

Maritza Vasquez Reyes, MA. LCSW, MA

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

Anticipated May 2024

University of Connecticut, School of Social Work - Hartford, CT

Dissertation Title: Youth-Serving Organizations as Counterspaces:

The Role of Youth-Serving Organizations in Disrupting Minoritized Youth Patterns of Oppression and Marginalization

Committee: Dr. Caitlin Elsaesser (Chair), Dr. Cristina Mogro-Wilson, and Dr. Yolanda (Yoli) Anyon (University of San Jose).

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)

May 2001

State University at Albany - Albany, NY

Concentration: Clinical Social Work

MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY (M.A.)

May 2001

State University of New Paltz – New Paltz, NY

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) in Social Work and Sociology

May 1991

University “Madre y Maestra”, Dominican Republic

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, NY State License Number 070370-1

2005–present

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Illinois. License No. 149.016053

2013–2015

Certified Case Manager, CCM certification No.00099889

2015–present

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic and social justice: poverty and inequality issues and policies | Youth and Community participatory action research | Counterspaces for Black and Latinx Youth | Racial and ethnic minority health and wellbeing | International social work

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED PAPERS

Vasquez Reyes, M., Elsaesser, C., Smith-Lee, J., Santiago Nazario, J. Steven, R.. (2023). Girls and Young Women’s Perceptions on the Role of Gender and Social Media Conflict Implicated in Violence, submitted to Journal of Youth Studies.

Valdovinos, M. G., Nightingale, S. D., & **Vasquez Reyes, M.** (2021). Intimate Partner Violence Help-Seeking for Latina Undocumented Immigrant Survivors: Feminist Intersectional Experiences Narrated Through Testimonio. *Affilia*, 36(4), 533–551.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109920985772>

Vasquez Reyes, M. (2020). The Disproportional Impact of COVID-19 on African Americans. *Health and Human Rights*, 22(2), 299–308.

Valdovinos, M. G., Thomas, R. L., Tredinnick, L. N., & **Vasquez Reyes, M.** (2020). Human trafficking efforts to protect Connecticut's vulnerable children and youth: Incorporating the voices of community practitioners. [Special issue]. *Violence and Victims*, 35, 382–399.

UNDER REVIEW

Elsaesser, C., **Vasquez Reyes, M.**, Fairchild, E., Santiago, J., Lopez, D., Courts, D.
 Being Someone Who Can Buffer the Pains of Life”: Street Outreach Worker Perspectives on Supporting Youth’s Healing from Community Violence, submitted to the Journal of Clinical Social Work..

Hall-Faul., M., Dubuque-Gallo, C., Felten, G., **Vasquez Reyes, M.** The Impact of a Teaching Peer Support Group on Doctoral Student Instructors: A Collaborative Autoethnography. submitted to the Journal of Social Work Education.

BOOK CHAPTER

Vasquez, M., & De Maina, P., (2015) Riflessione sul Rapporto Assistente-Assistito in una Esperienza Nordamericana. (pp. 151-156). In Araujo, V., Cataldi, S., & Iorio, G., (Eds). *L'amore al tempo della globalizzazione: verso un nuovo concetto sociologico. In dialogo con Luc Boltanski, Michael Burawoy, Annamaria Campanini, Axel Honneth, Paulo Henrique Martins*. Roma: Citta Nuova.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Vasquez Reyes, M., Elsaesser, C., & Fairchild, E. (2024, January). Collective Trauma, Resilience, and Healing: Violence Street Outreach Workers and Black and Brown Youth Moving through a Healing Justice Framework. To be presented as a Poster at the Society for Social Work Research, 28th Annual Conference

Vasquez Reyes, M., Fairchild, E., & Elsaesser, C. (2023, April 12). Leveraging Transformative Relationships to Nurture the Potential of Youth Impacted by Violence. ResilienceCon. Nashville, TN.

Hall-Faul., M., Dubuque-Gallo, C., Felten, G., **Vasquez Reyes, M.** (2023, January 15). The Impact of a Teaching Peer Support Group on Doctoral Student Instructors: A Collaborative Autoethnography. Society for Social Work Research. Phoenix, AZ.

Vasquez Reyes, M., Elsaesser, C., Smith-Lee, J., Santiago, J. Steven, R. (2021, April), Girls and young women's perceptions on the role of gender and social media conflict implicated in violence. ResilienceCon. Online presentation.

Valdovinos, M.G., Dodd, S., & **Vasquez Reyes, M.** (2020, January 17). Exploring Exclusionary and Fragmented Healthcare Access for Undocumented Women Immigrant Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence. Presented at Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Valdovinos, M. G., Thomas, R.L. Tredinnick, L. & **Vasquez Reyes, M.** (2020, January 19). Human trafficking efforts to protect Connecticut's vulnerable children and youth: Addressing social work's grand challenges. Presentation at Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Valdovinos, M. G., Tredinnick, L. & **Vasquez Reyes, M.** (2019, October 25). Exploring social work's past and future role in combatting human trafficking. Presentation at Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principle Investigator

University of Connecticut, School of Social Work, Hartford, CT **2022- present**
Youth-Serving Organizations as Counterspaces: The Role of Youth-Serving Organizations in Disrupting Minoritized Youth Patterns of Oppression and Marginalization
 Faculty Advisor: Dr. Caitlin Elsaesser
 Develop study protocol, interview guides, and institutional review board proposal; conduct interviews; analyze data; disseminate findings

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Connecticut, School of Social Work, Hartford, CT **2019 – present**
Understanding Cyberbanging Among Youth Living in Violent Neighborhoods
 PI: Drs Caitlin Elsaesser, Christine Ohannessian, and Desmond Patton
 Develop recruitment materials, conduct one-on-one interviews, create a survey tool, and process data; participate in weekly Youth Lab Meetings for ongoing qualitative research training; collaborate with ongoing manuscripts to disseminate research findings.

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Connecticut, School of Social Work, Hartford, CT **2019 – present**
Solutions for Social Media Conflict: A Youth Engaged Approach.
 PI: Dr. Caitlin Elsaesser

Assist with IRB Amendment protocol, and the design of demographic survey and focus interview guide questions; co-lead focus groups with youth and youth workers; assist transcribing, coding, and analyzing data; participate in weekly Youth Lab Meetings for ongoing qualitative research training; collaborate with ongoing manuscripts to disseminate research findings.

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Connecticut, School of Social Work, Hartford, CT 2018 – 2019

The Connecticut Project for Participatory Needs Assessment of Human Trafficking.

PI: Drs. Rebeca Thomas and Miriam G. Valdovinos

Assist in replicating the model developed by the Colorado Project to Comprehensively Combat Human Trafficking (Colorado Project) to identify gaps in resources for anti-human trafficking efforts in Connecticut; meet with stakeholders, transcribe focus groups. collaborate with research team in the analysis of data and dissemination of results

Member of Scientific Research Team

Pontificia Universidad Católica “Madre y Maestra,” Santiago, DR 1989-1992

Vivir Juntos el Desafío de la Droga (Prevention of Drug Abuse) – International research project aimed at increasing the quality of life of subjects, with a focus on the prevention of drug abuse; Colombia, Bolivia, Brazil, and the Dominican Republic participated in this endeavor.

International Director: Dr. Guy-Réal Thivierge,

Dominican Republic Team Leader: Dr. Liliana de Brens

Assisted in creating models of intervention that responded to specific needs of schools; coordinated an in-school intervention program, “Formation of Natural Leaders,” which involved school administration, teachers, parents, and students; provided individual counseling for students and adults.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

**University of Connecticut Institute for Collaboration on Health
Intervention and Policy (InCHIP)**

2023-2024

InCHIP Dissertation Assistantship Award 2023 (\$15,690, tuition waver and benefits)

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Hartford, CT

Conference Participation Award, Uconn, 2023 (\$750)

Davidson Dissertation Stipend, Uconn, 2023 (\$500)

Pre-dissertation Travel Scholarship, UConn, 2020 (\$750)

Maric Fellowship Award, 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 (\$3000 per year)

Rollin Williams/Y.C. Wu Doctoral Fellowship, UCONN, 2018–2019 and 2019–2020 (\$10,000 per year)

Konover Travel Scholarship, UConn, 2019 (\$750)

Summer Social Work Graduate Student Mentoring Workshop on African American and Latinx Research, University of Michigan, 2019 (\$1000)

Davidson Pre-Dissertation Travel Scholarship, Uconn, 2018, \$750

Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie, NY

Spirit Award

2006

Service Excellence Award 2000

New York State Social Work Education Association-Syracuse, NY
Social Work Student of the Year Award 2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Hartford, CT **Fall 2020-Present**

- SOWK 3800 Field Seminar I. (online, synchronous), Fall 2020
- BASC 5300 Human Oppression: African American and Puerto Rican Perspectives (online, blended synchronous/asynchronous), Spring 2021
- BASC 5390 Macro Foundation of Social Work Practice (in-person), Fall 2021
- BASC 5333 Research Methods (in-person), Spring 2022
- HBEL 5328 Ethnic Minorities and the Social Work Profession: The Puerto Ricans/Latino/a/x Experience (in-person) (collaborated in designing this syllabus), Fall 2022

Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, New York **Spring 2015 - 2018**

- PSY 202 Therapeutic Intervention Skills, Spring 2018
- PSY 102 Interviewing and Counseling Skills, Spring and Fall 2015, Spring and Fall 2016, and Spring 2017
- BHS 103 Social Problems in Today's World, (Introduction to Sociology Course), Fall 2016

INVITED GUEST LECTURER

Life Paths Research Center - Nashville, TN. **April 2022**
Panelist at Resilience Conference. Building Resilience: A New Story-Based Session about Uplifting Moments in Our Work

University of Santiago of Chile, Chile **January 2019**
"Human Development for all: Social Sciences in Dialogue for a More Inclusive Society Conference." Presented on: "Inclusion, Migration, and Ethnic Identities" (In Spanish: "Inclusion, Migraciones, e Identidades Étnicas")

Union College Academy of Lifelong Learning (UCALL) - Schenectady, NY. **April 2017**
Course on immigration entitled "Immigration: Is it Good or Bad for the USA?"

Adelphi University School of Social Work Hudson Valley -Poughkeepsie, NY **October 2016**
Guest speaker: Graduate Social Work Adelphi Course, Social Work Practice in Health Care in Poughkeepsie, NY. Presentation: "Culturally Competent Social Work Practice in Health Care"

Focolare Movement International Center- Rocca di Papa, Rome, Italy **August 2012**

Panelist: international seminar in, sponsored by Social Sciences in
 Dialogue at the Zancan Foundation: “The Social Work Profession: A Transformative Process”
 Presentation: “Reciprocity in the Client-Social Worker Relationship”

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisburg, VA

July 2008

Panelist: Conference “Discovering Love as Harmony in our Lives and in our Society,”

Presentation: “Harmony in our Social Relations”

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

POST-MSW SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

2013

United Stand Counseling Center, Chicago, Illinois

St. Pius Catholic School, and Visitation Catholic School

Responsible for providing direct clinical services in two schools in Chicago as a Consultant.

Provided academic and psycho-social counseling to elementary school students and their

Families. Worked collaboratively with United Stand Team, School administration, and teachers to define best interventions for children and their families and to offer consultation as needed.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

2001-2012

Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie, New York

Clinical Social Worker, Emergency Department, September 2005–December 2012

Clinical Social Worker, Medical/Surgical Units, September 2004–August 2005

Clinical Social Worker, Care Center Clinics, June 2001–August 2004

Responsible for providing direct clinical services in a variety of settings within an acute care hospital environment: individual, group, and family counseling

Collecting and reporting statistical data to the hospital administration on

services rendered. Supervising college students in a variety of fields, including Social Work, Latino Studies, Psychology and Pre-Medical

MSW-INTERNSHIPS

SOCIAL WORK INTERN

2000–2001

St. Francis Hospital Counseling Center, Poughkeepsie, NY

Outpatient Clinic for Alcohol and Substance Abuse

Providing individual counseling. Co-facilitating group therapy.

Teaching healthy coping skills and drug abuse education

SOCIAL WORK INTERN

1999–2000

St. Cabrini Home, Residential Treatment Center for Adolescents

West Park, NY

Assessing client’s psychosocial status, developing treatment plan, providing cognitive-behavioral therapy, group, and family counseling

Presenting cases at interdisciplinary team meetings

COMMUNITY AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

BOARD MEMBER <i>International Sociological Association (ISA)</i> “Social Love and Solidarity” Thematic Group	2023-2027
SOCIAL WORK DEAN SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBER <i>UConn School of Social Work</i>	2022-2023
STUDENT AND FACULTY SUPPORT <i>UConn School of Social Work</i> Supported Social Work School Administration in recruitment activities for the PhD program; presented at new PhD cohort Orientation and communicated with potential applicants.	2019-PRESENT
FACULTY COURSE DESIGNER <i>UConn School of Social Work</i> Co-created curriculum materials, lecture slides, and assignments for an ethnic minorities class with Milagros Marrero-Johnson, UConn Director of Strategic Planning,	SUMMER 2022
MINDFUL WRITING GROUP CO-FACILITATOR <i>UConn School of Social Work</i> Co-led a social work faculty and doctoral students’ mindful writing group with Associate Professor Caitlin Elsaesser	2022-PRESENT
DOCTORAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER <i>UConn School of Social Work</i> Student Representative	2018–2019
FIELD INSTRUCTOR <i>Vassar Brothers Medical Center</i>	2002-2012
STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBER <i>Vassar Brothers Medical Center</i>	2011-2012
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER <i>Vassar Brothers Medical Center</i>	2011-2012
HEALTH EFFORTS LINKING POUGHKEEPSIE COMMITTEE MEMBER <i>Vassar Brothers Medical Center</i>	2008-2012
LATINA VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEMBER <i>Vassar Brothers Medical Center</i>	2001-2012
PRESIDENT (ELECTED) SOCIAL WELFARE STUDENT ASSOCIATION DOCTORAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER <i>University at Albany, Albany, NY</i>	2000-2001

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Sociological Association (ISA). 2023. Community Research and Sociology of Youth Committee member.

American Sociological Association, (ASA). 2016–present. Community and Urban Sociology, Organizations, Occupations and Work, Race, Gender, and Class, Racial and Ethnic Minorities and Sociology of Human Rights Sections.

Council of Social Work Education (CSWE), 2019–present

Case Management Association (CCM), 2007–present

National Association of Social Workers (NASW), 2020–present

Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), 2019–present

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Blackboard, Dedoose, Microsoft Office, Qualtrics, Redcap, NVivo, SPSS

LANGUAGE

Fluent in English, Italian, and Spanish