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EDUCATION:

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**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:

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**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:

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**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:

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### **¡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:

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**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:

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**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:

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**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:

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**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

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**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)