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EDUCATION

2013 – Present	Interdisciplinary Health Sciences PhD Program The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas Research topic: The process of adoption of disruptive innovations in local health care agencies delivering primary care.
2009 - 2012	M.P.H, the University of Texas at El Paso, Public Health Department Thesis title: Employers' perceptions of factors related to the workforce development of community health workers in El Paso, Texas: A descriptive study.
2004 - 2006	B.S., Chemistry, Autonomous University of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico Graduated with Honors

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015 – Present	Manuscript: the process of adoption of innovations within agencies: a literature review. (Pending submission)
2015 – 2015	A report: expanding the delivery of selected health care services to fulfill the health care needs of rural communities in El Paso County, TX.
2014 – Present	A profile of the structural characteristics, growth measures, and advocacy activities of Human Services Organizations (HSOs) that serve Farmworkers in the U.S. (in collaboration with Dr. Samuel Terrazas and Benjamin Valencia), Aurora Aguirre-Polanco, (PI)
2014 – 2014	Research proposal: Evaluation of a social hosting ordinance: Highland Park town in Dallas County, TX (A community and partnership-based research project), in collaboration with The Paso del Norte Health Foundation
2014 – 2014	From Cough to Cure: Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices in Tuberculosis in Mexico (model building and manuscript preparation in collaboration with other researchers), Dr. Eva Moya (PI)
2014 – 2014	“Workshop for the evaluation of public programs for the development and empowerment of women in Mexico” (co-edited the book linked to the activities and discussions in the workshops), Dr. Eva Moya (Editor)

2013 – 2013 Exploring Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs in the U.S.-Mexico Border (data analysis, interpretation and manuscript writing in collaboration with other researchers), Dr. Eva Moya (PI)

2013 – 2013 Technical report "Sexual and Reproductive Health in Mexican migrants in El Paso, Texas, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, and Guadalajara, Jalisco, México" (literature reviews and sections' writing in collaboration with other researchers), Dr. Eva Moya (PI)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 – 2012 Research assistant, Health Education Awareness Research Team (HEART) Grant. University of Texas at El Paso. El Paso, Texas

2010 – 2010 Research assistant, National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) Grant. University of Texas at El Paso. El Paso, Texas

2010 – 2010 Internship: activities in the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Environmental Health, Epidemiology, and Health Policy and Management. The City of El Paso Department of Public Health. El Paso, Texas.

PUBLICATIONS

Aguirre-Polanco, A., & Sandor, D. (2016). Health care agencies' strategies to increase access to primary health care services: a literature review. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved.* (Pending submission)

Moya, E. M., Chavez-Baray, S., Martinez, O. & **Aguirre-Polanco, A.** (2016). Exploring Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Health Needs in the Southwestern United States. *Health Social Work, 41*(1), 29-37.

PRESENTATIONS

Aguirre-Polanco, A. (2016, September). *A review of the innovations in health care agencies that improve access to primary care*. Poster presented at The University of Texas at El Paso. Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Doctoral Student Research Conference, El Paso, TX

Aguirre-Polanco, A. (2014, December). *Evaluation of a social hosting ordinance: Highland Park town in Dallas County, TX*. Poster presented at The University of Texas at El Paso. A community and partnership-based research project facilitated by the Center for Civic Engagement, El Paso, TX

Aguirre-Polanco, A. (2011, May). *A Strategy to Strengthen the Community's Capacity to Build and Sustain CHWs and a HEART Healthy El Paso*. Poster session presented at the Joint Academy and Midyear Scientific Meeting of the of the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) and the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), Albuquerque, NM

REFERENCES

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