

Lisa Colón

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EDUCATION

University of Denver
Graduate School of Social Work
Doctor of Philosophy, June 2021

2017 University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Master of Arts
Psychology/Developmental Psychology and Psychology and Law

2013 University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Bachelor of Arts
Psychology

2011 Pikes Peak Community College
Associate
General Studies

2010 Pikes Peak Community College
Associate of Applied Science
Computer Information Systems

1993 Massillon Baptist College
Bachelor
Religious Education

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My substantive area of interest is interrupting intergenerational cycles of trauma specifically within the Puerto Rican population by using decolonializing research methods that also help in the healing process.

TEACHING INTERESTS

I have an interest in teaching classes that contain clinical components, because having been a client at multiple stages in my life, I strive to help MSW students see through that lens. I believe this can help round out the education for those who have not had that experience. I also enjoy teaching research courses to MSW students, because early in my academic journey I also disliked the idea of research.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Denver
Research Assistant, 2018-2020
Our Stories, Our Medicine Archive

- Conduct interviews
- Participate as witness in interviews
- Assist in planning, scheduling
- Assist on Federal grant writing
- Analysis

University of Denver
Research Assistant, 2018-2019
MAI

- Clean and de-identify transcripts
- Transcribe recorded interviews

University of Denver
Research Assistant, 2018-2019
Indigenous youth, Rise Up!

- Quantitative analysis

University of Denver
Research Assistant, 2018
Butler Institute for Families

- Qualitative Analysis

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Primary investigator (Thesis project), 2017
Development and validation of the Lifetime Sexuality Inventory

- Design study
- Submit IRB application
- Collect and analyze data
- Report and defend findings to thesis committee

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Primary investigator (Pilot study), 2016
Development and validation of the Early Sexuality Scale (Female version)

- Design study
- Submit IRB application
- Collect and analyze data

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Assist on grant application, 2015
Program evaluation project

- Assist with adapting one measure previously used on a different population
- Research control videos for study

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Co-Primary investigator, 2014-2015
Follow-up to undergraduate research

- Assist in design study
- Assist in IRB application submission
- Data collection and analysis

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Primary investigator (Follow-up study), 2013

- Design study
- Submit IRB application
- Collect and analyze data

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Primary investigator (Honors thesis), 2012-2013

- Design study
- Submit IRB application
- Collect and analyze data
- Report and defend findings to thesis committee

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Research Assistant, 2012

- Assisted in coding participant responses

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate classes

- SW 4900: Methods for Evaluating Practice and Programs, Winter 2020
- SW 4901: Applied practice evaluation research, Spring 2020
- SW 4345: Intersections of mental health, substance use, and trauma, Fall 2020
- SW 4345: Intersections of mental health, substance use, and trauma, Winter 2021

Invited Guest Lectures

- Fall 2020: Urban youth and youth issues (University of Minnesota School of Social Work, Youth Studies Undergraduate Program)
 - Topic: Historical trauma and its application to health and other outcomes

TEACHER'S ASSISTANT

Graduate classes

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work

- Spring 2019 – Applied practice evaluation research
- Winter 2019 – Methods for evaluating practice and programs
- Fall 2018 – Family Systems Theories for Social Work Practice

Undergraduate classes

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

- Fall 2014, 2015 – Developmental psychology

SERVICE

- 2020-2021 – Culture and Climate Small Group Facilitator, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work
- 2020-2021 – Affinity Caucus Co-Facilitator, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work
- 2019-2020 – Culture and Climate Small Group Facilitator, University of Denver
- 2018-2019 - Inclusive Excellence Committee Graduate Student Representative, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver
- 2017-2019 – Student Leadership Board, Cohort Representative, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver
- 2011 - Presidential Search Committee Student Representative, Pikes Peak Community College

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2020: GSSW Internal Research Grant – Creation of Puerto Rican asthma questionnaire (Pilot project) - \$3,000

2019-2021: Inclusive Excellence Doctoral Fellowship - \$4,500.00

2019-2020: James R. Moran Pre-Doctoral Assistantship for research on the intersection of inequality, poverty and discrimination - \$18,700

2019: Interdisciplinary Research for the Study of (in)Equality Travel Grant - \$1,000.00

2019: Yourtz Family Foundation Scholarship - \$4,095.00

2018-2019: Indigenous Substance Abuse, Medicines, and Health Research Training Fellowship \$2,000.00 plus travel funds.

2017-18: Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship - \$4,500.00

2016: Student Summer Research/Creative Activity Award - \$1600.00

2013: David Nichols Award \$1,000

2011: Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Bronze Scholar \$1,000

UNFUNDED

2010 - Nominated for merit based Guistwhite Scholarship by Pikes Peak Community College - Only 2 students nominated per school

PUBLICATIONS

Ortega-Williams, A., Beltrán, R., Schultz, K., Ru-Glo Henderson, K., **Colón, L.**, & Teyra, C. (2021) An Integrated Historical Trauma and Posttraumatic Growth Framework: a Cross-Cultural Exploration, *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation*, DOI: 10.1080/15299732.2020.1869106

Colón, L. (2020) Challenging the Grand Challenges for Social Work. *The Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, 17(2).

Beltrán, R., Alvarez, A., Fernandez, A., **Colón, L.**, & Alamillo, X. (2019). Salud, cultura, tradición: Findings from an alcohol and other drug and HIV needs assessment in urban “Mexican American Indian” communities. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*. <https://doi-org.du.idm.oclc.org/10.1080/15313204.2020.1770653>

Beltrán, R., Alvarez, A., **Colón, L.**, Alamillo, X., & Dunbar, A. Z. (2019) La cultura cura: An exploration of enculturation in a community-based culture-centered HIV prevention curriculum for Indigenous youth. *Genealogy*, 4(1), 17. <https://doi.org/10.3390/genealogy4010017>

IN-PRESS PUBLICATIONS

Ortega-Williams, A., Beltrán, R., Henderson, Z. R., Schultz, K., **Colón, L.**, & Teyra, C. (In Press). An integrated historical trauma and posttraumatic growth framework: A cross-cultural exploration. *Journal of Trauma and Dissociation*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Alvarez, A., Beltrán, R., Alamillo, X., & **Colón, L.** (2019, October 24-27). *Exploring enculturation and identity in a HIV prevention curriculum with Indigenous youth*. [Paper Session]. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO, United States.

Ortega-Williams, A., Beltrán, R., Schultz, K., Henderson, Z., & **Colón, L.** (2019, October 24-27). *Historical Trauma and Posttraumatic Growth: A Cross-Cultural Examination of Mass Group-Level Healing*. [Panel Session]. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO, United States.

Colón, L., & Durham, R. (2019, October 24-27). *Predictors of the effective prevalence of child sexual abuse*. [Paper Session]. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO, United States.

Colón, L., & Durham, R. (2019, May 8). *Predicting effective prevalence of CSA*. Poster presentation at DU Research & Scholarship Showcase, Denver, CO, United States.

Colón, L., Beltrán, R., & Alvarez, A. (2019, January 16-20). *The Relationship between Age, Age at Sexual Debut and HIV/STI Knowledge Amongst Indigenous Youth*. [Oral Presentation]. Society for Social Work Research 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, United States.

Ortega, D, Alvarez, A., **Colón, L.**, & Beltrán, R. (2018, November 8-11). *Archiving stories of health and healing: Indigenous/Latinx cultural perspectives on historical trauma*. [Paper Presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL, United States.

Yetzer, A. M., **Colón, L.**, Taylor, J., Pyszczynski, T. & Lac, A. (2016, November 10-12). *Anxiety sensitivity and dissociation: A structural equation model predicting dispositional traits and adult PTSD symptom severity from childhood trauma across developmental stages*

- and parental bonding*. [Poster Presentation]. International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 32nd Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, United States.
- Yetzer, A. M., **Colon, L.**, Taylor, J., & Pyszczynski, T. (2016, May). *Anxiety sensitivity as an indicator of ineffective terror management: Mortality salience and inflated self-ratings*. Poster session presented at the Association for Psychological Science 28th Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Colon, L.**, & Pyszczynski, T. (2014, May 26-29). *Understanding the Long-term Consequences of Adverse Childhood Experiences on the Mental and Emotional Well-being of Adults: The Importance of a Properly Functioning Anxiety-buffer*. Poster session presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association 84th Annual Convention, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Colon, L.**, & Pyszczynski, T. (2013, May). *Understanding the Long-term Consequences of Adverse Childhood Experiences on the Mental and Emotional Well-being of Adults: The Importance of a Properly Functioning Anxiety-buffer*. [Poster Presentation]. Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum, Colorado Springs, CO, United States.
- Colon, L.**, (2012, March). *What's Next? Building Colorado's Alumni Association*. [Oral Presentation]. Phi Theta Kappa Spring Regional Convention.
- Colon, L.**, (2011, June). *5-Star Chapter Development Program*. [Oral Presentation]. Pueblo Community College Officer Bootcamp, Pueblo, CO, United States.
- Colon, L.**, (2011, May). *Phi Theta Kappa's Competitive Edge Program*. [Oral Presentation]. Phi Theta Kappa Officer Bootcamp, Aurora, CO, United States.
- Colon, L.**, (2012, September). *How to write 10-point Honors in Action Essays*. [Oral Presentation]. Phi Theta Kappa Fall Regional Convention.

TRAINING

- 2011: Wrap-Around - El Paso County Department of Human Services – Family Support Partner Training Certificate
- 2010: Wrap-Around - El Paso County Department of Human Services – Wrap-Around 101 Certificate
- 2010: Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Studies: A Humanities Approach Certificate of completion

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2019: SSWR
- 2018: Council on Social Work Education
- 2012: Psi Chi
- 2009: Phi Theta Kappa