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**Education**

Ph.D. (Sociology), 2008, Texas A&M University

M.S. (Sociology), 2006, Texas A&M University

B.S. (Sociology), 2002, Texas A&M University

**Employment**

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2022-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2020-2021

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Portland State University, 2017-2020

Graduate Director, Department of Sociology, Portland State University, 2015-2018

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Portland State University, 2012-2016

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2008-2012

Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, Blinn College, 2006-2008

Assistant Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, 2006-2008

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, 2004-2006

**Dissertation**

Dissertation Title: *An American Irony: The Story of Immigrant Poverty in the Land of Immigrants,* 2008, Dissertation Committee Members: Dudley L. Poston, Jr. (chair), Rogelio Saenz, Mark Fossett, W. Alex McIntosh

**Areas of Specialization**

Health Disparities, Social Demography, Religion and Health, Quantitative Methods

**Publications**

*Books*

Hill, Terrence, Tarani Chandola, and Ginny Garcia-Alexander. (2025). *Handbook of Social Epidemiology*. De Gruyter Contemporary Social Sciences Handbooks. Berlin, Germany: De Gruyter.

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny and Dudley L. Poston, Jr. (Eds.). 2022. *International Handbook of the Demography of Obesity*. Switzerland AG: Springer Nature.

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny, Hyeyoung Woo, and Matthew Carlson. 2017. *Social Foundations of Behavior for the Health Sciences*. New York, NY: Springer Publications.

Garcia, Ginny. 2011. *Mexican American and Immigrant Poverty in the Land of Immigrants* (Springer Series on Demographic Methods and Population Analysis). New York, NY: Springer Publications.

Garcia, Ginny. 2007. *Sexual Experience and Associated Prevalence Rates of Sexually Transmitted Infection: An Exploration of Impacts in the United States and China*. Germany: VDM Verlag.

*Articles*

Bartkowski, J. P., Hill, Terrence, D., Klee, Katherine, Garcia-Alexander, Ginny, Ellison, Chris G., and Burdette, Amy M. 2023. “Fear God, Not COVID: Is Conservative Protestantism Associated with Pandemic Health Risks?” *Healthcare* 11(4): 582. doi: 10.3390/healthcare11040582.

Hill, Terrence, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Katelyn Sileo, Chantal Fahmy, Alexander Testa, Rebecca Luttinen, and Ryan Schroeder. 2023. “Male Sexual Dysfunction and the Perpetration of Intimate Partner Violence.” *Violence Against Women*. doi: 10.1177/10778012231174348.

Hill, Terrence, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Andrew Davis, Eric Bjorklund, Luis Vila-Henninger, and William Cockerham. 2022. “Political Ideology and Pandemic Lifestyles: An Analysis of Indirect Effects” *Discover* *Social Science and Health* 2(14). https://doi.org/10.1007/s44155-022-00014-0.

Swisher, Raymond, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Lynne Cossman, and Drew Schaefer. 2022. “Explaining Racial/Ethnic and Socioeconomic Differences in COVID Protective Behavior.” *SSM – Population Health* 19. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2022.101147. (Impact Factor: 4.634)

Gonzales, Kelly L., Luohua Jiang, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Michelle M. Jacob, Jenny Chang, David R. Williams, Ann Bullock, and Spero M. Manson. 2021. “Perceived Racial Discrimination, Retention Among American Indians and Alaska Natives in Diabetes Lifestyle Interventions.” *Journal of Aging and Health* 33(7-8\_suppl):18S-30S. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/08982643211013188. (Impact Factor: 3.21)

Hill, Terrence D., Benjamin Dowd-Arrow, Christopher Ellison, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, John P. Bartkowski, and Amy M. Burdette. (2021). “Erectile Dysfunction and Gun Ownership in America: When Hard Data Meet a Limp Theory” *American Journal of Men’s Health.* DOI: 10.1177/15579883211044342. (Impact Factor: 2.80)

Golden, Sara E., Sarah S. Ono, Anne Melzer, James Davis, Steven B. Zeliadt, Jaimee L. Heffner, Hasmeena Kathuria, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, and Christopher G. Slatore. 2020. “I Already Know that Smoking Ain’t Good for Me”: Patient and Clinician Perspectives on Lung Cancer Screening Decision-Making Discussions,” *CHEST*. DOI:https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chest.2020.03.061. (Impact Factor: 8.31)

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny, Kelly L. Gonzales, Lauren E. Ferguson, Elizabeth Hauck. 2019. “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Desire for Reversal of Sterilization among U.S. Women,” *Journal of Women's Health* 28(6):812-819. DOI: 10.1089/jwh.2018.7157. (Impact Factor: 2.32)

Garcia, Ginny, John P. Bartkowski, and Xiaohe Xu. 2018. “Religion and Infant Mortality in the United States: A Community-Level Investigation of Denominational Variations,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 56:886-895. DOI: 10.1111/jssr.12487. (Impact Factor: 1.27)

Gonzales, Kelly, Ginny Garcia, Michelle Jacob, Clemma Muller, Lonnie Nelson, and Spero M. Manson. 2018. “Patient-Provider Relationship and Perceived Provider Weight Bias among American Indians and Alaska Natives,” *Obesity Science and Practice* 4(1): 76-84. DOI: 10.1002/osp4.135. (Impact Factor: 3.97)

Wright, Bill, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Maggie Weller, and Katherine Baicker. 2017. “Low-Cost Strategies for Increasing Medicaid Take-Up: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial,” *Health Affairs* 36: 838-845. DOI: 10.1377/hlthaff.2016.1325. (Impact Factor: 4.84)

Garcia, Ginny, Dawn Richardson, Kelly Gonzales, and Adolfo Cuevas. 2015. “Trends and Disparities in Postpartum Sterilization with Simultaneous C-Section,” *Women’s Health Issues* 25(6):634-640*.* DOI: 10.1016/j.whi.2015.07.006. (Impact Factor: 2.36)

Garcia, Ginny E., Richard Lewis, and Joanne Ford-Robertson. 2015. “Attitudes Regarding Laws Limiting Black-White Marriage: A Longitudinal Analysis of Perceptions and Related Behaviors,” *Journal of Black Studies.* DOI: 10.1177/0021934714568017. (Impact Factor: 1.11)

Garcia, Ginny, Christopher G. Ellison, Thankam S. Sunil, and Terrence D. Hill. 2013. “Religion and Selected Health Behaviors among Latinos in Texas,” *Journal of Religion and Health* 52: 18-31. DOI: 10.1007/s10943-012-9640-7. (Impact Factor: 1.41)

Garcia, Ginny, Thankam S. Sunil, and Pedro Hinojosa. 2012. “The Fast Food and Obesity Link: Consumption Patterns and Severity of Obesity,” *Obesity Surgery* 22(5): 810-818. DOI: 10.1007/s11695-012-0601-8. (Impact Factor: 3.58; 73 citations)

Sunil, Thankam S., Miguel Flores, and Ginny E. Garcia. 2012. “New Evidence on the Effects of International Migration on the Risk of Low Birth Weight in Mexico,” *Maternal and Child Nutrition*. 8(2): 185-198. DOI: 10.1111/j.1740-8709.2010.00277.x. (Impact Factor: 2.11)

Bartkowski, John P., Xiaohe Xu, and Ginny E. Garcia. 2011. “Religion and Infant Mortality in the U.S.: A Preliminary Study of Denominational Variations,” *Religions* 2: 1-14.

Garcia, Ginny. 2008. “America’s Tragedy: Immigrant Families in Poverty,” *The Journal of Social and Ecological Boundaries*, Special Issue: Immigration: Crime, Victimization, and Media Representation, 3(2): 71-90.

*Book Chapters*

Garcia-Alexander and Amethyst Marroquin. 2022. “Immigration and Obesity” in Ginny Garcia-Alexander and Dudley L. Poston, Jr. (Editors) *The International Handbook of the Demography of Obesity*. Switzerland AG: Springer Nature.

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny. 2019. “The Demography of Obesity” in Dudley L. Poston, Jr. (Editor) *Handbook of Population*, Second Edition (Handbooks of Sociology and Social Research). Switzerland: Springer Nature.

Garcia, Ginny and Hyeyoung Woo. 2016. “Racial Disparities in Infant Mortality, 1990 to 2004: Low Birthweight, Maternal Complications, and Other Causes” in Nazrul Hoque, Mary McGehee, and Beverly Pecotte (Editors) *Applied Demography and Public Health in the 21st Century*. New York, NY: Springer Publications.

Bartkowski, John P., Xiaohe Xu, and Ginny E. Garcia. 2015. “Religion and Infant Mortality in the U.S.: A Preliminary Study of Denominational Variations.” Pp. 2-14 in Kent R. Kerley (Editor), *Current Studies in the Sociology of Religion*. MDPI AG Basel, Switzerland. (Edited collection includes re-print of article published in 2011).

Garcia, Ginny, Heather Terrell, Dudley L. Poston, Jr. 2013. “Patterns of Sexual Activity in China and the United States.” in Poston, Dudley L., Jr., Wen Shan Yang, Demetrea Nicole Farris, (Editors), *The Family and Social Change in Chinese Societies*. New York, NY: Springer Publications.

Garcia, Ginny, Rachel T. Cortes, and Dudley L. Poston, Jr. 2009. “Patterns of Sexually Transmitted Infections in China and the United States.” Chapter 8 in Joseph Tucker, Dudley L. Poston, Jr., Qiang Ren, Baochang Gu, Xiaoying Zheng, Stephanie Wang, and Chris Russell (editors), *Gender Policy and HIV in China: Catalyzing Policy Change*. New York: Springer Publishers.

Garcia, Ginny and Dudley L. Poston, Jr., 2008. “Methodology.” Pp. 107-110 in William A. Darity (Editor-in-Chief), *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, Vol. 5, Second Edition. Detroit, MI: Macmillan Reference USA.

*Research Reports*

Garcia, Ginny E., Richard Lewis, Jr., and Joanne Ford-Robertson. 2015. “Most Americans are now opposed to laws against interracial marriage, but their behavior does not yet reflect these attitudes.” USAPP – American Politics and Policy (Research Blog), London School of Economics.

Baicker, Kate, Bill Wright, and Ginny Garcia. 2014. “Optimizing Enrollment Strategies for Medicaid Expansion: Take-Up, Utilization, and Health Outcomes.” Annual Report, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

**Papers Currently Under Review**

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny and Melissa Thompson. “Judgment, Shame, and Coercion: Acknowledging the Carceral Limits to Reproductive Autonomy” (*Health and Justice*).

Cossman, Lynne, Raymond Swisher, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, and Drew Schaefer. “Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Perceived versus Projected Life Expectancy” (*Sociological Perspectives*).

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny, Raymond Swisher, Lynne Cossman, and Drew Schaefer. “Divine Control, Health Locus of Control, and Subjective Life Expectancy” (*Journal of Religion and Health*).

**Scholarly Works in Progress**

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny, Laura Upenieks, Terrence Hill, Amy Burdette, Chris Ellison, and Xiaohe Xu. “Christian Nationalism, Xenophobia, and Natalism”

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny and John P. Bartkowski. “Conservative Protestantism and Elevated COVID-19 Mortality in the U.S.”

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny and Rina James. “Under Pressure: A Mixed-Methods Study of Reproductive Decision-Making”

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny and Carol S. Walther. “Obesity among Lesbians”

Bartkowski, John P., Ginny Garcia-Alexander, and Xiaohe Xu. “Religion and Infant Mortality Revisited: The Case of Premature Infant Deaths”

Garcia-Alexander, Ginny, Eric Shattuck, Raymond Swisher, and Lynne Cossman. “Pandemic Impacts on Fertility Intentions among U.S. Women, Findings from the 2021 Crime, Health, and Politics Survey”

Hill, Terrence, Ying Huang, and Ginny Garcia-Alexander. “Immigration and Mental Health During COVID-19”

**Scholarly Presentations**

*Refereed Presentations*

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Columbus, OH, April 2024. “Death by Religion: Conservative Protestantism and Elevated COVID-19 Mortality in the U.S.,” Regular Session.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA, April 2023. “Christian Nationalism, Xenophobia, and Natalism,” Poster Session.

Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 2022, “Sexual Dysfunction and Gun Ownership in America: When Hard Data Meet a Limp Theory” and “Explaining Racial/Ethnic and Socioeconomic Differences in COVID Health Behavior,” Regular Session.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, April 2022. “Using a Demographic Lens to Understand the Causes and Consequences of Obesity,” Regular Session, Discussant.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Denver, CO, April, 2018, “Criminal Justice Contact and Long-Term Contraceptive Use among U.S. Women,” Poster Session.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, April, 2017, “Female Sterilization and Regret: Prevention of Access to Desired Procedures or Prevention of Desired Fertility?” Poster Session.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Washington, DC, April 2016, “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Desire for Reversal of Sterilization among U.S. Women,” Regular Session.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA, May 2015, “Racial Disparities in Infant Mortality, 1990 to 2004: Low Birthweight, Maternal Complications, and Other Causes,” Poster Session.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA, May 2015, “Trends and Disparities in Postpartum Sterilization following C-Section,” Poster Session

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, May 2012, “Religion and Infant Mortality in the United States: A Community-Level Investigation of Denominational Variations,” Regular Session.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Washington, DC, April 2011, “The Fast Food and Obesity Link: An Investigation of Consumption Patterns among Pre-Bariatric Surgery Patients,” Poster Session.

American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, August 2009, “A Multilevel Analysis of Poverty among Mexican Immigrants in the Southwest,” Special Session.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Detroit, MI, April 2009, “A Multilevel Analysis of Poverty among Mexican Americans and Immigrants in the Southwest U.S.,” Poster Session.

Annual Meetings of the Southern Demographic Association (SDA), Greenville, SC, October 2008, “A Multilevel Analysis of Poverty among Mexican Americans and Immigrants in the Southwest U.S.,” Regular Session.

Population Association of America Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA, April 2008, “Impacts of Early Sexual Experience and Associated Risk of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) among Teens and Adults in the United States,” Poster Session.

Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2008, “The Impact of Immigration Status on Hispanic Poverty in the Southwestern US,” Regular Session.

American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 2006, “The Impact of Sexual Experiences of Young Minority Group Members in the United States, and the Associated Risks of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) among Adults in the United States and China,” Roundtable Session.

*Invited Presentations*

University of Michigan Sterilization and Social Justice Lab Mini-Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan, March, 2017, “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Desire for Reversal of Sterilization among U.S. Women,” Invited Presentation.

New Paradigms in Obesity Management, Legacy Health and Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland, OR, October 2016, "Health Equity and Obesity Disparities: Social Foundations of Health,” Invited Presentation and Panel Member.

**External Research Awards**

*Funded*

“UTSA Bridge Program.” Co-Principal Investigator (with Kara Joyner), Michael and Alice Kuhn Foundation.

Project Dates: 01/01/2024-12/31/2024. $102,115.00

“AMR Health and Social Equity,” American Medical Response (AMR), Advisory Board Member.

Project Dates: 11/01/2017-present. $500.00/month stipend.

“Optimizing Enrollment Strategies for Medicaid Expansion: Take-Up, Utilization, and Health Outcomes.” Co-Principal Investigator (with Kate Baicker and Bill Wright, Principal Investigators), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

Project Dates: 01/01/2013-01/01/2016. $462,993.00.

“Cost of Health Disparities Analysis,” Principal Investigator, Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Project Dates: 2015-2016. $5500.00.

“Spending and Service Use among Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) Recipients in Oregon with Selected Conditions, 2013.” Principal Investigator, Oregon Health Authority.

Project Dates: 3/1/2014-4/30/2015. $17,000.00.

*Not Funded*

National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program in Minority Health Disparities Development. Principal Investigator (with Kara Joyner, Co-Principal Investigator) University of Texas at San Antonio.

Submitted September 2023, $389,319.00.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program in Minority Health Disparities Development. Principal Investigator (with Kara Joyner, Co-Principal Investigator) University of Texas at San Antonio.

Submitted September 2022, $363,656.00.

“Alliance for a Healthier Generation Benefit Program Evaluation.” Research Partner (with Margaret Beam, RMC Research), Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

Submitted October 2014. $136,900.00.

“Voices for Healthy Kids Evaluation.” Senior Researcher (with Larry Wallack, Principal Investigator), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Submitted February 2014. $1,167,702.00.

“The Causal Mechanisms Associated with Varying Levels of Severity of Obesity.” Principal Investigator (with Thankam S. Sunil, Principal Investigator), National Institutes of Health, R21 proposal (PA-08-077).

Submitted February 2010, $315,780.00.

**Internal Awards**

*Research*

Lutcher Brown Fellowship. University of Texas at San Antonio.

Project Dates: 09/01/2023-08/31/2024. $15,000.00.

Data Science for Next-Generation Census. Faculty Fellow. School of Data Science Faculty Fellows Program, University of Texas at San Antonio.

Project Dates: 08/01/2023 – 08/15/2024. $17,224.00.

“2022 HCAP COVID-19 Survey.” Co-Principal Investigator (with Lynne S. Cossman, Raymond Swisher, and Eric Shattuck). University of Texas at San Antonio

Project Dates: 01/01/2022-07/01/2022. $6000.00.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program in Minority Health Disparities Development. Principal Investigator (with Kara Joyner, Co-Principal Investigator) University of Texas at San Antonio.

Project Dates: 06/01/2022 – 07/15/2022. $13,759.99.

“2021 Crime, Health, and Politics Survey (CHAPS).” Co-Principal Investigator (with Terrence Hill, Principal Investigator) University of Texas at San Antonio.

Project Dates:01/01/2021-06/30/2021. $100,000.00.

“Disparities in Reproductive Health Outcomes.” Principal Investigator, Faculty Enhancement Award, Portland State University.

Project Dates: 07/01/2014-06/30/2016. $15,000.00

“Bridge Funding for the Community Partnership for Health and Equity: A Community Based Participatory Research Project.” Research Partner, Pilot Project, Institute for Sustainable Solutions, Portland State University.

Project Dates: 2/4/2013-01/31/2014. $1500.00.

*Instruction*

“Flexible Degrees in Sociology, Online and Hybrid Core Course Development.” Faculty Member, Office of Academic Innovation/College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Portland State University.

Project Dates: 4/1/2019-06/30/2020. $1000.00.

“CUPA/CLAS Online Institute.” Faculty Member, Office of Academic Innovation, Online Course Development, Portland State University.

Project Dates: 9/15/2017-04/15/2018. $1500.00.

“Quantitative Literacy Course Development Program.” Faculty Member (with Mike Miller and Terri Earnest), University of Texas at San Antonio.

Project Dates: 06/01/2010-06/01/2011. $28,000.00.

**Teaching, Mentoring, and Curricular Activities**

*Courses Taught*

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| Introduction to Sociology (SOC 200; 1013) | Minority Health (SOC 410/510) |
| Food Inequalities and Obesity (SOC 330) | Health and Inequality (SOC 586/686) |
| Population Trends and Policy (SOC 341U) | Medical Sociology (SOC 3213) |
| Social Statistics (SOC 396) | Quantitative Methods (SOC 5073) |
| Social Research Methods (SOC 397; 3313) | Health and Health Care (SOC 5133) |
| Social Research Project (SOC 398) | Immigration and Society (SOC 6043) |
| Population Dynamics and Demographic Techniques (SOC 3223) |  |

*Thesis and Doctoral Committees*

*Master’s Thesis*

Amethyst Marroquin (chair), Sociology, UTSA

Shayne Walker (committee member), Sociology, UTSA

Samantha Galindo (committee member), Sociology, UTSA

Kylie Smith (committee member), Sociology, UTSA

Kristina L. James (committee chair), Sociology, PSU

Nate Rochester (committee member), Sociology, PSU

James Foutch (committee member), Sociology, PSU

Pedro Hinojosa (committee member), Sociology, UTSA

*Dissertation*

Nouf Albugami (chair), Sociology, PSU

Sara Golden (committee member), Sociology, PSU

Omar Melchor-Ayala (committee member), Sociology, PSU

Jamie Kennel (committee member), Sociology, PSU

*Undergraduate Mentorship*

Faculty Mentor (Students: Ravee Mata; Alexis Mata), McNair Scholars Program, University of Texas at San Antonio, June – Aug, 2021.

Faculty Mentor (Student: Catalina Urrutia Jorde), Portland State University Bridge-to-Baccalaureate Program (BRIDGES), 2014.

*Awards for Teaching*

Nominated for University Excellence Award in Teaching, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2009, 2011

**Governance and Other Professionally Related Service**

*Departmental Service*

Performance Appraisal Committee, Chair. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2022-2023.

Search Committee Member: Health, Aging, and Race/Ethnicity, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2021-2022.

Faculty Advisory Committee (DFAC), Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2020-.

Performance Appraisal Committee, Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2020-2022.

Merit Guidelines Committee, Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2020-.

Promotion and Tenure Review Committee Member, Department of Sociology, Portland State University, 2012-2013; 2019-2020.

Graduate Director, Department of Sociology, Portland State University, 2015-2018.

Graduate Committee Member and Co-Director (Winter 2014), Department of Sociology, Portland State University, 2013-2015.

Search Committee Member: Sociology/Inequality, Portland State University, 2012-2013; 2015-2016.

Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2008-2009; 2011-2012.

Department Faculty Advisory Committee Member (DFAC), Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2008-2012.

Ad Hoc Committee on Course Evaluation Instrument, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2010-2011.

Ad Hoc Committee on University Readiness Member, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2009-2010.

Computing and Technology Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2009-2010.

Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society for Sociology Organizer, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2009-2010.

*University Service*

Faculty Senate Representative, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2020-.

Faculty Senate Academic Freedom, Merit, and Tenure Review Committee. University of Texas at San Antonio, Member, 2022-23; Chair, 2023-24.

Faculty Senate Budget Committee, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2020-2022.

University Faculty Awards Committee, Research Achievement Award, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2020-2021.

New Faculty Academy Development Sessions, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2020-2021.

Review Panelist, 2020 Community Engaged Research Awards, Portland State University, 2019-2020.

Pathways Toward Social Justice Steering Committee Member, 2017-2018.

CLAS Research Conversations, Pathways Toward Social Justice Cluster Member, 2016-2017.

Academic Quality Committee (AQC) Member, Portland State University, 2016-2018.

Diversity Action Council (DAC) Member, Portland State University, 2015-2016.

Social Determinants of Health Initiative Cluster Member, Portland State University, September 2012-present.

Research Stimulus Proposal Reviewer, Institute for Sustainable Solutions, Portland State University, May 2014.

Area Champion, State Employee Charitable Campaign, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2008-2011.

*Community or Professional Service*

Advisory Board Member, UTSA Center for Public Opinion Research, 2023-.

Advisory Editor, *Sociological Perspectives*, 2015-2019

Reddit Science Ask Me Anything Discussion Forum Panelist, “Religion and Infant Mortality in the United States,” 2018.

External Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2017.

Brown Bag Series Presenter, Department of Sociology, Portland State University, 2014, 2015, 2017.

Online Interviewee, DugDug.com, “Religion and Selected Health Behaviors among Latinos in Texas” (http://www.dugdug.com/dr-garcia-alexander-discusses-latinos-in-texas).

Working Group Member (Examination of Health Disparities in Oregon), Oregon Health Authority, 2013-2016.

Session Organizer/Chair, “Health and Disparities,” “Health and Disparities – Obesity,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, TX, 2010.

Discussant, “International Migration Systems,” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI, 2009.

**Peer Review**

Occasional Reviewer, *American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Population Research and Policy Review*, *Race and Social Problems*, *Social Forces, Social Problems*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, 2009-present.

Peer Review, *Polity Press*, *Oxford University Press*, *Routledge, Rowman & Littlefield*, 2013-2017

**Memberships in Professional Societies**

Population Association of America (PAA)

Southern Demographic Association (SDA)