

Alberto Cifuentes, Jr., LMSW

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EDUCATION

- 2017–Present (Expected Apr. 2024) Doctoral Candidate, Social Work
University of Connecticut, School of Social Work (UConn SSW),
Hartford, CT
Dissertation: A Mixed Methods Analysis of the Impact of Stigma on the Health
Outcomes of Online Cisgender Male Sex Workers
- 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; community-based interventions for prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) for men who have sex with men (MSM) and sex workers; effects of stigma on MSM and sex worker health outcomes; improving substance use and sexual health outcomes for MSM and sex workers; 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.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 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.

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

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 24 MSW students; implemented pre-designed curriculum; facilitated and led discussions on various topics in social welfare and policy; graded and evaluated student progress.

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

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Directly supervised three (3) Master of Social Work (MSW) students; assigned them tasks and responsibilities; led their project management team; provided educational instruction on how field concepts and experiences connect with macro social work theory, education, and practice; offered critical feedback; evaluated 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; Summer 2023, 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; Fall 2023 In-person)
BSW Courses: (1) Senior Seminar (Fall 2023, In-person)
UConn SSW, Hartford, CT

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Teach and facilitate classes of 10-25 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.

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts Published

- Mogro-Wilson, C., & Cifuentes, Jr., A. (2020). Role of fatherhood identity and machismo in Latino men with problem drinking. *Families in Society*, (101)4, 514-527. DOI: 10.1177/1044389420921061
- Mogro-Wilson, C., & Cifuentes, Jr., A. (2021). The influence of culture on Latino fathers' parenting styles. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, (12)4, 705-729. DOI: 10.1086/715440

PRESENTATIONS

National Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** An examination of the impact of stigma on the substance use outcomes of male sex workers in the U.S. Poster to be presented at *Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality*, Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 2023.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** A study of stigma negotiation and resistance among male sex workers in the U.S. Paper to be presented at *Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality*, Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 2023.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Sex work is work: The case for decriminalization in the U.S. Paper to be presented at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2023.
- Cifuentes, Jr., A.** Stigma, subversion, and solidarity: A qualitative study of online male sex workers. Paper to be presented at *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2023.
- 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., Guterrez, 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., Bonelli, J., & Fernandez, N. Everything you wanted to know about sex-positive social work (but were afraid to ask!) (3 hr. workshop). Oral presentation presented at *The National Association of Social Workers Connecticut Chapter (NASW/CT) Conference*, Southbury, CT, June 2023.

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 were afraid to ask!) (1.5 hr. workshop). 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

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| Feb. 2023 | Research Pathways of Latinx Scholars (Panel – NASW/CT Latino/a Social Workers Network) |
| Jan. 2023 | Journey to Higher Ed- The Why? Transformative Experience of Pursuing a Doctoral Degree (Panel – NASW/CT Latino/a Social Workers Network) |
| Oct. 2022 | Sex without Sin: A Qualitative Study of Online Male Sex Workers (Oral Presentation, Lunch n' Learn, UConn Rainbow Center) |
| June 2022 | Sex Work and Stigma: The Ethics of Sex Work (Class Presentation) |
| Nov. 2022 | Discussion of Latinx and Dissertation Research (Online Sex Work) (Class Presentation) |
| Oct. 2021 | Voting is Empowerment: Scaling Up Your Voter Engagement (Webinar) |
| Apr. 2021 | LGBTQ Rights in Connecticut (Panel – In-Person) |
| Mar. 2021 | Using Organizing: The Role of Community Organization in Social Work Practice (Webinar) |
| Mar. 2021 | Post-Election Impact on Macro Social Work (Panel – Webinar) |
| Mar. 2021 | Sex-Positivity 101: Using a Sex-Positive Lens in HIV/STI Prevention and Care (Webinar) |

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

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.

Oct. 2022-Present Library Assistant
Wethersfield Public Library

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Provide direct public service to patrons (in-person or by phone); perform routine circulation functions (check-in/out, collection of fines and fees, library card registration); provide general information to users regarding library's circulation policies, procedures, and services; make appropriate referrals to professional staff.

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

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: Organized local and statewide direct action; facilitated CT Renewals 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. 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

Oct. 2022–Present	Governance Committee Member Association of Community Organizing and Social Action (ACOSA)
Jan. 2022–Present	Vice-chair of Resources 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, Equity, and Inclusion 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

July 2023–Present	<i>Abstract Reviewer</i> Annual Meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
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Feb. 2021–May 2021	<i>Outreach Volunteer</i> Sex Workers and Allies Network (SWAN)
Apr. 2020–Dec. 2022	<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 Member</i> Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) Yale University
Oct. 2016–Present	<i>Board of Directors Member</i> Equality CT
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
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)

SKILLS

Software: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Programming: SPSS, NVivo, Qualtrics, Survey Monkey

Languages: Proficient in Spanish, casual conversational use of Spanish

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	Sterling Dissertation Writing Fellowship (from UConn SSW,
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	\$5,000)
2023	Predoctoral Fellowship (from UConn SSW, \$750)
2023	Distinguished Service Award (from Connecticut Latinos Achieving Rights and Opportunities, or CLARO)
2023	Summer Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (from UConn Graduate School, \$2,000)
2023	Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) Travel Scholarship (\$1,150) for SSWR Conference 2023
2021	Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) Travel Scholarship (\$1,500) 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 (from 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 "[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](#)