services Research, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
 2013-2015 Elected Board Member, American Society of Hispanic Psychiatry
 2013 Honoree, Leadership Award, Latino Social Work Task Force, National Association of Social Work, New York City Chapter, New York, NY

RESEARCH AREAS

Racial and ethnic disparities in health and mental health care, integration of physical and mental health services, depression, diabetes, implementation research, community-based participatory research, adolescent suicidal behaviors.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES***Active Research Support*****National Institute of Mental Health**

Dates: 07/14/2014 ~ 05/31/2019

Peer-led Healthy Lifestyle Program in Supportive Housing (1R01MH104574-01)

The overall goals of this study are to test the effectiveness and examine the implementation of a peer-led healthy lifestyle intervention (Peer GLB) in supportive housing agencies serving diverse clients with serious mental illness (SMI) who are overweight or obese

Support: \$3,354,903

Role: Principal Investigator

National Institute of Mental Health

Dates: 7/13/2009 ~ 08/28/2016

Recovery After Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) (HHSN-271-2009-0020C; PI Dixon)

This study will develop and test a model to reduce long term disability among persons experiencing their first episode of schizophrenia.

Support: \$88,669

Role: Co-Investigator

Columbia University Provost Grants Program for Junior Faculty Who Contribute to the Diversity Goals of the University

Dates: 07/01/2013 ~ 09/01/2014

Peer-led Health Lifestyle Intervention for Minorities with Serious Mental Illness in Supportive Housing Agencies: A Pilot Feasibility Study

The goal of this study is to pilot test the feasibility and acceptability of an established healthy lifestyle intervention, the Group Lifestyle Balance (GLB) Program, in a supportive housing agency serving African American and Latino adults with serious mental illness (SMI, e.g., schizophrenia) and at risk for diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Support: \$23,693

Role: Principal Investigator

National Institute of Mental Health

Dates: 03/17/2011 ~ 01/31/2016

Implementing Health Care Interventions for Hispanics with Serious Mental Illness (K01 MH091118-01A1)

The objective of this Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) is to prepare the

candidate to become an independent investigator in implementation research to address the disparities in physical health care faced by underserved minorities with SMI. The research plan uses a collaborative intervention planning framework that blends principles of community-based participatory research and intervention mapping to modify and assess the feasibility and acceptability of an existing care manager intervention for outpatient public mental health clinics.

Support: \$927,479

Role: Principal Investigator

New York State Office of Mental Health

Dates: 11/01/07 ~ Ongoing

New York State Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence at the New York State Psychiatric Institute (PI: Lewis-Fernández)

The goal of the Center is to conduct state-of-the-art research on the cultural and linguistic competence of mental health services in order to improve the quality and availability of these services to underserved populations in New York State.

Support: \$2,500,000

Role: Assistant Director

Completed Research Support

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Dates: 2011 ~ 2013

Implementation Research Institute (R25MH080816-03; PI Proctor)

This training institute at the Center for Mental Health Service Research at Washington University in St. Louis was established to advance the field of implementation science in mental health by enhancing the career development of early to mid-career investigators. Fellows are selected through a competitive peer-review process to join for two years to support their training and preparation of competitive grant proposals.

Support: \$1,026,383

Role: Fellow

New York State Office of Mental Health Policy Scholar

Dates: 05/01/2009 ~ 04/31/2010

Development of a Mental Health Literacy Program for Hispanics with Limited English Proficiency

The goal of this pilot study was to support early program development of a one-session peer-to-peer mental health literacy intervention tailored for Hispanic adults with serious mental illness and limited English proficiency who seek outpatient mental health services at OMH facilities.

Support: \$10,367

Role: Principal Investigator

National Institute of Mental Health

Dates: 03/03/05 ~ 02/28/10

Sociocultural Processes in Latina Teen Suicide Attempts (R01 MH07068901 A1; PI: Zayas)

The study uses a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods to (1) explore the phenomenology of the suicide attempts from the girls' perspective (e.g., antecedent distress, crisis events, subjective experience); (2) explore parents' understandings of their daughters' suicide attempts (including their hypotheses about preceding crisis events and daughters' motivations); and (3) examine the familial, developmental, and sociocultural experiences that distinguish adolescent Latina attempters and their parents from non-attempters and their parents.

Support: \$1,930,633

Role: Consultant

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities**Dates:** 07/01/2006-06/30/2009**Improving Depression Treatments for Hispanics with Limited English Proficiency (L60 MD001850-02: NIH Loan Repayment Program)**

The specific aims of this project are to (1) examine how attitudes toward depression treatments, perceptions of depression, and stigma prospectively impact Hispanics with LEP retention in depression treatment; (2) begin developing a treatment manual and patient educational materials for a brief culturally-tailored psychoeducational program for Hispanics with depression who receive services in primary care settings; and (3) prepare and submit a proposal for federal funding to further develop and test this intervention.

Support: \$40,987**Role:** Principal Investigator**National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)****Dates:** 02/01/2005 ~ 01/31/2009**Minority Supplement to the Multifaceted Depression Diabetes program for Hispanics (R01 MH68468-01A2; PI:EH)**

The aim of this supplement is to provide Dr. Cabassa the opportunity to expand his expertise in intervention research in a mentored environment by learning how to apply qualitative methods to understand the treatment processes involved in an intervention study of low-income Hispanics with depression and diabetes.

Support: \$257,984**Role:** Principal Investigator**University of Southern California Neighborhood Outreach Grant****Dates:** 07/01/2007 ~ 06/30/2008**Depression *Fotonovela*: A health education tool for low literacy, low income Latino Population (PI: Baron)**

This project seeks to develop an effective health communication tool to increase knowledge of depression among low income, low literacy Latino families in the neighborhoods surrounding the University Park Campus and the Health Sciences Campus of USC.

Support: \$32,000**Role:** Consultant**University of Southern California, School of Social Work Larson Endowment****Dates:** 07/01/2006 ~ 06/31/2007**Latinos' Illness Representations of Depression**

The aims of this pilot study are (1) to examine the psychometric properties and factor structure of the Illness Perception Questionnaire adapted for Latinos with depression; (2) to describe Latinos' illness representations of depression using a mix of qualitative and quantitative data; and (3) to explore the relationship between patients' treatment preferences and representations of depression.

Support: \$36,000**Role:** Principal Investigator**National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)****Dates:** 08/01/04 ~ 08/31/05**Hispanic Immigrants' Intentions to Seek Depression Care (R36 MH072172-01)**

The purpose of this dissertation was to investigate how three cognitive processes (illness perceptions, attitudes toward depression care and subjective norms) influenced Hispanic immigrants' decisions to seek depression care.

Support: \$28,276
Role: Principal Investigator

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Dates: 04/01/03 ~ 03/31/05

Hispanicity, Language, and Psychiatric Diagnosis (R21 MH65921-01A1; PI: Zayas)

This exploratory study examined how ethnic and linguistic similarities and differences between clinicians and patients affect psychiatric diagnosis.

Support: \$200,000

Role: Research Assistant

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Dates: 08/01/95 - 06/30/05

Pre-doctoral Training Fellowship in Mental Health Services Research (T32 MH19960; PI: Proctor)

The goal of this grant was to establish a pre-doctoral Mental Health Services Research Training Program that will train Ph.D. level researches who are knowledgeable about the prevalence of mental disorder, the history and trends in public and private service delivery, sources and patterns of funding and the design, measurement, and analysis issues in studying mental health services and their component treatment.

Role: Pre-Doctoral Fellow

National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Dates: 09/30/00 ~ 08/31/05

Latino Immigrant Survey in Primary Health Care: Service Use Pathways and Unmet Alcohol Abuse and Mental Health Needs (R24 DA13572; PI: Stiffman)

This pilot project examined the mental health and alcohol abuse needs of Hispanic immigrants in primary care and their pathways to services.

Support: \$1,000

Role: Pilot Project Co-Principal Investigator

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

Dates: 08/01/99 ~ 07/31/02

Service Transition Points: Bridges for Young Adults (R03 MH59108; PI: Polgar)

This project researched inter-organizational bridges that promote institutional transitions between child and adult systems of care.

Role: Research Assistant

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

- 1998 ~1999 **Assistant Program Coordinator** (Paid Position),
 Instituto Psicopedagógico de Puerto Rico, Bayamón P. R.
- 2000 **Social Work Intern** (Unpaid Position), Adult Intensive Care
 Psychiatric Unit,
 Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Psychiatric Services, St. Louis, MO.
- 2000 ~ 2002 **Crisis Worker and Program Evaluator** (Unpaid Position),
 Life Crisis, St. Louis MO.

- 2006 ~ 2009 **Depression Diabetes Care Specialist**, Multifaceted Depression
Diabetes program for Hispanics (R01 MH68468; PI: Ell),
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 ~ 2011 **Problem-Solving Therapist**, Interpersonal Therapy for Depression
in Breast Cancer Project (R01CA133050-02; PI: Blanco), New York
State Psychiatric Institute, New York, NY

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications (*Publications with students; + Senior author; §Publications since joining CUSSW)

1. **Cabassa, L. J.** (2003). Measuring acculturation: Where we are and where we need to go. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 25 (2), 127-146.
2. Stiffman, A. R., Pescosolido, B., & **Cabassa, L. J.** (2004). Building a model to understand youth service access: The Gateway Provider Model. *Mental Health Services Research*, 6 (4), 189-198. PMID:PMC3745273
3. Zayas, L. H., Lester, R. J., **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Fortuna, L. R. (2005). Why do many Latina teens attempt suicide? A conceptual model. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 75 (2), 275-287. PMID:PMC15839764
4. Zayas, L. H., **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Pérez, M. C. (2005). Capacity to consent in psychiatric research: Development and preliminary testing of a screening tool. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 15 (6), 545-556.
5. McMillen, C., Proctor, E., Megivern, D., Striley, C. W., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Munson, M., & Dickey, B. (2005). Quality of care in the social services: Research agenda and methods. *Social Work Research*, 29 (3), 181-191.
6. Zayas, L.H., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Pérez, M.C., & Howard, M.O. (2005). Clinician-patient ethnicity in psychiatric diagnosis: A pilot study with Hispanics. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 14 (1/2), 93-109.
7. ***Cabassa, L. J.**, Zayas, L. H., & Hansen, M. (2006). Latino adults' access to mental health services: A review of epidemiological studies. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 33(3), 316-330. PMID:PMC2551758
8. **Cabassa, L. J.**, Lester, R., & Zayas, L. H. (2007). "It's like being in a labyrinth:" Hispanic immigrants' perceptions of depression and attitudes toward treatments. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 9 (1), 1-16. PMID: PMCID:3160757
9. Megivern, D. A., McMillen J. C., Proctor E. K., Striley, C. W. **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Munson, M. R. (2007). Quality of Care: Expanding the Social Work Dialogue. *Social Work*, 52 (2), 115-124.
10. **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Zayas, L. H. (2007). Latino immigrants' intentions to seek depression care. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 77(2) 231-242. PMID:PMC36552401
11. ***Cabassa, L. J.** & Hansen, M. (2007). A systematic review of depression treatments in primary care for Latino adults. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 17 (4), 494-503.
12. Zayas, L. H., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Pérez, M. C., & Cavazos-Regh, P. (2007). Using interpreters in diagnostic research and practice. *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, 68, 924-928. PMID:17592918
13. Torres L. R., Zayas L. H., **Cabassa L. J.**, Carmela Pérez M. (2007). Diagnosing Co-occurring substance-related disorders: Agreement between SCID, Hispanic clinicians, and non-Hispanic clinicians. *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, 68 (11), 1655-1662. PMID:18052558
14. **Cabassa, L. J.** (2007). Latino immigrant men's perceptions of depression and attitudes toward help-seeking. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 26 (4), 492-509.
15. *Torres, L. R., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Zayas, L. H., & Alvarez-Sánchez, T. A. (2008). Assessing psychosocial stressors in Hispanic outpatients: Does clinician ethnicity matter? *Psychiatric Services*, 59 (6), 690-692.

16. ***Cabassa, L. J.**, Hansen, M., Palinkas, L. A., & Ell, K. (2008). *Azúcar y nervios: Explanatory models and treatment experiences of Hispanics with diabetes and depression. Social Science Medicine, 66* (12), 2413-2424. PMID: PMC2475593
17. ***Cabassa, L. J.**, Lagomasino, I., Dwight-Johnson, M., Hansen, M., & Zie, B. (2008). Measuring Latinos' perceptions of depression: A confirmatory factor analysis of the illness perception questionnaire. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology, 14* (4), 377-384. PMID: PMC3018754
18. Zayas, L. H., Torres, L. R., & **Cabassa, L. J.** (2009). Diagnostic, symptom, and functional assessments of Hispanic outpatients in community mental health practice. *Community Mental Health Journal, 45* (2), 97-105. PMID: 18648933
19. *Zayas, L. H., Bright, C. L., Álvarez-Sánchez, T., & **Cabassa, L. J.** (2009). Acculturation, familism and mother-daughter relations among suicidal and non-suicidal adolescent Latinas. *Journal of Primary Prevention, 30*, 351-396. PMID: PMC2698040
20. Ell, K. Katon, W., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Xie, B. Lee, P., Kapetanovic, S. & Guterman, J. (2009). Depression and diabetes among low-income Hispanics: Design elements of a socio-culturally adapted collaborative care model randomized controlled trial. *International Journal of Psychiatric in Medicine, 39*(2), 113-132. PMID: PMC3387981
21. *Schneiderman, J.U., McDaniel, D. D., Xie, B., **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Suh, J. (2009). Child welfare caregivers of differing English-language use: Perceptions of pediatric health care access barriers. *Journal of Ethnicity and Cultural Diversity in Social Work, 18* (4), 261-276.
22. Zayas, L., Gulbas, L. E., Fedoravicus, N., & **Cabassa, L. J.** (2010). Patterns of distress, precipitating events, and reflection on suicide attempts by adolescent Latinas. *Social Science & Medicine, 70* (11), 1773-1779. PMID: PMC2862781
23. ***Cabassa, L. J.**, Ezell, J. & Lewis-Fernández, R. (2010). Lifestyle interventions for adults with serious mental illness: A systematic literature review. *Psychiatric Services, 61* (8), 774-782. PMID: PMC3632414
24. *Palinkas, L. A., Ell, K., Hansen, M., **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Wells, A. (2011). Sustainability of collaborative care interventions in primary care settings. *Journal of Social Work, 11* (1), 99-117.
25. **Cabassa, L. J.**, Blanco, C., Castroman, J., Lin, K, Lui, M. & Lewis-Fernández, R. (2011). Racial and ethnic differences in diabetes among individuals with and without psychiatric disorders: Results from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions. *General Hospital Psychiatry, 33* (2), 107-115. PMID: PMC3099036
26. **Cabassa, L. J.**, Druss, B., Wang, Y., & Lewis- Fernández., R. (2011). Collaborative planning approach to inform the implementation of a health care manager intervention for Hispanics with serious mental illness: A study protocol. *Implementation Science, 6* (1), 80. PMID: PMC3169485
27. ***Cabassa, L. J.**, Contreras, S., Aragón, R., Molina, G. B., & Baron, M. (2011). Focus group evaluation of "Secret Feelings": A depression *fotonovela* for Latinos with limited English proficiency. *Health Promotion Practice, 12* (6), 840-847. PMID: 3632397
28. [§]**Cabassa, L. J.**, Molina, G., & Baron, M. (2012). Depression *Fotonovela*: Development of a depression literacy tool for Latinos with limited English proficiency. *Health Promotion Practice, 13* (6), 747-754. PMID: PMC3071859.
29. *+[§]Hansen, M. & **Cabassa, L. J.** (2012). Pathways to depression care: Help-seeking experiences of low-income Latinos with diabetes and depression. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, 14* (6), 1097-1106. PMID: PMC3885867
30. [§]Unger, J. B., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Molina, G. B., Contreras, S., & Baron, M. (2013). Evaluation of a *fotonovela* to increase depression knowledge and reduce stigma among Hispanic adults. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, 15* (2), 398-406. PMID: PMC3602405
31. *[§]**Cabassa, L. J.**, Parcesepe, A., Nicasio, A., Baxter, E. Tsemberis S. & Lewis-Fernández, R., (2013). Health and wellness photovoice project: Engaging consumers with serious mental illness in health care interventions. *Qualitative Health Research, 23* (5), 618-630. PMID: PMC3818106

32. *§Parcesepe, A. & **Cabassa, L. J.** (2013) Public stigma of mental illness in the United States: A Systematic literature review *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 40 (5), 384-399. PMID: 22833051 NIHMSID: 524527
33. §Lewis-Fernández, R., Raggio, G. A., Gorritz-Kindu, M., Duan, N., Marcus, S., **Cabassa, L. J.** . . . Hinton, D. (2013). Developing a checklist to assess reporting of race, ethnicity, race and culture in psychiatric publications. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, 201(10), 860-871. PMID: 24080673
34. *§**Cabassa, L. J.**, Humensky, J., Druss, B., Lewis-Fernández, R., Gomes, A. P., Wang, W., & Blanco, C. (2013). Do race, ethnicity, and psychiatric disorders matter in the prevalence of multiple chronic medical conditions? *Medical Care*, 51(6), 540-547. PMID: PMC3654097
35. §**Cabassa, L. J.** & Baumann, A. A. (2013). A two-way street: Bridging implementation science and cultural adaptation of mental health treatments. *Implementation Science*, 8 (90). PMID: PMC3765289
36. §**Cabassa, L. J.**, Nicasio, A. & Whitley, R. (2013). Picturing recovery: A photovoice exploration of recovery among people with serious mental illness in supportive housing. *Psychiatric Services*, 64 (9), 837-842. PMID: PMC3864368
37. *§DeVylder, J.E., Oh, H.Y., Yang, L.H., **Cabassa, L.J.**, Chen, F., & Lukens, E.P. (2013). Acculturative stress and psychotic-like experience among Asian and Latino immigrants to the United States. *Schizophrenia Research*, 150(1), 223-228. PMID: PMC3896050
38. §Henwood, B., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Craig, C. M., & Padgett, D. K. (2013). Permanent supportive housing: Addressing homelessness and health disparities. *American Journal of Public Health*, 103 (S2), S188-S192. PMID: 24148031 NIHMSID 542815
39. *§**Cabassa, L. J.**, Gomes, A. P., Meyreles, Q., Druss, B., & Lewis-Fernández, R. (2013). Primary health care experiences of Latinos with serious mental illness: A mixed-methods study. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*. (E-Pub Ahead of Print] PMID: 24162079 NIHMSID 535274
40. *§Ezell, J., Siantz, L., & **Cabassa, L. J.**(2013). Contours of usual care: Meeting the medical needs of diverse persons with serious mental illness. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 24 (4), 1552-1573. PMID: PMC3885863
41. *§Carliner, H., Collins, P. Y., **Cabassa, L. J.**, McNallen, A., Joestl, S. S., & Lewis-Fernández, R. (2014). Prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors among racial and ethnic minorities with schizophrenia spectrum and bipolar disorders: A systematic review of the literature. *Comprehensive Psychiatry*, 55 (2), 233-247. NIHMSID 534109
42. Polgar, M. F., **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Morrissey, J. P. (2014). How community organizations promote continuity of care for young people with mental health problems. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research* [Epub Ahead of Print] PMID In Progress
43. §Muñoz-Laboy, M. Worthington, N., Perry, A., Guilamo-Ramos, V. **Cabassa, L. J.**, Lee, J. & Severson, N. (In Press). Socio-environmental risks for untreated depression among formerly incarcerated Latino men. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* [Epub ahead of print]. PMID:23508876 NIHMSID 457595
44. *§**Cabassa, L. J.**, Siantz, E., Nicasio, A., Guarnaccia, P., & Lewis- Fernández (2014). Contextual factors in the health of people with serious mental illness. *Qualitative Health Research*. [Epub ahead of print]. NIHMSID 610220
45. *§**Cabassa, L. J.** Oh, H. Humensky, J. L., Unger, J. B., Molina, G. B., & Baron, M. (In Press). Comparing the impact of a depression brochure and an entertainment-education depression *fotonovela* on Latinos. *Psychiatric Services*.

Other Publications (Chapters, White Papers, Letters to the Editor, Conference Proceedings, Technical Reports)

1. Polgar, M. & **Cabassa L.** (2001). Continuity of mental health care for young adults.

- Focal Point*, 15(1), 11-12.
2. Polgar, M. & Cabassa L. (2002). Service Transition Points: A study of the mental health service system for young adults. In J. M. G. King, J. Cook, M. D. Pullmann, & J. Simpson. *Building on family strengths: Research in services in support of children and their families, 2001 conference proceedings*. (pp.103-105). Portland State University, Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health.
 3. Cabassa, L. J. (2003). Integrating cross-cultural psychiatry to the study of mental health disparities. [Letter to the editor] *American Journal of Public Health*, 93 (7). 1034. PMID: PMC1447889.
 4. Rios-Ellis, B., Aguilar-Gaxiola, S., Cabassa, L. J., Caetano, R., Comas-Díaz, L., Flore, R., Gonzalez, H., Lopez, S., & Zetina, J. L. (2005). *Critical disparities in Latino Mental Health: Transforming research into action*. White paper. Institute for Hispanic Health, National Council of La Raza.
 5. *New York State Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence. (2010). *Improving the Physical Health of People with Serious Mental Illness: A Systematic Review of Lifestyle Interventions: A Report from the NYS Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence at the New York State Psychiatric Institute*. New York, NY.
 6. §Cabassa, L.J., Lewis-Fernández, R. Guarnaccia, P. (2012). *Context at work in the physical health of people with serious mental illness: A report from the New York State Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence at the New York State Psychiatric Institute*. New York, NY
 7. §Cabassa, L. J. (2013). Community mental health services to Latinos. In J. Rosenberg and S. Rosenberg (Ed). *Community Mental Health: Challenges for the 21st Century 2nd Edition* New York, NY Routledge

Manuscripts Under Review or In Preparation

1. *Cabassa, L. J., Gomes A. P., Maldonado, L., & Thompson, S. (Under Review). What would it take? Stakeholders' preferences for implementing health care manager programs in community mental health clinics. *Medical Care Research and Review*.
2. Vargas, S., Cabassa, L. J., & Lewis-Fernández, R. (Under Review). Toward a cultural adaptation of pharmacotherapy: Latino views of depression and antidepressant therapy. *Transcultural Psychiatry*.
3. *Cabassa L.J., Gomes, A. P., Meyreles, Q., Capitelli, L., Younge, Y., Dragatsi, D., Alvarez, J., Manrique, Y., & Lewis-Fernández, R. (In Preparation). Modifying a health care manager intervention for a new population and provider group to improve the medical care of people with serious mental illness.
4. Cabassa, L. J. (In preparation). "De pies a cabeza": Hispanics experience living with chronic medical condition and serious mental illness.
5. Cabassa, L. J., Blanco, C. & Lewis-Fernández, R. (In preparation). Examining the relationships between mental disorders and cardiovascular disease among Latino Groups in the U.S.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Conference Presentations (*presentations with students)

- Cabassa, L. J. (March 2001). Assessing and understanding culturally competent mental health services for young adults. Paper presented at Washington University's 2001 Graduate Research Symposium, St. Louis, MO.
- Cabassa, L. J. (March, 2002). *Linea de Ayuda*: A crisis hotline service for the St. Louis Latino community. Paper presented at Washington University's 2002 Graduate Research Symposium, St. Louis, MO.
- Cabassa, L. J. (June, 2002). Development of *Linea de Ayuda*: A crisis intervention service for the St. Louis Latino community. Paper presented at the plenary session "Minority Concerns and Mental

- Health Issues” for the 17th National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) of Missouri Conference and Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (June, 2002). Effective community outreach strategies: Lessons learned from a crisis hotline service for the Latino community. Paper presented at the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Latino Leadership Symposium, Cincinnati, OH.
- Pollio, D. E., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Boersma, J., Reid, D., & North C. S. (January, 2003). Predictors of initial engagement in multifamily psychoeducation groups. Paper presented at the 7th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
- Polgar, M. & **Cabassa, L. J.** (March, 2003). Structural and cultural factors promoting transitions for young adults receiving care. Paper presented at the 16th Annual Children’s Mental Health Research & Policy Conference Research Conference: A system of care for children’s mental health: Expanding the research base, Tampa, FL.
- Pérez, C., Zayas, L. H., & **Cabassa, L. J.** (November, 2003). Hispanicity, language and psychiatric diagnosis. Paper presented at the Critical Research Issues in Latino Mental Health: Culture and Psychiatric Diagnosis: Towards DSM-V. Princeton, NJ.
- Proctor, E. K., McMillen, C., Megivern, D., Striley, C. W., Munson, M., & **Cabassa, L. J.** (January, 2004). Workshop on diverse research tools for understanding and improving quality of care in social work. Workshop presented at the 8th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Cabassa, L. J.** & Pollio, D. E. (January, 2004). Measuring caregiving experiences of families coping with serious mental illness: Testing the factor structure of the Caregiving Appraisal Scale. Paper presented at the 8th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (November, 2005). “It’s like being in a labyrinth:” Latino immigrants’ perceptions of depression and attitudes toward treatments. Poster presented at the Critical Research Issues in Latino Mental Health: Mental Disorders among Latinos: Biological and psychosocial influences on diagnosis and treatment. Princeton, New Jersey.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (January, 2006). Latino immigrants’ intentions to seek depression care. Paper presented at the 10th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, Texas.
- ***Cabassa, L. J.**, Hansen, M., & Noriega, V. (January, 2006). Latino adults’ access to mental health care: Systematic review of epidemiological studies. Poster presented at the 10th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, Texas.
- *Ell, K., Palinkas, L., **Cabassa, L. J.** & Wells, A. (January, 2007). Randomized Clinical Trial: Designs and Methods. Pre-conference Workshop. 11th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, California.
- ***Cabassa, L. J.** & Wells, A. (January 2007). Developing socio-culturally competent interventions and research protocols for racial/ethnic minority populations. Paper presented as part of the Randomized Clinical Trial: Designs and Methods. Pre-conference Workshop. 11th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, California.
- ***Cabassa, L. J.** & Hansen, M. (January, 2007). Depression treatments in primary care for Latino Adults: A systematic review of effectiveness studies. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, California.
- Torres, L. R., **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Zayas, L. H. (July, 2007). The Impact of Clinician Ethnicity on the Diagnosis of Hispanic Patients. Paper presented at the 19th NIMH Research Conference on Mental Health Services (MHSR 2007): Expanding the Impact of Mental Health Services Research, Washington, D.C.
- ***Cabassa, L. J.** Hansen, M., Palinkas, L., & Ell, K. (November, 2007). Illness representations and treatment experiences of Hispanic patients with diabetes and depression. Paper presented at the 60th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA). San Francisco, CA.

- *Hansen, M, **Cabassa, L. J.**, Palinkas, L., & Ell, K. (January, 2008). Pathways to depression care: Help-seeking experiences of Latinos with diabetes and depression. Paper presented at the 12th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D. C.
- Cabassa, L. J.** & Zayas, L. H. (October, 2008). Phenomenology of Latina adolescents' suicide attempts. Paper presented at the Bruno Lima Symposium on mental health issues among minority populations. American Public Health Association 136th Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (January, 2009). Mental health literacy in the United States: A systematic review of population based studies. Poster presented at the 13th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA
- Cabassa, L. J.**, Lagomasino, I., & Dwight-Johnson, M. (January, 2009). Depression treatment preferences and experiences of low-income Latinos: A Qualitative study. Paper presented at the 13th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA
- Cabassa, L. J.**, Molina, G., Baron, M, & Lewis-Fernández, R. (June 2009). Transforming research into practice: Development of a depression *fotonovela* for low-literate Latinos Poster presented at the Critical Research Issues in Latino Mental Health Conference: Translational Research in Latino Mental Health: Bench to Bedside, Adoption of Best Practices, and Integration in Community., New Brunswick, NJ.
- ***Cabassa, L. J.**, Carliner, H., Nicasio, A., Siantz, E., Turner, R., Reed, D., Tavarez, M., Sosa, S. B., Lewis- Fernández, R. (October, 2009). Maximizing longevity in diverse populations: Addressing co-occurring mental illness and chronic disease. Paper presented at the 61st Institute on Psychiatric Services, New York, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J.**, Lewis-Fernández, R., López-Castroman, J, & Blanco. C. (June 2010). Racial and ethnic differences in diabetes among people with psychiatric disorders: Results from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions. Poster presented at the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Cabassa, L. J.**, Blanco. C., López-Castroman, J & Lewis-Fernández, R. (November 2010). Racial and ethnic differences in diabetes among people with and without psychiatric disorders: Results from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association 138th Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- *Siantz, E., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Nicasio, A., Turner, R., Ezell, J., Tavarez, M., Reed, D., Parcesepe, A., Aragon, R., & Lewis- Fernández, R. (November 2010). Sociocultural elements in health care for people with serious mental illness. Paper presented at the American Public Health Association 138th Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- *Parcesepe, A., **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Aragon, R. (January 2011). Stigma of children's mental disorders in the United States: A systematic literature review. Poster presented at the 15th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, Fl.
- Cabassa, L. J.**, Contreras, S., Aragón, R., Molina, G. B., & Baron, M. (July 2011). Evaluating "Secret Feelings": A depression *fotonovela* for Latinos with limited English proficiency. Poster presented at the 21st National Institute of Mental Health Conference on Mental Health Services Research, Washington, D.C.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (July 2011). Engaging consumers in the implementation of health interventions for racial and ethnic minorities with serious mental illness in housing agencies. Paper presented at the 21st National Institute of Mental Health Conference on Mental Health Services Research, Washington, D.C.
- Cabassa, L. J.**, Parcesepe, A., Turner, R.,& Lewis-Fernández, R. (January, 2012). Using Photovoice to Engage Minority Consumers with Serious Mental Illness in the Implementation of Health Interventions in Housing Agencies. 16th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D. C.
- *Henwood, B., **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Craig, C. (March 2012). The importance of a home within health home

- initiatives. Paper presented at the Housing First Partners' Conference, New Orleans, LA
- Cabassa, L. J.**, Humensky, J., Druss, B., Lewis-Fernández, R., Blanco, C. (June, 2012). Do race, ethnicity, and psychiatric disorders matter in the prevalence of multiple chronic medical conditions? Paper presented at the Behavioral Interest Group for the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Nicasio, V., Humensky, J. L., **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Lewis-Fernández, R. (October, 2012). Risk factors for suicidal behaviors among Latina adolescents: A systematic literature review. Poster presented at the 5th Biennial National Latina/o Psychological Association. New Brunswick, NJ.
- *Gomes, A.P. & **Cabassa, L.J.** (2012, November). The patient-doctor relationship in the treatment of cardiac disease among older Latinos with Serious Mental Illness. Poster session presented at the 65th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, California.
- Cabassa, L. J.**, Humensky, J. Druss, B. & Lewis-Fernández, R. (December, 2012). Racial and ethnic differences in the prevalence of multiple chronic medical conditions among people with and without psychiatric conditions. Poster presented at the 2012 NIH Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit, National Harbor, MD.
- ***Cabassa, L. J.**, Gomes, A., Meyreles, Q., Capitelli, L., Alvarez, J., Younge, R., Nicasio, N., Dragatsi, D., Druss, B., & Lewis-Fernández, R. (January, 2013). A mixed-method study of the health care experiences of Hispanics with serious mental illness. Paper presented at the 17th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.
- ***Cabassa, L. J.** & Nicasio, A. (January, 2013). Picturing recovery. A photovoice exploration of recovery dimensions among people with serious mental illness. Paper presented at the 17th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.
- Baumann, A. A. & **Cabassa, L. J.** (July 2013). A two-way street: Bridging implementation science and cultural adaptations of mental health treatments. Paper presented at the XXXIV Congresso Interamericano de Psicologia, Brasilia, Brazil.
- *Gomes, A. P. & **Cabassa, L. J.** (October, 2013). Understanding barriers to a healthy lifestyle among Hispanics with serious mental illness: An ecological approach. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, Bethesda, MD.
- ***Cabassa, L. J.** & Gomes, A. P. (January, 2014). Barriers to a healthy lifestyle among Hispanics with serious mental illness: The layering of ecological factors. Paper presented at the 18th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, Texas.
- *Oh, H. Y. & **Cabassa, L. J.** (January, 2014). Can a depression *fotonovela* reduce stigma among Latino adults with limited English proficiency? Poster presented at the 18th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, Texas
- O'Hara, K. & **Cabassa, L. J.** (March, 2014). The Peer-Led Group Lifestyle Balance Pilot: Adapting a healthy lifestyle intervention for diverse housing first clients. Paper presented at the Housing First Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Cabassa, L. J.**, Gomes, A. P., & Manrique, Y. (June, 2014). What would it take? Stakeholders preferences for implementing health care manager programs in community mental health clinics. Paper presented at the Third International Conference on Practice Research, New York, NY

Invited Presentations

- Cabassa, L. J.**, Pollio, D., & Zayas, L. H. (August, 2003). Latino immigrant survey in primary health care: Assessing alcohol abuse and mental health needs. Invited paper at the St. Louis Refugee and Immigrant Consortium Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- Cabassa, L. J.** & Zayas L. H. (February, 2005). Latinas' suicide attempts: A sociocultural perspective. Paper presented at the National Council of La Raza's Latino Mental Health Summit, Long Beach, CA.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (June, 2006). Latino immigrant men and depression: Illness perceptions,

- attitudes toward care and help-seeking preferences. Invited key note address at the 2006 Latino Social Work Organization Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- *Zebrack, B., **Cabassa, L. J.**, & Yi, J (March, 2007). Families of Childhood Cancer Survivors: Using Photovoice to Express the Impact of Cancer and Engage Health Care Providers in the Enhancement of Health Care Service Delivery, Grand Rounds Presentation, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, CA.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (October, 2007). *Azúcar y nervios*: Hispanics' experiences with diabetes and depression. Paper presented at the Center for Latino Family Research. George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (September, 2008). Improving depression care in Latino communities. Paper presented at the Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence, New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (April, 2010). Depression literacy tools for Hispanic communities. Paper presented at the 2010 *Somos el Futuro* Conference. Albany, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (May 2010). Implementing health Care interventions for underserved minorities with serious mental illness. Paper presented at the NYSPI Department of Mental Health Services Policy and Research: Research Nuts and Bolts Series. New York, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (September, 2010). Hispanics' experiences with diabetes and depression. Paper presented at the Workshop: Depression: The Hidden Hindrance to Managing Diabetes in Minority Populations. Northern Manhattan Perinatal Partnership, New York, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (October, 2010). Engaging Latinos in mental health care: Barriers and solutions. Paper presented at the 4th Upstate Latino Summit, Albany, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (November, 2010). Webinar Series Sponsored by the New York State Office of Mental Health: Bureau of Cultural Competence. Improving the physical health of Latinos and African Americans with serious mental illness. New York State Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence, New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (November, 2010). Improving the physical health of racial and ethnic minorities with serious mental illness: Development of a Socio-Cultural Model. Presented at the New York State Psychiatric Institute Social Work Department Ground Rounds. New York, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (December, 2010). Implementing health care interventions for Hispanics with serious mental illness: A research agenda. Colloquium presented at the Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY
- Cabassa, L. J.** (March 2011). The role of culture in the integration of physical health services in mental health settings. Paper presented at the NYAPRS 7th Annual Executive Seminar. Albany, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (June, 2011). Implementing health care interventions for Hispanics with serious mental illness: A research agenda. Mental Health Concentration Colloquium, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- Balan, I. C., **Cabassa, L. J.**, Chavez, L., Feldman, J., Gonzalez, H. M., & Piña, A. A., (November, 2011). Special Panel: Successful new investigators that have participated in the CRILMH Program. Critical Research Issues in Latino Mental Health Conference, Miami, FL.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (September, 2012). Intersection of race/ethnicity, cardiovascular health and serious mental illness. Paper presented at the Research to Improve Health and Longevity of People with Severe Mental Illness: A Trans-NIH Meeting Supported by the Division of Services and Intervention Research and the Office for Research on Disparities and Global Mental Health, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, MD
- Cabassa, L. J.** (November, 2012). Addressing health disparities among people with serious mental illness. Paper presented at the Dean's Advisory Council Meeting. Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY
- Cabassa, L. J.** (March, 2013). Reducing stigma towards mental illness in the Latino community. Grand

Rounds: 20th Annual Diversity Day, Department of Psychiatry, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

- Cabassa, L. J.** (April, 2013). Reducing the stigma of mental illness in the Latino community. Alumni Day, Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY
- Cabassa, L. J.** (May 2013). Preparing a health care manager program to improve the health of Hispanics with serious mental illness. Paper presented at the American Society of Hispanic Psychiatry Symposium, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- Cabassa, L. J.** (October, 2013). Bridging research and practice: Preparing a health care manager intervention for Hispanics with serious mental illness. Paper presented at the monthly faculty research presentation symposium. Columbia University School of Social Work. New York, NY
- Cabassa, L. J.** (October, 2013). Bridges to better health and wellness: A health care manager program to improve the health of people with serious mental illness. Paper presented at the New York State Office of Mental Health Executive Committee Meeting, Albany, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (December, 2013). Bridging implementation science and cultural adaptation of mental health treatments. Paper presented at the Scholarship & Research Forum. Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, New York, NY.
- Cabassa, L. J. & O'Hara, K.** (February, 2014). Adapting a healthy lifestyle intervention for diverse housing first clients. Paper presented at the Behavioral Health Care Reform and Culturally Competent Care: A Closer Look meeting, New York, N.Y.
- Cabassa, L. J.** (May 2014). Developing Health Interventions for People with Serious Mental Illness Using Participatory Research Methods: A Case Study in Supportive Housing. Paper presented at the Annual Open House for Graduating Students. Columbia University School of Social Work. New York, NY

Podcast

Robinson, A (Interviewer). (2010, May 17). *Episode 46: Dr. Leopoldo Cabassa: Developing Mental Health Literacy Tools for the Latino Community* [Audio podcast]. in SocialWork Podcast Series. University of Buffalo, The State University of New York. Retrieved from: <http://www.insocialwork.org/episode.asp?ep=46>

Thorning, H. (Interviewer). (2014, July 8). *Act Talk Podcast: A conversation with Leopoldo J. Cabassa on contextual factors that influence the physical health and health care* [Audio podcast]. ACT Institute for Recovery-Based Practice. Center for Practice Innovations at Columbia Psychiatry. Retrieved from: http://practiceinnovations.org/Portals/0/ACT_Podcasts/ACT_Talk_Podcast_07082014_MP4_Edit.ed.mp4

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Undergraduate Education

- Research Internship Supervisor Pre-Med Students. MedPrep Program Phase III, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University (Summer 2011, Summer 2013)

Masters in Public Health (MPH)

- Practicum Supervisor for Jerel Ezell, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University (Fall 2009 ~ Spring 2010)

Masters in Social Work (MSW)

- Research on Social Work Practice, Washington University in St. Louis, (Summer 2004, Fall 2004)

- Evaluation of Research, USC School of Social Work, (Fall 2006)
- Social Work Research, USC School of Social Work, (Spring 2007, Spring 2008)
- Social Work with Latino Populations, USC School of Social Work, (Fall 2008), Columbia University School of Social Work (Spring, 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2014)
- Foundations of Social Work Practice (7100). Columbia School of Social Work (Fall 2012, Fall 2013)
- Independent Studies
 - Lorena Maldonado, MSW Student, Topic: Implementation Research in Public Mental Health Settings Serving Latino Clients, Spring 2013, Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY

Doctoral Qualifying Exam Committees

- Member, Qualifying Exam Committee for Marissa C. Hansen, Ph.D. Student, USC School of Social Work, Los Angeles, CA
- Member, Qualifying Exam Committee for Anjanette Wells, Ph.D. Student, USC School of Social Work, Los Angeles, CA
- Member, Qualifying Exam Committee for Jahee Yi, Ph.D. Student, USC School of Social Work, Los Angeles, CA

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

- Member, Dissertation Proposal Committee for Yamile M. Martí, MSW, MA, School of Social Work, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Member, Dissertation Committee for Yamile M. Martí, MSW, MA, School of Social Work, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Co-sponsor, Dissertation Proposal Committee, Arminda P. Gomes, LMSW, School of Social Work, Columbia University, New York, NY

Residency Training in Psychiatry

- Supervisor for Psychiatry Residents (PGY-2) Cultural Formulation Course, Department of Psychiatry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University (Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011).

Residency Training in Family Medicine

- Introduction to Qualitative Research, Center for Family and Community Medicine (CFCM), Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY (Fall, 2012)

SERVICES AND AFFILIATIONS

Columbia University School of Social Work

2012 ~ 2013	Member, Diversity Committee
2012 ~ Present	Member, Office of Sponsored Projects, Advisory Committee
2012 ~ Present	Member, Field Education Committee
2013 ~ Present	Co-Chair, Diversity Committee
2013 ~ Present	Member (Elected), Faculty Search Committee

School of Social Work, University of Southern California

2005 ~ 2009	Member, Hamovitch Research Center Committee
2006 ~ 2009	Member, Doctoral Committee
2006 ~ 2007	Member, All School Day Committee
2007	Commencement Marshall
2006 ~ 2009	Member, Research Sequence Committee

2006 ~ 2009 Member, Mental Health Concentration Committee

Social Work Profession

2002 ~ Present Member, Society for Social Work and Research
 Services: Reviewer of Annual Conference Abstracts (2007 ~ Present)
 2005 ~ Present Member, American Public Health Association
 2008 ~ 2009 Member, Transporting Evidence Practice Advisory Committee, National
 Association of Social Workers (NASW), Washington, D. C.
 2012 Participant, Behavioral Health Disparities Curriculum Infusion Project,
 National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work
 2013 ~ Present Member, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

National and International Service and Consultation

2004 ~ Present Member, National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse
 2007 ~ Present External Grant Reviewer for Mental Health Initiative, Health Care Foundation
 of Greater Kansas City, MO
 2009 External Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF)
 2012 Member, Review Panel, NIMHD Community-Based Participatory (CBPR)
 Initiative in Reducing and Eliminating Health Disparities: Planning Phase
 (R24): ZMD1 RN (07), National Institute on Minority Health and Health
 Disparities
 2012 Member, Review Panel, NIMH Special Emphasis Panel, Grand Challenges in
 Global Mental Health (R01): ZMH1 ERB (01). National Institute of Mental
 Health
 2013-2015 Elected Board Member: Editor, American Society of Hispanic Psychiatry
 2014 External Grant Reviewer, Small Grant Initiative, Research Centers in
 Minority Institutions (RCMI), Center for Collaborative Research in Health
 Disparities, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus,

Editorial Review Board

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Consulting Editor

Social Work Research (2013 ~ 2016)

Ad-hoc Reviewer

Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research
 American Journal of Public Health
 BMC: Family Practice
 Chronic Illness
 Centro: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies
 Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice
 Contemporary Clinical Trials
 General Hospital Psychiatry
 Health Promotion Practice
 Health Services Research
 Medical Care
 Journal of the National Medical Association
 Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved
 Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease
Journal of Primary Prevention
Psychiatric Services
Research on Social Work Practice
Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology
Social Science & Medicine
Qualitative Research in Psychology
Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise and Health

ADVANCED RESEARCH TRAINING

Rigorous & Relevant: Qualitative Methods in Social Work, Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research (IASWR), Washington, D. C., July 12-13, 2006,

IMPACT Workshop, National Council Behavioral Healthcare Conference, Orlando, FL, April 10-11, 2006.

Conducting In-depth Interviews and Focus Groups Workshop, Research Talk, Los Angeles, California, October 07, 2005.

NIH Summer Institute on the Design and Conduct of Randomized Clinical Trials Involving Behavioral Interventions, Warrenton, VA, July 13–25, 2008