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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Human Resources and Family Studies, January 1996
University of Illinois, Family and Consumption Economics, Urbana, IL

MSW Social Work, December 2006
University of Illinois, School of Social Work, Urbana, IL

MS Agricultural Economics, January 1988
University of Puerto Rico, College of Agricultural Sciences, Mayaguez, PR

BS Biology, May 1983
University of Puerto Rico, School Arts and Science, Mayaguez, PR

CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor 2016 - present
School of Social Work
College of Health Sciences
Jackson State University, Jackson, MS
Courses taught (BSW): Social Welfare Policy
Courses taught (MSW): Social Welfare Policy and Service I & II, Research Methods in Social Work, Advance Research Methods, Intervention with Children and Adolescents, and Human Behavior and Social Environment I and II.
Courses taught (Ph.D.): Social Welfare Policy, Social Welfare History, and Research Methods I & II.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Assistant Professor 2014 - 2016
School of Social Work
College of Educational, Professional, and Graduate Studies
Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana
Courses taught (BSW): Elementary Statistics, Child Welfare
Courses (MSW): Social Welfare Policy and Service I & II, Advanced Social Welfare Policy, Research Methods in Social Work, Advance Research Methods, Statistics,

Diagnosis, and Intervention in Child Welfare, Human Behavior, and Social Environment
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Research Data and Analytics Manager 2011 - 2014

Center for Community Safety (CCS)

Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Responsible for the leadership, development, day-to-day management, and accountability of the CCS “Research & Data Analytics” business unit. Under the direction of the Executive Director, this position provides statistical support for funded research studies. It is the point person for the ongoing selection, assessment, and enhancement of underlying data repository technology platforms and data analytics tools. This role also includes the opportunity to expand and enhance CCS capabilities, usefulness, and viability by designing and developing new and proprietary products, such as a multi-agency data-sharing dashboard for community safety and crime prevention. Also, I was responsible for the day-to-day operations of our state-of-the-art “Community Research Action Classroom,” which includes, among other tasks, teaching and coordinating all Geographical Information System (GIS) classes and projects.

Assistant Research Professor

2003-2011

School of Social Work/Children and Family Research Center

University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

Provided data collection and analysis services, worked with faculty and research center staff to develop new proposals, assisted faculty and doctoral students with data analysis, and conducted research and analysis of administrative and survey data on children and families involved in Illinois’s child protection, income maintenance, health, and education systems and worked as a researcher to evaluate the Title IV-E Waiver to improve reunification and other family permanency and safety outcomes for foster children from drug-involved families. The Illinois AODA (Alcohol and Other Drugs Abuse) Waiver Demonstration has evaluated recovery coaches’ use to assist birth parents in obtaining needed AODA treatment services and negotiating permanency planning.

Research Scientist

2000-2003

Center for Prevention Research and Development

University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

Worked closely with local, state, and national agencies, community-based groups, schools/districts/Regional Offices of Education, non-profit organizations, health departments, and other public and private organizations to collect, analyze, and report prevention and educational attainment data. I worked with these organizations to improve program effectiveness and support public policy by improving state and community capacity for prevention, wellness, and instructional practices both within a school and after school.

Research Associate

1998-1999

Center for Demography and Ecology

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

Statistical analysis and technical writing for the Center for Demography and Ecology and the Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin.

Research Associate 1996-1998
Educational Policy Studies
University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
Post-doctoral position (teaching, statistical analysis, and technical writing).

Research Fellow 1995-1996
Office Population Studies
Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
Post-doctoral position (teaching, statistical analysis, and technical writing).

PART-TIME (PREVIOUS) POSITIONS

Instructor 1994-1995
Division of Consumer Sciences
University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

Teaching Assistant 1993-1994
Division of Consumer Sciences
University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conducting workshops and consulting for faculty, staff, and students and serving on numerous community service committees.

GRANTS

SESYNC (Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center), Proposal titled: Socio-Environmental Impact of Natural Disasters on Six Mississippi Most Vulnerable Communities: A Study of Coastal Counties. The proposal was submitted on March 15, 2019. There are plans to revise and resubmit in September 2019. Dr. Mario J. Azevedo, Professor and Dean, College of Liberal Arts: PI. Role: Co-Investigator.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Projects of Regional and National Significance, SM-19-007 (Not Funded). Proposal Title: "FY 2019 Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health (LAUNCH) Grant Program." Submitted: April 15, 2019. Role: Co-Investigator.

Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (Funded). Proposal Title: "Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Pilot Project." RFP No. 2019CBCAPPILOT-B. Submitted: February 1, 2019. Period Covered: March 2019 to November 2019. Amount: \$150,000. Role: Co-PI.

Department of Justice, Justice, and Mental Health Collaboration Program FY 2017 Competitive Grant Announcement (Funded). Proposal Titled: "Category 1 Planning Phase: Collaborative County Approaches to Reducing the Prevalence of Individuals with

Mental Disorders in Jail.” Submitted: April 4, 2017. Amount: \$99,675. Role: Grant writer and stakeholder.

William T. Grant Foundation (Not Funded). Reducing Inequality Letter of Inquiry, ID 187653. Title of Proposal: “Using Systems of Support to Alleviate the Impact of Inequality of Mississippi Children and Families.” Submitted January 3, 2017. Role: Co-Investigator.

March of Dimes State Community Grants Programs (Not Funded). Title of Proposal: “Maternal and Child Health Certification Program Proposal.” Submitted: September 16, 2016. Role: Co-PI.

North Carolina Governor’s Crime Commission (Funded). Title of Proposal: “2011-2012 North Carolina Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Assessment Study.” Funding Agency: North Carolina Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, NC Department of Justice. Submitted: December 15, 2011. Period Covered: October 1, 2001, to September 30, 2012. Amount: \$92,015. Role: Co-Principal Investigator.

WEB. Du Bois Fellowship Program FY 2011 (Not Funded). Title of Proposal: “Are There Racial Differences in Arrest Outcomes for Parents Recovering from Alcohol and Substance Abuse: Results from a Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration in Illinois.” Funding Agency: US Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice. Submitted: March 22, 2011. Period Covered: January 2012 to July 2012. Amount: \$100,000. Role: Principal Investigator.

National Institute of Justice (Not Funded). Title of Proposal: Combining Developmental Trajectories Modeling and Propensity Score Matching to Examine Disproportionate Minority Contact Non-Experimental Longitudinal Data from the Tennessee Juvenile Court Case Records, 1998-2005. FOP: NIJ-2013-3373. Submitted Amount: \$40,000. Role: Principal Investigator.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Jackson State University

- Social Work Faculty Search Committee (2017 - present)
- Social Work Outcomes and Evaluation Committee (2017 - present)
- Social Work Professional Standard Committee (2017 – Spring 2019)
- Social Work Curriculum Committee (Fall 2019 - present))
- CPS Scholarship Committee - SSW Faculty Representative (2018 – 2019)
- JSU’s Commencements Committee (2018 – present)

Grambling State University

- Social Work Research and Publication Committee (2014-2016)
- Social Work Assessment Committee (2014-2016)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Extensive knowledge of computers, statistics, surveys, qualitative analysis, geographical information system (GIS) software, and web design scripts.

LANGUAGES

English and Spanish (fluent); Portuguese, French, and Italian (reading only).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, National Association of Social Workers
Member, Council on Social Work Education
Member, American Psychological Association
Past Member, American Sociological Association
Past Member, Illinois Education Association
Past Member, Population Association of America

HONORS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1993 The Marilyn M. Dunsing Graduate Fellowship in Family and Consumption Economics, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

1992-1993 Gamma Sigma Delta (The Honor Society of Agriculture), Illinois Chapter, Graduate Fellows Recognition, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

1992 Illinois Home Economics Association Research Award, Illinois Home Economics Association, Normal, Illinois.

1991-1992 Summer Graduate Research Award, School of Human Resources and Family Studies Alumni Association, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois.

1989-1991 National Hispanic Scholarship Fund, San Francisco, California.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

State of Connecticut Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)
State of Illinois Licensed Social Worker (LSW)
ACUE Certificate in the Effective Teaching Practice Framework
Adult First Aid/CPR/AED

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Hernandez, P. (1997). *Child support and the educational attainment of young adults: Changes during the 1980s*. Garland Publishing. Paperback and eBook published in August 2021.

Chapters in Edited Books

Hernandez, P. M. (in press). Applying the concept of caste to promote equity and social justice in child welfare policies and practices. In B. D. Smith, & C. Gilliam (Eds.), *Advancing equity for anti-racist child welfare: Navigating the intersection of the profession, policy, practice, and research*. Cognella Publishing.

Ward, R. L., Marshal, I., **Hernandez, P.**, & Jenkins, P. (in press). Death customs: Cross-cultural issues of grief and bereavement. In J. C. Wadley (Ed.), *Contemporary issues in human services: Special topics for clinical practice, public health, and social justice*. Routledge/Taylor & Francis.

Cole, S. A., & **Hernandez, P.** (2008). Prevention and early interventions: Crisis nursery outcomes for caregivers served at multiple sites in Illinois, in C. Canali, T. Vecchiato, & J. K. Whittaker (Eds.), *Assessing the “evidence-base” of intervention for vulnerable children and their families (194-196)*. Padova, Italy: Fondazione Emanuela Zancan di Ricerca Scientifica di Relevante Interesse Sociale.

Graham, J. W., Beller, A. H., & **Hernandez, P.** (1994). The relationship between child support payments and offspring educational attainment, in Irwin Garfinkel, Sara S. McLanahan, and Philip K. Robins, (Eds.), *Child Support and Child Well Being*, (pp.317-354). Urban Institute Press.

Peer Review Journals

Lee, J., Allen, T., **Hernandez, P.**, Tompkins, S., & Richards, K. (2024). Adverse childhood experiences and their relationships with perceived stress and self-care behaviors in African American social work students: Insights from a latent class analysis. *Health & Social Work*, 49(3), 157–165. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hlae013>

Keyes, L., Keyes, V. D., Adams, R., Turner, J., & **Hernandez, P.** (2023). Unsubstantiated use of force in the killing of Atatiana Jefferson: A critical policy analysis. *The Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*, 62, 496-515. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hojo.12535>

Jenkins, P., Roberts-Lewis, K., **Hernandez, P. M.**, Segura, D., & Greensdale, V. (2022). A pilot study: Exploring the psychological demise among women of color in the academy. *The Researcher*, 30(2), 51-74.

Baffour, T., Henderson, D., Nation, D., & **Hernandez, P.** (2022). A qualitative exploration of justice system stakeholders' perceptions of disproportionate minority contact and behavioral health access among system-involved youth of color. *The Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 49(2), 5-26. <https://doi.org/10.15453/0191-5096.4562>

Hernandez, P. (2022). The Jackson water crisis: A qualitative thematic analysis of online news reporting. *Online Journal of Rural and Urban Research*. Spring Edition, 72-88. <https://www.jsums.edu/murc/>

Lewis, C., Jenkins, P., & **Hernandez, P.** (2020). Black male dropout: Racial disproportional school discipline leads to increased prison populations. *International Journal of Advanced Research*, 8, 208-212. <https://dx.doi.org/10.21474/IJAR01/11651>

Jenkins, P. R., **Hernandez, P. M.**, & Harris, C. (2020). African American college students' drinking behaviors and their relationship to self-efficacy and positive or negative expectancies regarding alcohol consumption. *Behavioral Sciences*, 10(10), 153. <https://doi.org/10.3390/bs10100153>

Hernandez, P., & Lee, J. G. (2020). Distinctive subgroups among young adults from the third wave (age 21 cohort) of the National Youth in Transition Database (NTYD), outcome file: A latent class analysis. *Child Welfare Journal*, 98(3), 145-166.

Lee, J. G., **Hernandez, P.**, & Marshall, I. (2019). Review of online education in social work programs. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 16, 669-686. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2019.1676859>

Hernandez, P. (2017). Comparing gang crime patterns of two different land uses with intensity value analysis in Winston-Salem, NC. *Journal of Gang Research*, 24(4), 39-44.

Hong, J. H., **Hernandez, P.**, & Ryan, J. P. (2014). Termination of parental rights for substance-abusing caregivers in child welfare: For whom and then what? *Social Work in Public Health*, 29(6), 503-517.

Hernandez, P. (2014). Crime risk forecasting: A near-repeat pattern analysis for Winston-Salem crime data, 2012. *Journal of Justice Studies*, 3(1), 85-91.

Cole, S. A., & **Hernandez, P.** (2011). Crisis nursery effects on child placement after foster care. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33(8), 1445-1453.

Ryan, J. P., Hong, J. S., Herz, D., & **Hernandez, P.** (2010). Kinship foster care and the risk of juvenile delinquency. *Child and Youth Services Review*, 32, 1823-1830.

Larrison, C., Velez-Ortiz, D., **Hernandez, P.**, Piedra, L. M., & Goldberg, A. (2010). Brokering language and culture: Can ad-hoc interpreters fill the language service gap at community health centers? *Social Work in Public Health*, 25(3), 387-407.

Ryan, J. P., Choi, S., Hong, J. S., **Hernandez, P.**, & Larrison, C. (2008). Recovery coaches and substance-exposed births: An experiment in child welfare. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 32, 1072-1079.

DeAnda, R. M., & **Hernandez, P.** (2008). Literacy and earnings: Race and gender differences. *Review of Black Political Economy*, 32(3-4): 231-243.

Cole, S. A., & **Hernandez, P.** (2008). Crisis nursery outcomes for caregivers served at multiple sites in Illinois. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 30: 452-465.

Ryan, J. P., Marshall, J. M., Herz, D., & **Hernandez, P.** (2008). Juvenile delinquency in child welfare: Investigating group home effects. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 30, 1088-1099.

Ryan, J. P., Herz, D., **Hernandez, P.**, & Marshall, J. M. (2007). Maltreatment and delinquency: Investigating child welfare bias in juvenile justice processing. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 29, 1035-1050.

Ryan, J. P., **Hernandez, P.**, & Herz, D. (2007). Developmental trajectories of offending for adolescents aging out of foster care. *Social Work Research*, 31(2), 83-93.

Hernandez, P. M., Beller, A. H., & Graham, J. W. (1996). The child support enforcement amendments of 1984 and educational attainment of young adults in the United States. *Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations*, 10(3), 537-558.

Hernandez, P. M., & Beller, A. H. (1996). Changes in the child support enforcement environment during the 1980s: Effect on the educational attainment of young adults. *Consumer Interests Annual*, 42, 347-352.

Hernandez, P. M., Beller, A. H., & Graham, J. W. (1995). Changes in the relationship between child support payments and educational attainment of offspring, 1979-1988. *Demography*, 32(2), 249-260.

Other Publications

Hernandez, P. (2014). Digging a little deeper: Using relative rate index to examine high school suspension. *PsycEXTRA Dataset*.

Baffour, T., Henderson, D., **Hernandez, P.**, Moye, R., Greaux, L., Mendenhall, J., & Atkinson, A. (2013). Disproportionate minority contact in the North Carolina juvenile justice system assessment report. Report to the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission. Winston-Salem, NC: Center for Community Safety, Winston Salem State University.

Hong, J. S., Ryan, J. P., Chiu, Y., Huang, H., & **Hernandez, P. M.** (2010). Likelihood of re-arrest among youth in Illinois juvenile detention center. Working Paper, Urbana-Champaign: Children and Family Research Center, University of Illinois.

Ryan, J. P., Hong, J. S., & **Hernandez, P. M.** (2009). Report of the risk factors for juvenile arrest and recidivism at the Champaign County juvenile detention center in Illinois, 2004-2009. Urbana, IL: Children and Family Research Center, School of Social Work.

Testa, M. F., Ryan, J. P., **Hernandez, P. M.**, & Huang, H. (2008). Illinois AODA IV-E waiver demonstration interim evaluation report. Working Paper, Urbana-Champaign: Children and Family Research Center, University of Illinois.

Cole, S. A., **Hernandez, P.**, & Swinford, L. (2007). Evaluating crisis nursery services at multiple sites in Illinois: A report to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Urbana-Champaign: Children and Family Research Center, University of Illinois.

Meyer, D. R. & **Hernandez, P.** (1999). Enforcement tools and long-term compliance with child support orders in Wisconsin. Report to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Child Support, Madison, WI.

Sandefur, G. D., Meier, A. M., & **Hernandez, P.** (1999). Families, social capital, and educational continuation. Working Paper #99-19, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

Vidal de Haynes, M., Poertner, J., Taylor, E., Benito, L., Nirchi, A., **Hernandez, P.**, Alvarez, C., & Laurencelle, J. (1999). Transition planning for Latino youth receiving residential services: A state-wide study of Latino youth in residential treatment centers, group homes, and independent living programs. Final Report, Children and Family Research Center, School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

Hernandez, P. M., & Beller, A. H. (1993). The effect of child support on the educational attainment of young adults: Changes in the 1980s, in T. A. Maulin, (Ed.), *Proceedings: 39th Annual Conference of the American Council on Consumer Interests* (pp.394-395), Lexington, KY.

EXECUTIVE TRAINING, WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Participated as a moderator, panelist, presenter, and/or trainer in a variety of programs at educational institutions and professional conferences and meetings: Society for Research on Adolescence, Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Crisis Nursery Coalition of Illinois, National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, the Society for Social Work and Research, American Public Health Association Meeting, Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, American Sociological Association Annual

Meetings, Population Association of America Annual Meetings, The Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings, and Center for Community Safety.

Selected Papers Presented

Hernandez, P. (2023). Disabled adults' traumatic events during the COVID-19 lockdown and after: Results from Thirteen States. 2023 Virtual Mississippi Trauma Informed Care Conference ("Breakthrough! A New Kind of Storm"). September 27, 2023.

Keyes, L., Adams, R., Turner, J., & **Hernandez, P. M.** (2022). Unsubstantiated use of force in the killing of Atatiana Jefferson: A critical policy analysis. First Annual Social Work and Law Symposium: Strengthening Pathways and Partnerships to Advance Empowerment, Justice, and Change! (Virtual Event). September 30, 2022.

Allen, T., Lee, J., & **Hernandez, P.** (2022). Examination of the relationships among adverse childhood experiences, stress, and self-care. Society for Social Work and Research. January 12-16, 2022. Washington, DC.

Hernandez, P. (2021). Adverse Childhood Experiences and Bullying among Immigrant and Native Latinx Children and Adolescents. NASW Mississippi Chapter Annual Social Work Conference. March 26, 2021.

Allen, T. L., & **Hernandez, P.** Profiles of adverse childhood experiences and their relationships with self-care and stress (Poster presentation). CSWE 2020 APM Conference, November 16-20, 2020.

Marshall, I., **Hernandez, P.**, & Pace-Glover, T. Service inequity: Families caring for children with mental health challenges (Paper session). CSWE 2020 APM Conference, November 2020.

Ward, R. L., Jenkins, P. R., Marshall, I., & **Hernandez, P.** Death customs: Cross-cultural issues grief and bereavement (Paper session). CSWE 2020 APM Conference, November 2020.

Ward, R. L., Marshall, I., **Hernandez, P.**, & Jenkins, P.R. Race, religion, and community: practicing cultural proficiency during times of grief (Interactive workshop). CSWE 2020 APM Conference, November 2020.

Hernandez, P., & Lee, J. Disparities in traumatic experiences, health, and mental health among children in Mississippi and four neighboring states. Eighteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference (MCWIC), February 2020.

Lee, J., & **Hernandez, P.** *Process evaluation of online courses: Course anxiety, study self-efficacy, and course satisfaction.* Council on Social Work Education, 65th Annual Program Meeting. October 24-27, 2019. Denver, CO.

Hernandez, P. Determining different subgroups among foster youth transitioning to adulthood: Outcomes at age 21. Seventeenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference (MCWIC), February 2019.

Hernandez, P. Aging Out of Foster Care: Adult Outcomes from the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), 2011- 2015. NASW Mississippi Chapter Annual Social Work Conference, March 2018.

Hernandez, P. If things were the same: Predictors of placement instability among children in foster care. Sixteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference (MCWIC), February 2018.

Baffour, T., & **Hernandez, P.** Addressing the “entry point” of disproportionate minority contact: Juvenile justice stakeholder perspectives. CSWE 2017 APM Conference, October 2017.

Hernandez, P. The effects of services on educational attainment of foster youth aging-out of care. Forty-six Annual Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, October 2017.

Hernandez, P. Examining the effects of services and outcomes from the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), 2015. Fifteenth Annual Mississippi Child Welfare Institute Conference (MCWIC), February 2017.

Baffour, T., Henderson, D., & **Hernandez, P.** Influencing policy through a state-wide evaluation to assess and diagnose disproportionate minority contact. Paper presented at the 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA, January 2015.

Hernandez, P. Digging a little deeper: Using relative rate index to examine high school suspension, linking research and action--Disproportionate minority contact: A catalyst for addressing disparities. American Psychological Association, Washington, DC, August 2014.

Jamison R. S., Shin, H., **Hernandez, P.**, & Ryan, A. M. Changes in peer-group characteristics across the transition to middle school. Poster presented at the 2010 Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) Biennial Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, March 2010.

Hong, J. H., **Hernandez, P.**, & Ryan, J. P. Termination of parental rights for substance-abusing caregivers in child welfare: For whom and then what? Paper presented at the 14th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA, January 2010.

Cole, S. A., & **Hernandez, P.** Crisis nursery to support permanency. Paper presented at the 17th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Atlanta, GA, April 2009.

Ryan, J. P., **Hernandez, P.**, & Hong, J. Delinquency in child welfare: Investigating kinship care effects. Paper presented at the 13th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA, January 2009.

Cole, S. A., & **Hernandez, P.** Crisis nursery outcomes for caregivers served at multiple sites in Illinois. Paper presented at the 10th Eusarf Conference on Assessing the “Evidence-Base” of Intervention for Vulnerable Children and Their Families, Cross-National Perspective and Challenges for Research, Practice and Policy in Padova, Italy, March 2008.

Ryan, J. P., Choi, S., Hong, J. S., **Hernandez, P.**, & Larrison, C. Recovery coaches, and substance-exposed births: An experiment in child welfare. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC, January 2008.

Larrison, C., Velez-Ortiz, D., **Hernandez, P.**, Piedra, L. M., & Goldberg, A. Brokering culture: Where do medical interpreters fit into community health centers? Paper presented at the American Public Health Association Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2007.

Ryan, J. P., & **Hernandez, P.** Dependency and delinquency: The role of mental health and academic achievement in trajectories of juvenile offending. Society for Social Work and Research Meetings, San Antonio, TX, January 2006.

DeAnda, R. M., & **Hernandez, P. M.** Literacy skills and earnings: Race and gender differences. Pacific Sociological Association Meetings, Portland, OR, April 2005.

Sandefur, G. D., Meier, A. M., & **Hernandez, P. M.** Families, social capital, and educational continuation. American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, August 6-10, 1999.

Meyer, D. R., & **Hernandez, P. M.** Long-term patterns of child support payments in Wisconsin. Population Association of America Annual Meetings, New York, NY, March 24-27, 1999.

Hernandez, P. M. The effect of child support on the educational attainment of young adults: Changes after the 1988 Family Support Act. Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, April 2-4, 1998.

Hernandez, P. M., & Miller, C. Who gets the kids? Demographic and policy determinants of father custody. Population Association of America Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA, May 9-11, 1996.

Hernandez, P. M., Beller, A. H., & Graham, J. W. Relationship between child support payments and offspring educational attainment, 1979-1988. The Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Cincinnati, OH, April 1-3, 1993.

Graham, J. W., Beller, A. H., & **Hernandez, P. M.** The effects of child support on children's educational attainment as of 1988. Econometric Society Session on Econometric Studies of the Family, New Orleans, Louisiana. January 1992.

Social/Community Service

The Rural Interdisciplinary Case Experience (RICE) Bowl.

Legislative Advocacy Day

Capital Advocacy, Teen Violence Awareness Month, MS Coalition Against Domestic Violence, State Capitol, Jackson, MS.

NASW MS Social Work Advocacy Day

Volunteered for Mississippi Capital Area Habitat for Humanity, worksite at Avalon Rd. and Belvedere Rd., Jackson, MS.