

Outstanding Dissertations Competition- Winner History (2018-2008)

2018

	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Dissertation Title & Institution</u>
1 st Place	<p style="text-align: center;">Frank Fernandez</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assistant Professor of Higher Education</p> <p style="text-align: center;">University of Houston</p>	<p>Doctoral Education of Latinas and Latinos in the United States: Examinations of (Sub) Baccalaureate Origins, the Role of Hispanic Serving Institutions, and the Relationship between Sources of Financial Support and Post-Graduation Plans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Pennsylvania State University</p>
2 nd Place	<p style="text-align: center;">Marla Delgado-Guerrero</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Counselor & Diversity Coordinator</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marquette University</p>	<p>Exploring Psych Sociocultural Processes within Mentoring Relationships that Influence Academic Persistence Decisions for Latina/o Undergraduates: A Mixed Methods Approach</p> <p style="text-align: center;">University of Wisconsin-Madison</p>
3 rd Place	<p style="text-align: center;">Roxanne Gutierrez-Ocampo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Educational Consultant</p> <p style="text-align: center;">University of California, San Diego</p>	<p>LOS GUERREROS ACADEMICOS 30 Academically Invulnerable Mexican-American Students Who forged Their Way into America's Most Selective Universities</p> <p style="text-align: center;">University of California, San Diego</p>

2017

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1 st Place	Renata Alejandra Revelo Alonso Clinical Assistant Professor Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering University of Illinois at Chicago	Engineering Familia: The Role of a Professional Organization in the Development of Engineering Identities of Latina/o Undergraduates 22 University of Illinois at Chicago
2 nd Place	Rosalva M. Bumgardner Teacher Huntsville City Schools	Factors Influencing Successful Completion of a College Degree by Hispanic female educators University of Oklahoma
3 rd Place	Daisy Indira Collins Instructor Multicultural Education Missouri State University	The Brown Glass Ceiling? A Qualitative Study of Hispanic Women/Latinas Leaders in Higher Education Missouri State University

2016

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1 st Place	Adriana Ruiz Alvarado Assistant Professor Department of Leadership and Higher education University of Redlands	Latina/o Pathways Through College: Characteristics of Mobile Students and the Institutional Networks They Create University of California, Los Angeles
2 nd Place	Nancy Acevedo-Gil Assistant Professor Department of Educational Leadership and Technology California State University, San Bernardino	College-Going Culture in an Underresourced Urban High School: Examining Latina/o College Choice and Navigation University of California, Los Angeles
3 rd Place	Michelle Castellanos Associate Director of Survey Research Loyola Loyola Marymount University	How College Affects Latinas' Career Decision- Making Process: A Psychosociocultural Approach University of California, Santa Barbara

2015

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1 st Place	<p>Sofia Bahena</p> <p>Assistant Professor Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies</p> <p>The University of Texas, San Antonio</p> <hr/>	<p>The Hope of Immigrant Optimism: Examining Immigrant Optimism Among Latino Youth Using the Children’s Hope Scale</p> <p>Harvard University</p> <hr/>
2 nd Place	<p>Marissa Vasquez Urias</p> <p>Assistant Professor Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education</p> <p>San Diego State University</p> <hr/>	<p>Predictors of Sense of Belonging among Latino men in Community College</p> <p>San Diego State University</p> <hr/>
3 rd Place	<p>Jerry Flores</p> <p>Assistant Profesor Sociology Department</p> <p>University of Toronto</p>	<p>Caught Up: Girls, Violence and Wraparound Incarceration</p> <p>University of California, Santa Barbara</p>

2014

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1 st Place	Carla Pezzia Assistant Professor Department of Human Sciences University of Dallas	Sober Self: Discourse and Identity of Recovering Alcoholics in the Western Highlands of Guatemala The University of Texas at San Antonio
2 nd Place	Lucy Arellano Assistant Professor College of Education Oregon State University	Capitalizing baccalaureate degree attainment: Revealing the path of the Latina/o scholar University of California, Los Angeles
3 rd Place	Wilfredo Del Pilar Vice President for Higher Education Policy, Practice and Research The Education Trust	Undocumented Students: Understanding the Context for Postsecondary Access Penn State University

2013

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1 st Place	Marcela Cuellar Assistant Professor Department of Higher Education and Leadership University of California, Davis	Latina/o Student Success in Higher Education: Models of Empowerment at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Emerging HSIs, and Non-HSIs University of California, Los Angeles
2 nd Place Co-Winner	Maria Cristina Cruza-Guet Lecturer in Psychiatry Department of Psychiatry Yale University	A Longitudinal Analysis of the Relationship between Social Support and Psychological Distress among Hispanic Elders in Miami, FL Lehigh University
2 nd Place Co-Winner	Nelson Flores Associate Professor Graduate School of Education University of Pennsylvania	From Nation-States to Neoliberalism: Language Ideologies and Governmentality City University of New York, Graduate Center
3 rd Place	Priscila Diaz Assistant Professor Department of Psychology Azusa Pacific University	Perceived Group Discrimination and Problem Behavior: The Moderating Role of Traditional Cultural Values and Familiar Relationships in Mexican American Adolescents Arizona State University

2012

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1st Place	<p>Kristine Molina</p> <p>Assistant Professor Department of Psychology</p> <p>University of Illinois at Chicago</p>	<p>A Multiple-Group Path Analysis of the Role of Social Marginality on Self-related Physical Health among U.S. Latina/o Adults: An Intersectional Perspective</p> <p>University of Miami</p>
2 nd Place	<p>Armando Ibarra</p> <p>Associate Professor School for Workers</p> <p>University of Wisconsin- Extension</p>	<p>Poverty in the Valley of Plenty: Mexican Families and Migrant Work in California</p> <p>University of Wisconsin</p>
3rd Place Co-Winner	<p>Carmen Martinez Calderon</p> <p>Education Programs Consultant & Lecturer Department of Education</p> <p>University of California, Berkeley</p>	<p>Out of the Shadows: An Inquiry into the Lives of Undocumented Latino AB540 Students</p> <p>University of California, Berkeley</p>
3rd Place Co-Winner	<p>Lindsay Perez Huber</p> <p>Associate Professor Social and Cultural Analysis of Education</p> <p>California State University, Long Beach</p>	<p><i>Sueños Indocumentados</i>: Using LatCrit to Explore the Testimonios of Undocumented and U.S. born Chicana College Students on Discourses of Racist Nativism in Education</p> <p>University of California, Los Angeles</p>

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1st Place	Rocío Magana Assistant Professor Department of Anthropology Rutgers University	Bodies on the Line: Life, Death, and Authority on the Arizona-Mexico Border University of Chicago
2nd Place	Edris Montalvo Associate Professor Department of Geography Cameron University	The Recruitment and Retention of Hispanic and African-American Undergraduate Students in Public Universities in the U.S., 2000-2006 Texas State University, San Marcos
3rd Place Co-Winner	Alisia Caban Assistant Director Department of Counseling Psychology and Human Services University of Oregon	So Far From "Home:" Portraits of Mexican- Origin Scholarship Boys University of Texas, Austin
3rd Place Co-Winner	Sophia Jordán Wallace Associate Professor Department of Political Science University of Washington	Beyond Roll Call Votes: Latino Representation in the 108th - 110th Sessions of the U.S. House of Representatives Cornell University

2010

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1st Place	Theresa Segura Herrera Assistant Professor Department of Counseling Psychology The Chicago School of Professional Psychology	An Examination of Psychological Wellbeing for Latinas Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago
2nd Place	Maria Martiniello Associate Research Scientist ETS Center for Validity Research Stanford University	Linguistic Complexity and Differential Item Functioning (DIF) for English Language Learners (ELL) in Math Word Problems Harvard University
3rd Place	Ryan Alcantara Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Marymount California University	A Learning Model of Policy Making Implementation, Implementing Technology in Response to Policy Requirements California State University, Fullerton

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1 st Place	<p>Lourdes Nájera</p> <p>Assistant Professor Department of Anthropology</p> <p>Drake University</p>	<p>Yalálag is no longer Just Yalálag: Circulating Conflict and Contesting Community in a Zapotec Transnational Circuit</p> <p>Stanford University</p>
2 nd Place	<p>Sandra Larios</p> <p>Staff Psychologist Department of Psychiatry</p> <p>University of California, San Francisco</p>	<p>Using the Social Ecological Model to understand the contextual factors associated with HIV risk in commercial sex workers at high risk for contracting HIV</p> <p>University of California, San Diego</p>
3 rd Place Co-Winner	<p>Adriana Lopez</p> <p>Adjunct Faculty Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Columbia</p> <p>University of Pittsburgh</p>	<p>Markov Models for Longitudinal Course of Youth Bipolar Disorder</p> <p>University of Pittsburg</p>
3 rd Place Co-Winner	<p>Tiffany Schiffner</p> <p>Supporting Professor of Counseling</p> <p>Rollins College</p>	<p>"I'm just a guy!" Mexican American college students' constructions of masculinity and sexual health beliefs</p> <p>University of Illinois at Ubrana-Champaign</p>

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1 st Place	Patricia Perez Professor Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies California State University, Fullerton	Social Capital and Chain Migration: The College Choice Process of Chicana and Chicano Community College, Transfer and University Students University of California, Los Angeles
2 nd Place	Angela Caballero De Cordero Producer/Co-Owner Fervian Productions, LLC	Self-Efficacy Perceptions and their Impact on Latino and White Community College Student Persistence University of California, Santa Barbara
3 rd Place	Jason Casellas Associate Professor Department of Political Science University of Houston	Latino Representation in Congress and State Lectures Princeton University