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EDUCATION:

Doctor of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (PhD) student, 2024-present

The University of Texas at El Paso
College of Health Sciences

Master of Public Health (MPH), 2023

The University of Texas at El Paso
College of Health Sciences

Thesis: *The Perpetuation of HIV Risk in LatinX Immigrations: A Cross-National Perspective*

Bachelor of Science (Biological Sciences), 2018

The University of Texas at El Paso
College of Science

RESEARCH:

Graduate Research Associate, 2024-present

HPV Cancer Research; Food Equity Research; H.O.P.E + Health Fair Initiative
Eva M. Moya, Ph.D., College of Health Sciences, Department of Social Work

Graduate Research Assistant, 2021-2023

HIV, Migrant Health Research
Julia Lechuga, Ph.D., College of Health Sciences, Department of Public Health

Graduate Research Assistant, 2020-2021

Food Assistance Research
Gregory Schober, Ph.D., College of Health Sciences, Department of Rehabilitation Science

Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2018-2019

Immigration Policy & Reproductive Health Research
Carina Heckert, Ph.D., College of Liberal Arts, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

PUBLICATIONS:

HPV Cancer Research

Cordero, J.I., Brown, L.D., **Aleman, J.M.**, Fernandez, M. E., Rodriguez, S.A., Moya, E.M. (2026) A Qualitative Examination of Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Access, Beliefs, and Behaviors among Adult Males Aged 18–35: Applying the Health Stigma and Discrimination Framework. *Frontiers in Public Health* [In Press]

Food Equity Research

Moya, E. M., **Aleman, J. M.**, Farpon, A., Villasana, M., & Schober, G. S. (2026). *Research and Action to Further Build Food Security in El Paso*. [Report] El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank.

Food Equity Research

Aleman, J.M., Cordero, J.I., Escalante, R., Farpon, A., Moya, E.M. (2025). When Basic Needs go unmet: “it's really hard to prioritize [school] when struggling with meeting your basic needs...”; A qualitative study. *Critical Public Health (Elevate)* [Manuscript under review].

Contributions to Published Work:

Heckert, C. (2024). *Birth in Times of Despair*. NYU Press.

Immigration Policy & Reproductive Health Research

Role: Data Collection, Data Analysis

POSTER & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

¡Viva La Salud! Health Disparities Conference, 2026

Aleman, J. M., (September, 2026) A Qualitative Examination of Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Access, Beliefs, and Behaviors among Adult Males Aged 18–35: Applying the Health Stigma and Discrimination Framework. *Frontiers in Public Health* [Poster presentation] ¡Viva La Salud! Health Disparities Conference, El Paso, TX.

Department of Public Health Sciences, 2026

Aleman, J. M., (2026, March 2) *Foundational & Federal Grant Writing for Health Professionals* [Guest lecture] HSCI 4312 Grant Writing in Health Professions, The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.

National FFA Organization, 2025

Aleman, J. M., (October, 2025) *Food Insecurity Research Forum: Agricultural Degradation & Food Insecurity* [Guest speaker] Leadership Development Events, Pebble Hills High School, El Paso, TX.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, 2025

Moya, M. E.; **Aleman, J.M.**, (2025, July) *Delivering Community-Centered Care in the Paso del Norte Region* [Guest Lecture] Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Community Health Clinic, Socorro, TX.

¡Viva La Salud! Health Disparities Conference, 2024

Aleman, J. M., (September, 2024). *Food, Housing, and Transportation Insecurity among UTEP students* [Poster presentation] ¡Viva La Salud! Health Disparities Conference, El Paso, TX.

UTEP Department of Public Health Poster Exhibition, 2022

Aleman, J. M.; Hernandez-Ortega, K.; Mata, H. (September, 2022) *Mobilizing Partnerships to Explore Tobacco Control Policies in El Paso, TX* [Poster presentation] The University of Texas at El Paso, College of Health Sciences, Department of Public Health Poster Exhibition, El Paso, TX.

Tobacco Product Standard for Characterizing Flavors in Cigars, 2022

Aleman, J. M.; Warling, A. D.; Hernandez-Ortega, K.; Mata, H. *Comment on Tobacco product standard for characterizing flavors in cigars* (Docket No. FDA-2021-N-1309)[Public comment]. Federal Register.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/05/04/2022-08993/tobacco-product-standard-for-characterizing-flavors-in-cigars>, The Paso Del Norte Health Foundation, El Paso, TX.

Women’s and Gender Studies History Month Conference, 2020

Heckert, C.; **Aleman, J. M.**; Solis, I.; DeAnda, V. E.; Mata, A. D. (Fall, 2020) *Maternal Health and Emotional Distress Among Immigrant Women in the Border Region* [Panel presentation]. The University of Texas at El Paso, College of Liberal Arts, Department of Women’s & Gender Studies, Women and Gender Studies History Month Conference, El Paso, TX.

ON-GOING RESEARCH:

UTEP College of Health Sciences, Graduate Research Associate (PI)

Fighting Food Insecurity: Cooking Skills Course

Continuing Education Course, Partnership with El Paso Community College & El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank

UTEP College of Health Sciences, Graduate Research Associate

Food & Housing Insecurity Study

Annual Survey on Basic Needs Insecurities among UTEP Students

UTEP Border Biomedical Research Center, Graduate Research Associate

HPV Cancer Research, Research Writing Team Member

Cancer Prevention Research

RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS:

UTEP COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE

Dodson Research Award, \$500

Food Insecurity Photovoice Project (March, 2025)

UTEP COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Hispanic Heritage & History Award, \$300

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage through Cultural Foods and Community Engagement (October, 2025)

UTEP COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Hispanic Heritage & History Award, \$300

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage through Cultural Activities (September, 2025)

CERTIFICATIONS:

Social and Behavioral Research Best Practices for Clinical Research, 2024-present

Society of Behavioral Medicine Training (SBM)

Responsible Conduct of Research, 2022-Present

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)

Human Subjects Research, 2022- Present

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)

PROFESSIONAL & STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

Food Equity Council at UTEP, 2024-present

Member

Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), 2022

Member

Miners Against Hunger (MAH), 2018-2020; 2024-2026

Member; VP of Internal Affairs; Mentor

ACADEMIC SERVICE & SCHOLARLY REVIEW

UTEP College of Health Sciences, Department of Public Health Sciences, 2026

Poster Presentation Evaluator, HSCI 4314 Practicum Student Poster Showcase, El Paso, TX.

ScholarOne, 2022-2026

Health Promotion Practice, Reviewer

Routledge, 2025

Sociology & Social Work, Reviewer

Aleman Vitae (updated: 04/26)