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EDUCATION

- 2017–Present Doctoral Candidate, Social Work
University of Connecticut, School of Social Work (UConn SSW), Hartford, CT
- 2013–15 Master of Social Work (MSW)
UConn SSW, West Hartford, CT
Concentration: Community Organization
- 2004–11 Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), New Haven, CT
Majors: Media Studies and English; Specialization: Creative Writing

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender and Sexuality Studies; Latino fathers and families; population health disparities and inequities; community-based interventions for prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs); effects of interpersonal and structural stigma on men who have sex with men (MSM) and sex worker health outcomes; improving sexual health outcomes for MSM of color (Latinx and African American/Black) and transgender individuals; policies and programs increasing access to healthcare, housing, employment, and educational opportunities for sex workers; community organization tactics and strategies for advocating for the rights and safety of sex workers; mixed methods studies; community-based participatory research (CBPR)

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts Published

- Mogro-Wilson, C., & Cifuentes, Jr., A. Role of fatherhood identity and machismo in Latino men with problem drinking. *Families in Society*, 1-14. DOI: 10.1177/1044389420921061
- Mogro-Wilson, C., & Cifuentes, Jr., A. The influence of culture on Latino fathers' parenting styles. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, (12)4. DOI: 10.1086/715440.

PRESENTATIONS

National Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Cifuentes, Jr., A. When it *doesn't* get better: Emergence of the sex workers' rights movement. Paper presented at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Orlando, FL, Nov. 2021.

- Gomez-Vidal, C., **Cifuentes, Jr., A.**, Bakko, M., Guitierrez, M., & Irsheid, S. Structural competency as a framework for advancing anti-racist social work. Poster presented at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Orlando, FL, Nov. 2021.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Macro social work students UNITE! How to effectively engage students in macro practice. Roundtable presentation to be presented at *Influencing Social Policy (ISP) Presents: MACRO Conference 2020*, St. Louis, MO, May 2020. (Conference canceled).
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.**, & Mogro-Wilson, C. Impact of fatherhood identity, father self-efficacy, and machismo on parent-child conflict among problem drinking Latino men. Paper presentation to be presented at *The 41st Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*, San Francisco, CA, Apr. 2020 (Conference canceled).
- Bakko, M., **Cifuentes, Jr., A.**, Gomez-Vidal, C., Guitierrez, M., & Irsheid, S. Social work and health equity: A critical framework for building a Culture of Health. Roundtable presentation presented at the *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*, Washington, DC, Jan. 2020.
- Mogro-Wilson, C., & **Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Fatherhood identity and machismo in Latino men with problem drinking behaviors. Poster presentation presented at the *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*, Washington, DC, Jan. 2020.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.**, & Courts, C. L. Dominique. Critical feminist perspective of social work profession's response to American sex work. Oral presentation presented at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Denver, CO, Oct. 2019.
- Mogro, Wilson, C., **Cifuentes, Jr., A.**, & Vasquez Reyes, M. Exploring the relationship between fatherhood identity and *machismo* in Latino men. Oral presentation presented at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Denver, CO, Oct. 2019.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.**, & Mogro-Wilson, C. Impact of fatherhood identity, traditional machismo, and caballerismo on Latino fathers with problem drinking behaviors. Poster presentation presented at *The National Hispanic Science Network (NHSN) 19th International Conference*, New Orleans, LA, Oct. 2019.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** A comparative analysis of stigma among self-identified HIV-negative gay and bisexual Latino men in Chicago and San Francisco. Poster presentation presented at the *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2019.
- Mogro-Wilson, C., & **Cifuentes, Jr., A.** An analysis of the relationship between cultural values and parenting styles of Hispanic fathers. Oral presentation presented at the *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2019.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.**, Loomis, A., & Mogro-Wilson, C. Latino and African American fathers' caregiving and breadwinning identities and behaviors. Oral presentation presented at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Orlando, FL, Nov. 2018.
- Mogro-Wilson, C., & **Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Exploring the impact of culture on the parenting styles of Hispanic fathers. Oral presentation presented at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Orlando, FL, Nov. 2018.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.**, & Mogro-Wilson, C. The influence of culture on parenting styles of Hispanic

fathers who are problem drinkers. Poster presentation presented at *The National Hispanic Science Network (NHSN) 18th International Conference*, Rockville, MD, Oct. 2018.

National Presentations

- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Macro students UNITE! Oral presentation at virtual *Influencing Social Policy (ISP) Presents: MACRO Conference 2020*, June 2021.
- Cifuentes, Jr, A.** Decolonizing your research: Deconstructing white supremacist ideology and colonialism in research design and methodology. Roundtable presentation presented at *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Annual Leadership Institute*, San Diego, CA, Mar. 2020 (conference canceled).
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Science vs. politics: A false dichotomy? Roundtable presentation presented at *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Annual Leadership Institute*, Indianapolis, IN, Jan. 2019.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** The pedagogical pornographer: Gay porn, queer politics, and HIV prevention. Paper presentation presented at *The Popular Culture Association (PCA) Conference*, New Orleans, LA, Apr. 2015.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Art? Porn? Whatever: The queer film aesthetics of Bruce LaBruce. Paper presentation at *The Popular Culture Association (PCA) Conference*, Boston, MA, Mar. 2012.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Odysseys of gay male desire: A comparative postmodern textual analysis of art and commercialism and the cultivation of desire in the gay male pornographic films *Naked Highway* (1997) and *Michael Lucas' La Dolce Vita* (2006). Paper presentation presented at *The Popular Culture Association (PCA) Conference*, New Orleans, LA, Apr. 2009.

Statewide and Regional Presentations

- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** “No bad whores—just bad laws”: The case for the decriminalization of sex work in the United States. Oral presentation to be presented at *SCSU 2021 Women's & Gender Studies Conference*, New Haven, CT, Apr. 2021.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Sex work during two pandemics: COVID-19 and racism. Oral presentation presented at *Connecticut TransAdvocacy Coalition (CTAC) Digital Workshop Series*, July 2020.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** “Sex work is a regular ass job!”: Examining the effects of SESTA/FOSTA on sex workers. Oral presentation presented at *UConn Rainbow Center Graduate Virtual Student Colloquium*, Apr. 2020.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A., & Schubert, J.** Beyond thoughts and prayers: The role of social workers in preventing gun violence. Oral presentation presented at Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, CT, Mar. 2019.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A., Bonelli, J., & Fernandez, N.** Everything you wanted to know about sex-positive social work (but was afraid to ask!). Oral presentation presented at *The National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter (NASW/CT) Conference*, Cromwell, CT, May 2018.
- Cifuentes, Jr, A.** Sex, stigma, and subversion: The case for decriminalizing sex work in the United States. Oral presentation presented at the *UConn Borderlands: A Critical Graduate Symposium*, Storrs, CT, Mar. 2018.
- Mogro-Wilson, C., & **Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Exploring the parenting styles of Hispanic fathers in the

context of culture. Oral presentation presented at the *UConn SSW Research and Scholarship Exhibition*, Hartford, CT, Mar. 2018.

Cifuentes, Jr., A., Bonelli, J., & Fernandez, N. Everything you wanted to know about sex-positive social work (but was afraid to ask!). Oral presentation presented at *The National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter (NASW/CT) Conference*, Cromwell, CT, May 2017.

Cifuentes, Jr., A. & LoMonico, S. Beyond re-entry: Access to justice for the formerly incarcerated. Oral presentation presented at *The National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter (NASW/CT) Conference*, Cromwell, CT, May 2016.

Cifuentes, Jr., A., Marois, D., & Comaduran, R. The cost of liberty: The gun violence epidemic and the future of social work. Oral presentation presented at *The National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter (NASW/CT) Conference*, Cromwell, CT, May 2016.

Cifuentes, Jr., A. Making the hardcore visible: Utilizing sexually explicit messaging in HIV/AIDS prevention programs for gay men, bisexual men, and MSM. Oral presentation presented at *The New England Alliance for Gay and Bisexual Men's Health Conference*, Provincetown, MA, Oct. 2014.

Cifuentes, Jr., A. The vlog is political: Bridging the gap between feminist pedagogy and activism through YouTube video diary. Oral presentation presented at *The SCSU Women's Studies Graduate Conference "Critical Feminist Pedagogies: Towards an Education of Activism,"* New Haven, CT, Mar. 2011.

Cifuentes, Jr., A. This is not just a porn flick: A postmodern and re-visionist study of high and low art in the gay male pornographic films *Naked Highway* (1997) and *Michael Lucas' La Dolce Vita* (2009). Oral presentation presented at *The SCSU Women's Studies Graduate Conference "Feminisms and Popular Culture,"* New Haven, CT, Apr. 2009.

INVITED SPEAKER/PRESENTATIONS

Feb. 2023	Research Pathways of Latinx Scholars (NASW/CT Latino/a Social Workers Network)
Jan. 2023	Journey to Higher Ed- The Why? Transformative Experience of Pursuing a Doctoral Degree (NASW/CT Latino/a Social Workers Network)
Oct. 2022	Sex without Sin: A Qualitative Study of Online Male Sex Workers
June 2022	Sex Work and Stigma: The Ethics of Sex Work
Nov. 2022	Discussion of Latinx and Dissertation Research (Online Sex Work)
Oct. 2021	Voting is Empowerment: Scaling Up Your Voter Engagement
Apr. 2021	LGBTQ Rights in Connecticut
Mar. 2021	Using Organizing: The Role of Community Organization in Social Work Practice

Mar. 2021	Post-Election Impact on Macro Social Work
Mar. 2021	Sex-Positivity 101: Using a Sex-Positive Lens in HIV/STI Prevention and Care
Feb. 2021	Panel on Intersectionality: Diversity & Social Justice
Nov. 2020	Understanding Intersectional Stigma and Its Impact on HIV Prevention and Care – Community & Research Implications
Nov. 2020	Research on Hispanic Fathers
Aug. 2020	Civic Health Month Social Work Panel
Aug. 2020	Youth & Student Organizing: Mobilizing Your Community with GLSEN
May 2020	Social Work and Voter
May 2020	Supporting LGBTQ Students: Creating Inclusive School Communities
Apr. 2020/2021	Stigma and Resistance: The Multiple Dimensions of Sex Workers' Health and Well-Being
Apr. 2020	Virtual Queer Resilience & COVID-19 Panel
Mar. 2020	Supporting LGBTQ Students: Creating Inclusive School Communities
Oct. 2019	#MacroMatters: Introduction to Macro Social Work Practice
Oct. 2019	Introduction to Quantitative Research and Survey Methodology
Mar. 2019	One Struggle, One Fight: Community and Organizational Practice Issues within the LGBTQ+ Community
Feb. 2019	Social Work in Action: The Role of Community Organization and Policy Practice in Social Work
Oct. 2018	Social Work Research and the Latinx Community (Latino Fatherhood and Cultural Values); NASW/CT Latino/a Social Workers Network
Feb. 2018	Social Work in Action: The Role of Community Organization in Social Work Practice
July 2015	Trans Lives Matter: Preventing Violence against the Transgender Community

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2023-May 2023 Adjunct Instructor (Blended Course)
Jan. 2022-May 2022 Adjunct Instructor (Distance Learning)
MSW Course: Advanced Policy-LGBTQ+ Populations
Westfield State University, Westfield, MA

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Serve as Instructor of Record for course delivered to 20 MSW students; implement pre-designed curriculum; facilitate and lead discussions on various LGBTQ+ topics in policy; grade and evaluate student progress.

Oct. 2022-Present GSA (Gender-Sexuality Alliance) Coordinator
Q Plus

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Build, maintain, and enhance Q Plus's relationships with GSA groups across the state and the resources offered to them. Duties include but are not limited to GSA and school outreach, record maintenance, GSA visits, GSA consultations, organizing GSA meetups, student leader engagement, creating and monitoring surveys, and staffing for events.

Aug. 2022-Dec. 2022 Adjunct Instructor (In-person)
MSW Course: Social Welfare & Policy
Quinnipiac University, North Haven, CT

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Served as Instructor of Record for course delivered to 20 MSW students; implemented pre-designed curriculum; facilitated and led discussions on various topics in social welfare and policy; graded and evaluated student progress.

January 2022-June 2022 Organizer
Connecticut Citizen Action Group (CCAG)

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Organized local and statewide direct action; facilitated CT Renews meetings; attended and offered input on weekly and bi-weekly meeting on organizing for housing, food, and climate justice; tabled at events to promote organization; conducted 1:1s with staff and coalition members; wrote and submitted testimonies for various pieces of legislation; created survey and timeline for Food Justice Survey Canvassing Project (Summer 2022).

Sept. 2020-Apr. 2022 Field Instructor, Remote Macro Placement @ Vot-ER
Boston University, School of Social Work

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Directly supervise three (3) Master of Social Work (MSW) students; assign them tasks and responsibilities; lead their project management team; provide educational instruction on how field concepts and experiences connect with macro social work theory, education, and practice; offer critical feedback; evaluate their progress.

Sept. 2019-Present Graduate Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record)

MSW Courses: (1) Macro Foundation Practice (Fall 2019 In-person; Fall 2020 Distance Learning; Fall 2021 In-person)
(2) Analysis of Social Welfare Policy (Spring 2020 In Person; Distance Learning for Half of Semester due to COVID-19)
(3) Research Methods (Spring 2021 Distance Learning)
(4) Special Populations (Summer 2021 Distance Learning; Summer 2022 In-person)
(5) Essential Theory and Intervention Practice in Community Organizing (Spring 2022 and Spring 2023 In-person)
(6) Human Oppression (Fall 2022 In-person)
UConn SSW, Hartford, CT

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Teach and facilitate classes of 15-25 students as instructor on record; prepare lessons (e.g., PowerPoints, in-class questions and assignments, and other learning material) based on syllabus; construct original lesson-based material based on syllabus; grade and evaluate papers and assignments; submit grades at end of semester.

Sept. 2017–May 2019 Graduate Research Assistant
PI: Cristina Wilson, PhD
UConn SSW, Hartford, CT

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Assisted with research on Latino fatherhood, specifically the impact cultural values and alcohol use have on parenting styles of Latino fathers. Tasks included researching established measures and constructs; conducting literature reviews; creating a survey using Qualtrics; completing and submitting IRB forms; managing and responding to project-related communications; interpreting data/analysis using SPSS; drafting, editing, and submitting peer-reviewed conference abstracts; co-writing, editing, and submitting peer-reviewed articles; co-reviewing journal articles submitted by other researchers; and assisting with development and facilitation of Fatherhood Special Interest Group (SIG) webinar.

Sept. 2017–May 2019 University Assistant
Office of Diversity & Equity
Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), New Britain, CT

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Performed administrative/clerical duties for the Office; assisted with investigations of sexual harassment/misconduct, discrimination, and ADA violations; assisted with the job search process, including processing, redacting, and organizing received applications; managed the filing system for searches and investigations; coordinated program and event planning and development; maintained the departmental budget; took meeting minutes; took notes during investigative interviews; chaired the LGBT Advisory Committee; coordinated annual Rainbow Breakfast and Martin Luther King, Jr., Breakfast; supervised and assigned duties to two (2) student workers and several volunteers; performed other tasks as assigned by the Chief Diversity Officer/Title IX Officer.

Feb. 2011–Aug. 2017 Access Services Library Technical Assistant
Evening Supervisor/Stacks Maintenance Coordinator
CCSU, Elihu Burritt Library, New Britain, CT

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Onboarded and supervised 10-12 student workers on customer service and stack maintenance; provided daily assistance and customer service at Circulation Desk; closed the library; managed eight (8) stacks of library material; prepared and submitted periodic statistical reports for Access Services and Serials; coordinated special projects, including shifting large parts of collection.

Sept. 2014–June 2015 LGBT Action, Organizing, and Research Project Intern
UConn SSW, West Hartford, CT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Conducted interviews of and participated in outreach efforts with various social workers and healthcare agency professionals that specialized in HIV/AIDS prevention, especially community-level interventions for young men MSM and people of color; attended and facilitated various presentations and workshops on campus and at local, state, and national HIV/AIDS prevention and educational conferences; created and organized a five-part “Stop the Stigma” event series on campus from February to April of 2015; served as a core organizer for Hartford Action, a grassroots organization committed to criminal justice reform and improving the relationship between police and community members.

Sept. 2013–June 2014 Social Justice Project MSW Intern
Capital Preparatory Magnet School, Hartford, CT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Consulted and advised two high school seniors completing their yearlong Social Justice Projects on bullying prevention in elementary and middle school settings; directed and co-facilitated a community event for parents and families in late March 2014 on preventing bullying and harassment in K-12 schools; assisted with coordinating and managing the Senior Internship Program; met with Internship Supervisors about student progress; acted as mediator between student intern and agency supervisor; created evaluation tools for both intern and supervisor.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Jan. 2022–Present Vice-chair of Resources
Association of Community Organizing and Social Action
(ACOSA)

Mar. 2021–Mar. 2022 Co-chair
Bi-monthly Newsletter Content Creator and Editor
Facebook Page Editor
Communication Sub-committee
Doctoral Student Committee (SSWR)

Mar. 2020–Feb. 2021	Communication Sub-Committee Member Bi-Monthly Newsletter Content Curator Facebook Page Editor Doctoral Student Committee (SSWR)
Oct. 2019–Present	Steering Committee Member and Webinar Co-organizer Macro Social Work Student Network (MSWSN)
Sept. 2019–May 2020	Steering Committee Member Student Conference Planning Committee (Ad hoc; NASW/CT)
Aug. 2019–Sept. 2021	Co-chair Doctoral Student Organization (DSO)
Nov. 2018–Dec. 2021	Communications Committee Member ACOSA
Sept. 2018–Sept. 2021	Student Representative (Lead Student Representative, Sept. 2019–Present) Doctoral Program Committee
July 2018–Present	Founding Steering Committee Member/Freedom Trail Series Moderator NASW/CT Diversity Committee
Jan. 2018–June 2020	Fatherhood Research Webinar Planning Group Member SSWR Fatherhood Special Interest Group (SIG)
Dec. 2015–June 2022	Co-chair of Network and Mentoring Program NASW/CT Latino/a Social Workers Network
July 2015–Present	Founder/Chair NASW/CT Macro Social Workers Network
July 2015–June 2018	Co-chair/Conference Coordinator Connecticut Library Association Support Staff (CLASS) Committee
Sept. 2014–May 2015	Co-chair PRIDE Graduate Student Organization (UConn SSW)

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Feb. 2021–May 2021	<i>Outreach Volunteer</i> Sex Workers and Allies Network (SWAN)
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Apr. 2020–Present	<i>Social Work Team Lead</i> Vot-ER
Mar. 2020, Feb. 2021	<i>Panel Moderator/Roundtable Speaker</i> Campaign School for Social Workers Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work
Nov. 2019–Present	<i>Article Reviewer</i> (1) <i>Advances in Social Work</i> (2) <i>Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health</i> (3) <i>Families in Society</i> (4) <i>Porn Studies</i> (5) <i>Social Work in Public Health</i>
Sept. 2018–Present	<i>Policy Luncheon Host Committee Member</i> Connecticut Against Gun Violence (CAGV)
June 2018–Present	<i>Community Advisory Board</i> Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) Yale University
Oct. 2016–Present	<i>Steering Committee Member/General Planning Group</i> CT Equality (LGBTQ+ Political Advocacy Coalition)
Jan. 2016–May 2018	<i>Connecticut Students for a Dream (C4D) Organizer</i> Campaign Organizing Team Member, Access to Institutional Aid for Undocumented Students Legislation
2005–Present	<i>LGBTQ/Safe Schools Issues Speaker</i>
2005–Present	<i>True Colors Conference Workshop Facilitator/Presenter</i>
Oct. 2004–June 2019	<i>GLSEN Connecticut Board of Directors</i>
July 2016–June 2019	Community Outreach Coordinator
July 2016–Sept. 2018	Co-chair
July 2015–Feb. 2018	Professional Development Coordinator
Aug. 2016–Feb. 2018	Fundraising Event Coordinator/Manager
Mar. 2012–May 2017	Safe Schools Summit Event Coordinator/Manager
June 2010–Sept. 2014	Student Organizing Team Adult Coordinator

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

July 2021	Certificate of Completion, Mixed Methods Research University of Michigan
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July 2020 Certificate of Completion
Campaign School for People of Color, CT Working Families Party

Mar. 2016 Licensed Master of Social Worker
Connecticut Department of Public Health License 003248

Apr. 2015 Certificate of Completion
Campaign School, Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work

Sept. 2013 Certified Professional Development (PD) Facilitator
Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2020–Present Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)

2018–Present Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

2018–Present Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

2018–Present Q Caucus (Social Work LGBTQ Caucus)

2015–Present New England HIV Implementation Science Network
(CIRA @ Yale University)

2014–Present Association for Community Organization and Social
Action (ACOSA)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2023 Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) Travel Scholarship
(\$1150) for SSWR Conference 2023

2021 Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) Travel Scholarship
(\$1500) for CSWE APM 2021

2021 HPRS Dissertation Fellowship (\$9,875)

2021 Davidson Dissertation Stipend (from UConn SSW, \$500)

2021 Dissertation Research Fellowship (from UConn SSW, \$5,000)

2021	CSWE-GADE-SSWR Doctoral Student Policy Forum
2021	Excellence in Teaching (UConn)
2020	Dean's Incentive Award (with Dr. Cristina Mogro-Wilson, PI)
2020	HPRS Travel Scholarship (\$2,000) for SBM Conference (withdrawn because conference canceled)
2018-2022	Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) Fellowship (from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) (\$30,000/year for four (4) years)
2019	Sterling Travel Scholarship (\$750; from UConn SSW)
2019; 2018	Travel Award (covered hotel fees; for annual NHSN International Conference)
2018	NASW/CT Social Worker of the Year Nominee
2018-2019; 2017-2018	Rollin Williams/Y. C. Wu Fellowship (\$10,000/year; from UConn SSW)
2018	Procter & Gamble/HSF (<u>Hispanic Scholarship Foundation</u>) Scholarship Program Scholarship (\$5,000)
2018	Pre-Dissertation Travel Scholarship (\$750; from UConn SSW)
2018	Dorothy Award (Service Recognition Award for GLSEN Connecticut from New Haven Pride Center)
2014	Frank V. Carollo Scholarship (from UConn SSW)
2011	William B. Hensley Volunteer Award (from GLSEN Connecticut)
2009	Henry Barnard Distinguished Student Award (1 of 12 CSU Undergraduate Recipients) Roger Conway Award for Excellence in Media Studies (from SCSU)
2008	Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa Service Award (from SCSU Women's Studies Department) Student Life Program Impact Award (for Day of Silence; awarded with LGBTQQIA Prism) Sylvia Spino Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Adelaide P. Amore Memorial Endowed Scholarship

ARTICLES/VIDEOS

- Feb./Mar. 2020 “Sex Work is Real Work: The Case Against SESTA/FOSTA,” [Centerline Magazine](#) (New Haven Pride Center)
- Nov. 2019 “Ph.D. Funding and Advanced Training: The Health Policy Research Scholar Fellowship,” [ProFellow](#)
- Sept. 2019 “Social Work Insights: Alberto Cifuentes on Community Development,” SAGE Video Experts
- Sept. 2019 “[A Conversation with Alberto Cifuentes, Jr.](#) – Health Policy Research Scholars”
- Jan. 2019 “PhD Student Selected Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar,” [UConn Today](#)
- Oct. 2018 “SSW Doctoral Student Selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholar,” [UConn Today](#)
- “UConn Academic Recognized for His Work Nationally,” [The Chronicle](#)