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My Bibliography:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/kathleen.o'connor.2/bibliography/41013072/public/?sort=date&direction=ascending>

My NIH Biosketch:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/kathleen.o'connor.2/cv/119947/>

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NURSING/MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST

Strengths: ethnography of complex societies and relationships; field research; community-based research; writing and analysis; team leadership

15+ years of experience delivering international research projects on global mental health ahead of schedule and within limited budgets. 7+ years of instructing >1100 nursing and anthropology undergraduates and leading research teams of up to 10. Published 15 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters delivered 21 high-profile conference presentations.

7 years US-Mexico border region, 8 years in Brazil, 3 years in France, 1 year in New Zealand.

Fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, French

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

MASTERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH (IN PROGRESS)

EL PASO, TX

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

MASTER'S CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH/TRAUMA AND RECOVERY

Cambridge, MA

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. in Social Anthropology

Cambridge, MA

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Master of Arts in Social Anthropology

Cambridge, MA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

Master of Arts in Latin American Studies

Los Angeles, CA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Master of Arts in Jazz Performance

Los Angeles, CA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

Bachelor of Arts in Music Composition

Los Angeles, CA

WORK EXPERIENCE**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO, SCHOOL OF NURSING, EL PASO, TX****2008 - Present****Assistant Professor**

Teach Transcultural Nursing, Global Health, Anthropology and Interdisciplinary Health Sciences. Taught 1125 students through total of 48 grad & undergrad courses. Developed 7 new courses and 6 course revisions. Published 8 peer-reviewed articles, delivered 13 conference presentations. Affiliate Border Biomedical Research Center, Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, A-Prime Time, Research Centers in Minority Institutions Translational Research Network (RCMI RTRN)

Research Accomplishments

- Led a team of investigators assessing mental health outcomes among Central American refugees in San Antonio, Texas
 - Prepared and successfully obtained IRB permission for continuing research
 - Prepared 224- page report for the Unitarian Universalist Service Center
 - Prepared all documents required by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement for permission to visit Dilley and Karnes detention centers
 - Organized all research activities and travel for team
 - Research is ongoing
- Led 6 Mexican drug war research projects of up to 2-years, overseeing interviewing of >700 study participants, discovering relationship between mental health, war & resilience
 - Successfully applied for permission to travel to Juarez, restricted since 2008 by University of Texas
 - Completed 200 surveys of depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress in Ciudad Juárez
 - Impacted >200 individuals by identifying mental health status
 - Funds saved from grant reinvested in student salary to develop online survey and databases
 - Research on how to develop resilience
 - Amassed significant body of research with limited budget
- New projects beginning summer 2016: ethnography of American retirees in Mexico; mental health survey of Mexican nurses using Facebook; qualitative interviews of Mexican nurses in Guerrero and Chihuahua states
- Program evaluation of UTEP Mike Loya Center Entrepreneurship Program in Business and Engineering
 - Expertise in developing logic models
 - 47-page stakeholder program evaluation report
 - Gained inclusion in Hogg Foundation for Mental Health listings of program evaluators by leveraging results of evaluation
 - Interfaced with nearly 200 people including interviews and surveys
- Developed and pilot tested low cost, depression, anxiety & post-traumatic stress survey with 35 children at US-Mexico border on time and limited budget
 - Home visits with 65 local mothers and children
- Led 12 month, \$17.5K research project on mental health effects of armed conflict in El Paso/Juarez border region during height of drug war
 - Interviewed 203 young adults using 2 quantitative surveys of depression, anxiety & post-traumatic stress
 - Audio-recorded 203 personal narratives of traumatic experiences in Spanish and English

- Received requests from 7 other researchers to use survey
- Published 3 peer-reviewed articles in *Traumatology* and *Middle Ground Journal* and presented research at 3 national conferences and in Puerto Rico
- Led on time and within budget research project on development & testing of locally-appropriate Spanish-language surveys measuring depression, anxiety & post-traumatic stress
 - Revised Harvard Trauma Questionnaire and Hopkins Symptom Checklist
 - Published data in *Traumatology* finding high rates of community depression, anxiety & post-traumatic stress in 2 pilot samples of 40 each. Developed and delivered webcast presentation.
 - Received numerous requests for survey usage from other scholars
- Program evaluation of batterer intervention program at Center Against Family Violence.
 - Won new project evaluating Batterer Intervention and Prevention Program
 - Logic model
 - Program description
 - Outcome and efficacy measurement
 - Research is ongoing
- Proposed mixed methods study of health and mental health among US expatriate retirees in Mexico in collaboration with Universidad de la Sierra Sur in Oaxaca, MX (NIH National Institute on Aging)
- Preparing proposal for epidemiological survey research measure depression, anxiety & post-traumatic stress among 500 nurses in Mexico after 10 years of insecurity & drug violence
- Work on border violence featured in 3 magazine articles, 5 news articles, 3 television news programs, 1 radio interview.
- Expert testimony/declaration on behalf of refugees for RAICES TX, Dec 7, 2015
- Trained 5 research assistants, served on 8 PhD and Masters thesis committees. Chaired 3 doctoral committees.
- Designed web-based data storage application.
- Wrote Brazilian and Cuban cultural entries for *Lippincott Williams: Lippincott Advisor Cultural Perspectives*
- Peer reviewer for 11 scholarly journals and publishers. Proposal reviewer for National Science Foundation. Member of 11 professional associations.
- Presented research at 4 College of Health Sciences/School of Nursing *Healthy Exchange* lectures

Teaching and Mentoring

Undergraduate Courses:

- Cultural Perspectives in Health
- Nursing Research and Statistics
- Global Health
- Introduction to Anthropology
- Culture, Fertility and Morality

Masters Level Courses:

- Research Appraisal and Application
- Evidence-Based Practice

Doctoral Courses:

- Multicultural Influences on Health and Research
- Bioethics
- Research Applications

- Directed Research

Service

Department:

- 2008 - 2011 School of Nursing Faculty Organization Recording Secretary
- 2008 - present School of Nursing Graduate Studies Committee
- 2011 - 2012 School of Nursing Faculty Evaluation Committee
- 2011 - 2014 School of Nursing By-Laws Committee
- 2014 - 2015 Chair, School of Nursing By-Laws Committee
- 2015-2016 Chair, School of Nursing Faculty Organization
- 2011 - 2014 School of Nursing Representative to Faculty Senate
- 2011 - 2013 School of Nursing Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

University:

- 2012 Provost's Committee on Global Reach
- 2012 - 2015 Chair, Student Welfare Committee of the Faculty Senate
 - Initiated restructuring of Committee
- 2013 Vice President for Student Affairs Strategic Planning Committee
- 2013 Judge/Mentor, UTEP 3rd Annual Graduate Research Expo
- 2013 - 2016 UTEP Ability Awareness Week Planning Committee
- 2014 Outstanding Theses and Dissertations Awards Reviewer
- 2015. A-Prime Time accelerated pre-med program, UTEP. Debate: "The Vaccination Controversy: Should Immunization Be Optional or Not?" Faculty panelist. May 2, 2015
- 2014. A-Prime Time panel on HPV vaccine. Faculty presenter and panelist. February 27, 2014
- 2015 Student Success Committee, Office of Student Affairs, UTEP
- 2015-2016 Center for Civic Engagement Service Learning Committee, UTEP

Professional:

Peer Reviewer

- Oxford University Press
- F.A. Davis Publishers
- *American Anthropologist*
- *Social Science and Medicine*
- *Culture and Religion*
- *Hispanic Health Care International*
- *Traumatology*
- *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*
- *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*
- *GeoMed*
- *Journal of International Migration*

Proposal Reviewer

- National Science Foundation Cultural Anthropology Section

Community:

- Center Against Family Violence, El Paso TX. 2015-present. Volunteer and pro bono program evaluator
- Mike Loya Center for Business and Innovation. 2013-present. Service learning activities, program evaluation.
- Animal rescue foster home (2005-present)
- Patient Resource, Lymphoma Research Foundation (2010 – present)
- San Elizario Health Fair Poster presentation: “What should I eat?” Healthy foods for diabetics” (2012)
- Dowell Elementary Health Fair Presenter on Child Mental Health (2013)
- Member, Rotary international (Past President), 2005-2012
- Volunteer, El Paso Baptist Clinic (2010)

Faculty Development Activities

- 2010. World Health Organization/World Mental Health Composite International Diagnostic Interview training and re-certification at Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. March 10-13.
- 2010-11. Global Mental Health: Trauma and Recovery Masters Certificate Program. Training on refugee and conflict trauma through Harvard Program on Refugee Trauma. November 2010 – May 2011
- 2012. Statistics training, El Paso Community College
- 2012. Social work CEU training: “PTSD among Civilians in the US-Mexico Border Region.” University of Texas, El Paso, Department of Social Work.
- 2012-3. Postgraduate training in epidemiology and biostatistics, University of Texas, El Paso
- 2013. Postgraduate training in program evaluation, University of Texas, El Paso.
- 2014. Health Disparities Training. University of Puerto Rico.
- 2014. Postgraduate training in infectious diseases and public health in the border region, University of Texas, El Paso
- 2014. Postgraduate training in psychobiology, University of Texas, El Paso.
- 2014. Certification in Trauma Resiliency Model, Trauma Resource Institute
- 2015. Certificate Training in Psychological First Aid, Johns Hopkins University
- 2015-2016. Postgraduate training in advanced statistics, UTEP
- 2015. Certificate training in social network analysis, Stanford (Coursera)
- 2016. Measuring Health Disparities certificate course, University of Michigan School of Public Health

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES, Davis, CA

Field Research Coordinator

2005-2008

Supervised delivery of \$4.7M, 8-year epidemiological study of Mexican & Central American farm workers (MICASA).

Program Management

- Supervised recruitment and completion of 843 Spanish-language baseline questionnaires of 44 pages in 1st 2 years after opening office space in remote agricultural area.
 - Hired, trained and supervised up to 10 employees and research assistants in bilingual office
 - Completed interviews with 100 mother-adolescent pairs in 2nd year
 - Conducted, organized & completed 172 lung function, spirometry tests
 - Presented lecture at UC Davis
 - Built community support navigating close bilingual collaboration with stakeholders from different cultures, education & socioeconomic levels, including local officials
 - Organized community events such as Spanish language health lectures and free community AIDS testing
 - Identified and regularly convened community advisory board, including City Council leaders
- Enabled on-time & within budget completion of rural research study on low income Latino children’s oral health for UCSF’s Center to Address Disparities in Children’s Oral Health (CANDO Center)
 - Prevented any breach of security and confidentiality of data under duress from competing researchers
- Conducted needs assessment in Latino mental health in California for CSU Fresno Central Valley Health Policy Institute Fellowship
- First author on publication with UC Davis investigators about association between mental health outcomes and environmental exposures among Latino farmworkers

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Fresno, CA	
Fellow, Central Valley Health Policy Institute	2006-2007
HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL, Boston, MA	
Research Fellow, Department Of Social Medicine	2005-2006
HARVARD UNIVERSITY/NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH, Cambridge, MA	
Predoctoral NRSA	2004-2005
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (NRSA), Cambridge, MA	
Predoctoral Fellow, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine	2001-2003
HARVARD UNIVERSITY	
Fulbright Scholar in Bahia, Brazil	2000-2001
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH, Boston, MA	
Predoctoral NRSA	1999-2000
HARVARD UNIVERSITY	1997-2005
Teaching Fellow in Anthropology	

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

1998-2005

House Tutor, Mather House (resident and non-resident)

KEY OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENTS

- Brazil, NIH Ruth Kirschstein Scholar (2001-2003)
- Brazil, Fulbright Scholar (2000-2001)
- Brazil, DoD Boren (NSEP) Fellow (1997)
- France, Assistant to conductor Roger Wagner (1977-1980)
- Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Mexico, Ecuador, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil: vocalist (1977-1980)
- New Zealand, Rotary Exchange Scholar (1974)

KEY AWARDS

- National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Grantee (2007-2009, 2010-2011)
- Fulbright Scholar (2000-2001)
- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) (2004-2005)
- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) (2002-2003)
- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) (1999-2000)
- US State Department Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (1998-1999)
- US Department of Defense Boren (NSEP) Fellowship to Brazil (1997)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- American Anthropological Association
- Society for Applied Anthropology
- Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland
- Society for Medical Anthropology
- Society for Psychiatric Anthropology
- Transcultural Nursing Society
- American Evaluators Association
- Texas Faculty Association
- UCLA Alumni Association
- USC Alumni Association
- Harvard Alumni Association

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- O'Connor, K. (2014). Narco-Trauma: The Phenomenology of the Mexican Drug War among Binational Students at the Border. *Middle Ground Journal*.
- O'Connor, K. (2015). Nursing Ethics and the 21st-Century Armed Conflict: The Example of Ciudad Juarez. *J Transcult Nurs*. doi:10.1177/1043659615620657
- O'Connor, K., Anders, R. L., Balcazar, H., Ibarra, J., Perez, E., Flores, L., . . . Bean, N. H. (2008). Prevalence of Mental Health Issues in the Borderlands: A Comparative Perspective. *Hisp Health Care Int*, 6(3), 140-149. doi:10.1891/1540-4153.6.3.140
- O'Connor, K., Nuñez-Mchiri, G. G., & Thomas-Duckwitz, C. (2015a). *Dilley Family Residential Center Project*. Retrieved from El Paso TX:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/283014890_Dilley_Family_Residential_Center_Project_Report

O'Connor, K., Nuñez-Mchiri, G. G., & Thomas-Duckwitz, C. (2015b). *No Safe Haven Here: Mental Health Assessment of Women and Children Held in U.S. Immigration Detention*. Retrieved from Cambridge, MA:

http://www.uusc.org/sites/default/files/mental_health_assessment_of_women_and_children_u.s._immigration_detention.pdf

O'Connor, K., M. Stoecklin-Marois, and M. B. Schenker. "Examining Nervios among Immigrant Male Farmworkers in the Micasa Study: Sociodemographics, Housing Conditions and Psychosocial Factors." *J Immigr Minor Health* 17.1 (2015): 198-207. Print.

O'Connor, K., Vizcaino, M., & Benavides, N. A. (2013). Mental health outcomes of Mexico's drug war in Ciudad Juárez: A pilot study among university students. *Traumatology*.

<http://tmt.sagepub.com/content/early/2013/07/29/1534765613496647>
doi:10.1177/1534765613496647

O'Connor, K., Vizcaino, M., & Benavides, N. A. (manuscript in preparation). Adapting the Harvard Trauma Questionnaire and the Hopkins Symptom Checklist for children aged 8 - 12.

O'Connor, K., Vizcaino, M., Ibarra, J. M., Balcazar, H., Perez, E., Flores-Padilla, L., & Anders, R. L. (2015). Multimorbidity in a Mexican community: Secondary analysis of chronic illness and depression outcomes. *International Journal of Nursing*, 2(1). doi:10.15640/ijn.v2n1a4

O'Connor, K. (2011). Hearing the Mermaid's Song: The Umbanda Religion in Rio de Janeiro by Lindsay Hale. *American Anthropologist*, 113(4), 674-675. doi:10.1111/j.1548-1433.2011.01387_12.x

O'Connor, K., Vizcaino, M., & Benavides, N. A. (2015). Mental health outcomes of drug conflict among university students at the U.S.–Mexico border. *Traumatology*, 21(2), 90-97.
doi:10.1037/trm0000029

RECENT PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

- 2016. O'Connor, K. "Medical ethics and the 21st Century Conflict." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Saturday April 2, 2016; Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- 2016. Nuñez-Mchiri, Guillermina Gina and O'Connor, Kathleen (UTEP) "*Central American Women and Children: Assessment of Mental Health Needs and Priorities*." Panel and podcast: *Violence, Displacement, and Resilience: Engaging with Multiple Experiences and Perspectives in the Americas*. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Friday, April 1 2016; Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- 2014. O'Connor, K. "Caregiver influence on child mental health: Reclaiming epigenesis." Podium presentation. Transcultural Nursing Society. Charleston, NC. October 2014.
- November 5, 2014. Kathleen O'Connor, Ph.D., Assistant Professor - UTEP School of Nursing. "*Comparing Mental Health Outcomes Among Mother-child Dyads in the Hispanic Community*." Public lecture, Healthy Exchange Series, School of Nursing/College of Health Sciences, UTEP.
- 2013. O'Connor, K. "Assessing the mental health of minority students in a context of armed conflict: Applying Leininger's Sunrise Model." Podium presentation. Transcultural Nursing Society Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM; October 2013.
- Feb 26 2013: Kathleen O'Connor, Ph.D. and Maricarmen Vizcaino. "Mental Health Effects of Drug Conflict on Bicultural Students 2010 - 2012". Public lecture, Healthy Exchange Series, School of Nursing/College of Health Sciences, UTEP.
- 2012. O'Connor K. "Narco-Trauma: Students, Mental Health and the Drug War at the Border." Annual Meeting of American Studies Association, November 13-18 2012, San Juan Puerto Rico.

- 2012. O'Connor K, Monsivais D, Amaya M. Sun Conference for Teaching and Learning. "Here's How It Works in this Course: Faculty Course Orientation." University of Texas, El Paso. February 28 – March 1, 2012.
- 2012. O'Connor K. UTEP Women's Studies Department Women's History Month Conference. "Little Shirts: The Social Construction of Condoms." UTEP, March 27-29, 2012.
- 2012. O'Connor K, Monsivais D, Amaya M. Institute of Online Learning Conference. "Here's How It Works in this Course: Faculty Course Orientation." San Antonio, TX, May 23-25 2012.
- 2012. O'Connor K. Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ. School of Transborder Studies. "Health, Culture, and Transborder Issues: From Califas to Tejas." October 16, 2012.
- 2012. O'Connor K. "Narco-Trauma: Students, Mental Health and the Drug War at the Border." Annual Meeting of American Studies Association, November 13-18 2012, San Juan Puerto Rico.
- 2012. O'Connor K. "Hispanic Mental Health and the Drug War at the Border." NIH Summit on the Science of Eliminating Health Disparities, Gaylord Convention Center, Baltimore MD. December 16-19, 2012.
- October 10, 2010. Oralia Loza, Assistant Professor, Public Health Sciences; and Kathleen O'Connor, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Nursing. "Healthy Methodology: Qualitative, Quantitative, or both?" Public lecture, Healthy Exchange Series, School of Nursing/College of Health Sciences, UTEP.
- February 10, 2011. Kathleen O'Connor, Ph.D. "Global Mental Health: Trauma and Recovery." Public lecture, Healthy Exchange Series, School of Nursing/College of Health Sciences, UTEP.
- 2009. Judith C. Barker, Rosalia Mendoza, Jane A. Weintraub, Howard F. Pollick, & Kathleen A O'Connor. "Domestic use of non-fluoridated tap water in a rural Latino community: Beliefs and oral health implications." Podium presentation, American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA, November, 2009.
- 2008. O'Connor K. "Epidemiology, Anthropology and Community-Based Participatory Research: Challenges and Successes Working with a Hard-to-Reach Population." National Institutes of Health Summit on Health Disparities, December 17, 2008.
- 2008. O'Connor K. "The *Ensaio* in Brazilian Candomblé." Conference paper, Society for Ethnomusicology National Conference, Wesleyan University October 25-28, 2008.

ADDITIONAL

- **Certifications:** Global Mental Health/Refugee Trauma Certification, Harvard Program on Refugee Trauma, 12-month training (August 2011); WHO Composite International Diagnostic Interview certification, 2010; Psychological First Aid, Johns Hopkins University
- **Software:** ATLAS.ti, SPSS, Gephi, Dragon, EndNote, Adobe, Snowflake, Moviemaker, Power Point
- **Languages:** English (native); Portuguese/French/Spanish (fluent); Italian/Yoruba/Quechua/German (tourism)
- **Interests:** Brazil/Sailing, boating, swimming/Animals/Horticulture and ethnobotany/Music, vocal, piano, guitar/Political analysis and foreign policy/Travel, living abroad/Reading/Film/Cooking/Learning languages

Addenda.**1) Research Support****Current Support:**

- University Research Institute Faculty Grant. 2014-2015
"Measuring Post-Conflict Trauma and Resilience in Ciudad Juárez." Role: PI.
- Mike Loya Center for Innovation and Commerce, UTEP 2013-2015
Role PI. Program Evaluation of Mike Loya Center, University of Texas, El Paso.

Completed:

- # 1 P20 MD000548 Elias Provencio-Vasquez, PI 2/1/12 – 5/31/13
NIH/NCMHD Funding , UTEP Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center Transitioning Faculty Award.
"Measuring Trauma Exposure among Asthmatic Children in the US-Mexico Border Region." Role: Principal Investigator.
- Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, Austin TX 6/1/11 – 5/31/12
"Trauma among University Students in a Context of Armed Conflict: A Needs Assessment". Role: Principal Investigator.
- 1 P20 MD000548 Elias Provencio-Vasquez, PI 8/1/10 – 6/30/11
NIH/NCMHD Funding , UTEP Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center Transitioning Faculty Award.
"Ensuring Local Appropriateness of Spanish-Language Versions of Two Mental Health Survey Instruments: The World Mental Health/WHO Composite International Diagnostic Interview and the Harvard Trauma Questionnaire". Role: Principal Investigator.
- NIH NIMHD Loan Repayment Program
Recipient 2007-2009, 2010-2011
\$105,000
- 1 P20 MD000548 Robert L. Anders, PI 7/1/08 – 8/31/08
NIH/NCMHD Funding (July-August 2008). # 1 P20 MD000548 "Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center". Role: Co-Investigator. Analyze data sets on Year Two of binational health study.
- 1 P20 MD000548 Robert L. Anders, PI 7/1/07 – 8/15/07
NIH/NCMHD Funding (July-August 2007). # 1 P20 MD000548 "Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center". Role: Consultant. Analyze data sets on Year One of binational health study.

- R01 R01OH009293 (NIOSH) and The California Endowment
 Marc B Schenker, PI 2005-2008
 UC Davis Farmworker Family Cohort Study (MICASA). Role: Field Research Coordinator (9/1/05 - 6/30/08).
- NIH/NIDCR. U54 DE14251 Jane Weintraub, PI. 9/30/06 – 7/31/08
 University of California at San Francisco. Center to Address Disparities in Children's Oral Health (CANDO Center). Project 6: Population-based Oral Health Study of Agricultural Worker Families".
 Project 9: "Rural and Urban Water Consumption Patterns in Latino Populations."
 Deliverable: Conference presentation: Judith C. Barker, Rosalia Mendoza, Jane A. Weintraub, Howard F. Pollick, & Kathleen A O'Connor. "Domestic use of non-fluoridated tap water in a rural Latino community: Beliefs and oral health implications." American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA, November, 2009.
- California Endowment Kathleen A Curtis, PI 9/1/06-6/30/07
 Fellow, Central Valley Health Policy Institute, California State University Fresno. Role: Fellow. Goal: policy analysis of mental health care for Latinos in underserved areas in California. Deliverable: "Policy analysis of mental health care for low income Latinos in federally-designated Medically Underserved Areas."
- T32 MH18006 Byron Good, PI 9/1/04 – 8/31/05
 NIMH Institutional Predoctoral National Research Service Award. Harvard University Department of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School. Role: Fellow. Goal: PhD dissertation.
- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award
 1F31 AT00057 Arthur M Kleinman PI 9/1/01 – 8/31/03
 NIH-NCCAM Individual Predoctoral NRSA (2001-2003). "Candomble and Psychiatry in Bahia, Brazil."
 Role: Co-PI. Field Research in Bahia, Brazil, on mental health among medically underserved urban Afro-Brazilians. Goal: Dissertation field research; book based on the dissertation under revision; articles in preparation.
- Fulbright Scholar Kathleen O'Connor, PI 9/1/00 – 8/31/01
 US Dept of State. "Candomble and Psychiatry in Bahia, Brazil." Harvard University. Role: Principal investigator. Field Research in Bahia, Brazil. Goal: Dissertation (UMI 2005).
- 5T32 MH018006-16 Arthur Kleinman, PI 9/1/99 – 8/31/00
 NIMH Institutional Predoctoral National Research Service Award .Harvard University. Department of Social Medicine. Harvard Medical School. Role: Fellow. Goal: Training for research career in medical anthropology focusing on mental health and medically underserved.
- US Department of Education 2001
 Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship.

Yoruba language study to support research in Brazilian and Cuban religious traditions

- US Department of Education Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship.
Portuguese Language study at Harvard University 9/1/99 –
8/31/00
- Harvard University travel grant 2000
Research on Afro-Cuban religious traditions in Chicago
- US Department of Education 2000
Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship.
Yoruba language study to support research in Brazilian and Cuban religious traditions
- Harvard University 1999
David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies
Travel grant to Brazil: research on Cuban religious traditions in Brazil
- US Department of Education 1999
Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship.
Yoruba language study to support research in Brazilian and Cuban religious traditions
- Harvard University Travel Grant 1998
Research on Cuban religious traditions in Brazil
- Johns Hopkins University Cuban Exchange Program 1998
Research in Cuba on alternative healing strategies used by African Diaspora Religions in context of
scarcity of medical supplies due to embargo.
- US Department of Education 9/1/98 –
8/31/99
Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship. Portuguese language study at Harvard
University
- US Department of Defense. NSEP (Boren) Fellowship. 8/96 – 9/97
Portuguese language student and field research in Brazil
- US Department of Education 1995
Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant for Quechua language study

External funding Proposals Submitted

Pending review:

07/01/15 -06/30/17 PI

“Correlating behavioral health and immune response among uninsured Mexican Hispanics.”

1R03HD086556-01 R03 NIH NIMH Proposal

\$ 151,000

07/01/15 -06/30/17 Co-PI

Will submit 8/15

Ethnography of American Retirees in Mexico: Health profile and service utilization

NSF Cultural Anthropology Award

7/01/2016 – 06/30/2018 Co-PI

Will submit 6/16/15

Nurses in Mexico: Mental health and resilience

NIH NINR R03

\$100,000

RCMI RTRN Small grant. Powell M, Bond V, (Morehouse University) O'Connor, K., Co-Investigators

Will submit 6/15

Pilot study: "Exosomes as markers of risk among uninsured Mexican Hispanics."

\$15,000

List of External grants applied for:

Submitted 2/2015

O'Connor, K. PI

"Behavioral health and chronic illness among uninsured Mexican Hispanics."

1R15MD010222-01 NIH NIMHD R15

\$377,500

Submitted 12/2014

Apostolopoulos V, O'Connor K, Co-PIs, Stojanovska L, Co-Investigator. "Understanding the immunological complexity of patients with obesity and diabetes and its association with depression."

Collaborative grant with Victoria University, Australia.

\$20,000

Submitted 2/2014

O'Connor K and Sorrell T, Co-PIs

"Mental Health Treatment Preferences among Mexican-origin Adults."

NIH NINR R21 1R21NR015558

\$377,500

Submitted 1/2014.

O'Connor, K PI

"The poetics of distress and healing among Mexican-origin adults: An ethnography."

NSF Cultural Anthropology Senior Research Proposal.

\$ 165,686

Submitted 4/2013.

O'Connor K. PI

"Identifying risk of mental health outcomes in Mexican-origin Females at the US-Mexico border through association of immune response, ancestry and genetic vulnerabilities."

SCORE 2 internal application

Submitted 2/2013

O'Connor K and Gau R, Co-PIs

1 R15 CA179310-01. "Hispanic Bone Marrow/Stem Cell/Cord Blood Donation and HLA Typing."
\$287, 216

Submitted January 2013

O'Connor K and Gau R, Co-PIs

"Thinking about Food: Combating Obesity through Cognitive Behavioral Messaging"
Robert Wood Johnson Investigator Award: Human Capital
\$282, 840

Submitted 1/2013.

Luykx A and O'Connor K. NSF #1324471.

"Sociocultural Factors in the Management of Childhood Attention-Deficit Disorder"
NSF Cultural Anthropology Senior Research Proposal.
\$214,501

Submitted 1/2012

O'Connor, K and Erdei E.

"Genetic and Mental Health Risk Factors for Breast Cancer in Latinas"
DNA Genotek Grant Program Application
\$28,850

Submitted 8/2011

O'Connor K and Erdei E.

"Genetic, Immunological, and Mental Health Risk Factors for Breast Cancer in Latinas."
Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program Grant #BC110701
\$363,753

Submitted 2/2011.

O'Connor K., Erdei E. Co-PIs. Amaya M, Co-Investigator.

"Genetic and inflammatory markers, gender and PTSD in civilian victims of conflict."
NIH 1 R21 MH096090-01
\$275,000

Submitted 2010.

Mishaw Cuyler Dissertation Research: "Effects of Army Culture on Mental Health Stigma and Help-Seeking Behavior."

Department of Defense US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command Defense Medical Research and Development Program Basic Research Award DM102321.
\$ 47,767

Submitted 2009.

Anders R., O'Connor K. "Violence and health and social impact on border populations"
Challenge Grant.
\$50,000

Submitted 2010 R01.

Katz R, McKee G, Co-PIs. Role: Co-investigator.

Willingness of Mexican-origin Hispanics to Participate in Biomedical Research and in Cancer Screenings:
A collaborative study between NYU and UTEP."

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"Participation in Biomedical Research and Cancer Screenings: An Intra-Hispanic Comparison.

Submitted 2008. PI

"Narcomensaje: YouTube and the Climate of Terror in Juárez."

University Research Fellowship

\$5000

Submitted 2008,2009,2010,2011,2012,2013,2014

NIH NIMHD Loan Repayment Program

\$280,000

2) Peer-Reviewed Publications

Dissertation:

2005 O outro lado: Candomble, psychiatry and discourse in Bahia, Brazil

by O'Connor, Kathleen Anne, Harvard University, 2005, 371 pages; UMI Publication No. 3173996.

Dissertation Committee: James Lorand Matory, Arthur Kleinman, Byron Good, Michael Herzfeld, Orlando Patterson

Book Chapters and Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

1996 "The Concept of *Malicia* in Capoeira." *Journal of the Performing Arts*, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana.

1997 "A Morena Vai Sambar: The Representation of Women of Color in Brazilian Popular Music." *Journal of Afro-Latin American Studies and Literatures (JALAS&L)*, n.d.

1999 "Religious Entrepreneurship and the Informal Economic Sector. Orisa Worship as 'Service Provider' in Nigeria and the United States." *Paideuma*. Volume 45 1999. pp. 115-135.

1999 Contributing Writer. *Africana: The Encyclopedia of the African and African American Experience*. Appiah, K. Anthony and Henry Louis Gates, editors. New York: Basic Civitas Books; 1st edition. Pp 1464-1466, front matter

2000 Book chapter. "Talking to God: Systems of Divination" Chapter 6, pp 95-106, in *Africa: Volume Two: African Cultures and Societies Before 1885*, Toyin Falola, ed. Carolina Academic Press.

2007. Book chapter. "Amulets and Milagros of Brazil" in *Faith and Transformation: Votive Offerings and Amulets from the Alexander Girard Collection*, pp 40-42. Doris Francis, editor; photographs by Paul Smutko. Museum of New Mexico Press: Santa Fe.

2008. "Prevalence of mental health issues in the borderlands: A comparative perspective." O'Connor, K., Anders, R.L., Balcazar, H., Ibarra, J., Perez, E., Flores, L., Ortiz, M. & Bean, N.H. *Hispanic Health Care International (HHCI)*, Volume 6(3), 139-148.
2013. "Examining nervios among immigrant male farmworkers in the MICASA Study: Sociodemographics, housing conditions and psychosocial factors." O'Connor, Stoecklin-Marois and Schenker. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. Volume 15. No 3.
2013. "Mental health outcomes of Mexico's drug war in Ciudad Juárez: A pilot study among university students. *Traumatology*. Published online August 2013.
2014. "Narco-Trauma: The Phenomenology of Post-Traumatic Stress among Binational Students at the Border." *Middle Ground Journal*. Spring 2014.
2014. "Evaluating experiential learning in entrepreneurial education: The Mike Loya Center at the University of Texas, El Paso." Submitted to *American Journal of Evaluation*.
2015. "Mental health effects of drug conflict on university students at the US-Mexico border." Forthcoming 2015; *Traumatology*.
2015. "Multimorbidity in a Mexican Community: Secondary Analysis of Chronic Illness and Depression Outcomes." *International Journal of Nursing*, Vol. 2(1), June 2015
2015. "Nursing ethics and the 21st century armed conflict: The example of Ciudad Juárez." Submitted to *The Journal of Transcultural Nursing*.

3) Previous Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures

1997. O'Connor K. "A Morena Vai Sambar: A Mulher de Cor na MPB" ("A Morena Vai Sambar": Women of Color in Brazilian Popular Music). Paper presented in Portuguese at the Fifth Congress of Afro-Brazilian Traditions, Salvador da Bahia, Brazil.
1998. O'Connor K. "A Sabedoria da Regla de Ocha na Medicina Cubana" (Healing Plants of Regla de Ocha in Cuban Medicine). Paper presented in Portuguese at the Universidade Federal da Bahia, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.
1999. O'Connor K. "Music of the Caribbean." Two full lectures for Harvard University Core Course, Caribbean Societies (FC46); Orlando Patterson, professor.
2005. O'Connor K. "Orí Ô: The Head and Other Metaphors in Bahian Mental Health." Paper presented in Portuguese. International Congress of Orisa Traditions, Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. DOI: 10.13140/2.1.2726.6888
2005. O'Connor K. "Candomblé and Psychiatry in Bahia, Brazil." Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

2005. O'Connor K. "Orí Ô: The Head and Other Metaphors in Bahian Mental Health." McGill University.
2006. O'Connor K. "Depois Melhora: Porque a Cabeça Vai em Frente" Paper presented in Portuguese. Brazilian Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Goias, Goiânia, Brazil.
2006. O'Connor K. "Depois Melhora: Why the Head Should Lead the Body." Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness Annual Meeting, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California. April 12-16, 2006. DOI: 10.13140/2.1.3775.2643
2006. O'Connor K. "Semioscapes and Shifters: Ethnicity, Class, Mental Health and the Anthropologist's Dilemma." American Anthropological Association National Meeting, November 15-19, 2006. San Jose CA. DOI: 10.13140/2.1.2202.4007
2006. O'Connor K. "Epidemiology and Anthropology: Collaborations Toward Successful Research to Practice." Moderator, Roundtable discussion, Western States Agricultural Conference, September 20-22, 2006. Asilomar, California. <http://agcenter.ucdavis.edu/Newsltr/AGN200602.pdf>
2006. Schenker M, Stoecklin-Marois M, O'Connor K. "Agricultural health in a community-based farm worker population: The MICASA Study." NORA Symposium, April 18-20, 2006, Washington, D.C.
2007. O'Connor K. "Tradition and Post-Modernity: Re-Integrating the Spiritual in Bahian Mental Health." Invited lecture, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point; Indiana University South Bend. February 2007
2007. O'Connor K. "Hierarchy, Harm and Healing: A Poetics of Bahian Candomblé." Invited lecture, Indiana University at Bloomington, March 2007.
2007. O'Connor K. "New Approaches for Community-Based Participatory Research among Central Valley Hispanic Farm Workers." Invited lecture, University of California at Davis, May 2007. Webcast: <http://agcenter.ucdavis.edu/seminar/webcast.php>
2007. Schenker M, Stoecklin-Marois M, Hennessy-Burt T, O'Connor K. "Smoking patterns in Hispanic farm worker families." American Thoracic Society, May 18-23, 2007, San Francisco, CA.