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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work** Current Student

Adelphi University, School of Social Work

**Master of Social Work (MSW)** August 2019

Adelphi University, School of Social Work

Kwansei Gakuin University – Education Abroad: Nishinomiya, Hyogo, Japan

Thesis: Juvenile Justice in Japan: Cross-National Perspective on Social Welfare Agencies, Family Court

& Juvenile Social Policies (June 2018)

**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology** May 2015

SUNY College at Old Westbury

Minor: Social Work

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

CSWE-GADE-SSWR Doctoral Policy Fellowship – Council on Social Work Education 2022 – 2023

Fellows are matched and work closely with policy practitioners in Congressional Committees

or members of Congress (House of Representatives or Senate) to translate their research agenda

into policy proposals or briefs, understand the authorization process, communicate complex social

welfare concepts through advocacy materials, policy briefs, or policy one-pagers, and expand

their professional networks through a mentorship process.

Citation for the Community Advocate Award – Nassau County Office of the Executive September 2021

Recognition for working diligently on behalf of causes and ideals which uphold the

principals of human decency and demonstrating a selfless commitment to Nassau County

through dynamic leadership, dedication, and service to the community.

40 Under 40 Award – Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc. July 2019

Recognition to alumni that are leading the way in business, leadership, community,

and educational and philanthropic endeavors.

Graduate Student Council Recognition Award – Adelphi University April 2019

Student’s demonstration of outstanding achievements, community service, and outstanding leadership

experienced through the Adelphi University Graduate Program.

Latino Social Work Coalition Scholarship – Latino Social Work Coalition July 2018

Scholarship aimed to increase the number of Latino social workers needed to serve the increased better

demand for linguistically and culturally sensitive services to the Latino community.

Dean’s Award – Adelphi University School of Social Work April 2018

Student’s demonstration of excellence in practice and commitment to social work values within their internship,

workplace, and community.

**LICENSES**

**Licensed Master Social Worker** January 2020

State: New York

NYSED License #: 108882

NPI #1730719006

Expiration: April 31, 2025

**CERTIFICATES & CERTIFICATIONS**

IBM Data Science Professional Certificate – Data Science Orientation February 2023

Louisiana State University at Shreveport – Certificate in Moral Reconation Therapy Facilitation, Correctional Counseling, Inc. (CCI-MRT)

Adelphi University - Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

My area of research focuses on the intersectionality of gang & gun violence, Black and Brown, Latino youth, and community trauma within gang-active communities and the influence of the school-to-prison pipeline among youth at-risk. In addition, I distinguish the benefits of community-based, holistic approaches to crime and violence reduction compared to traditional law enforcement practices. I aim to identify key findings to support criminal justice, immigration, and education reform through social policy proposals and legislation.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Research Assistant** August 2021 – October 2022

*School of Social Work, Adelphi University*

Assist in a multi-year study exploring perspectives of home-based providers, whose voices are often missing from the early childhood educator workforce research and policy forums

Manage data and quantitative data analysis through Microsoft Excel and SPSS.

Act as a liaison with collaborating agencies, including the University of Maryland, George Mason University, & the Virginia Department of Education.

Observe and facilitate individual interviews and focus groups

Compose a final program evaluation report.

**Social Work Research Consultant** January 2021 – December 2021

*Department of Sociology, University of Hartford*

Assist in a 2-year Russell Sage Foundation grant-funded study examining community-policing relations on Long Island, specifically to understand Salvadoran communities affected by local police and ICE encounters.

Manage data via coding using Nvivo 12 plus.

Act as a liaison with local police departments and Salvadoran community members.

Conduct grounded theory and thematic analysis within the areas of immigration law and immigration enforcement policies at local and state levels.

**Graduate Research Assistant** June 2018 – October 2019

*School of Social Work, Adelphi University*

Assist in a 4-year SAMHSA grant-funded external evaluation study examining the effectiveness of the integration of primary care and evidence-based wellness programming in the behavioral health setting.

Manage data and quantitative data analysis through Microsoft Excel and SPSS.

Act as a liaison with collaborating agencies, including Central Nassau Guidance Center & Upper Manhattan Mental Health Clinic.

Compose a final program evaluation report.

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

“In the Eyes of the Court: Judicial Perceptions of Criminality Among Black Youth and the Risk of Recidivism,” (Considering Race and Ethnicity in Policing and the Courts. The Stockholm Criminology Symposium. Stockholm, Sweden, July 14, 2022.

“In the Eyes of the Court: Judicial Perceptions of Criminality Among Black Youth and the Risk of Recidivism,” Scholarship and Creative Works Conference, Adelphi University. Garden City, NY, April 26, 2022.

“Social Work in Restorative Justice: The Bridge Between Legal Professionals, Victims, the Community, and the Offender,” Adelphi University 16th Annual Research Conference. Garden City, NY, April 2019.

“More than Diversity: Women of Color in Leadership Positions and the Empowerment of Youth of Color,” Adelphi University 15th Annual Research Conference. Garden City, NY, April 2018.

**TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

**Adjunct Professor**  Spring 2022

*Adelphi University, School of Social Work*

SWK 247 – Violence and the Community: A Social Work Perspective

**Adjunct Professor**

*New York University, Silver School of Social Work*  Spring 2023

MSWAC-GS 2031 Advanced Social Policy on Criminal Justice

*New York University, Silver School of Social Work* Spring 2022

MSWAC-GS 2031 Advanced Social Policy on Criminal Justice

**Task Manager** August 2019 – February 2020

*Department of Field Placement, Adelphi University School of Social Work*

Mentored one graduate intern supervised by a faculty liaison and field instructor.

Prepared assignments and tasks on mezzo and macro social work practice related to

criminal justice, juvenile justice, community engagement, and grant proposals.

**Graduate Assistant**  August 2017 – May 2019

*School of Social Work, Adelphi University*

Mentored undergraduate and graduate students with research and class presentations.

Tutored undergraduate and graduate students in research, coursework, and field placement.

**CONFERENCING & SPEAKING PRESENTATIONS**

**ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Chavez, C.** (2017, May). *Your voice matters: Community activism and advocacy*. Conference on The First 100 Day of Presidency, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY.

**Chavez, C.** (2017, May). *Immigration in the united states*. The First 100 Days of Presidency Conference, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY.

**Chavez, C.** **& Canales, O.** (2018, March). *Immigrants on long island*. Social Action Day Conference, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY.

**PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Chavez, C., Leyro, S. P., Pacheco, S., Michel, F., & Holmes, A.** (2019, October). *Mental health: Ptsd and trauma and the effects on our community*. 14th Annual CUNY Black Male Initiative Conference, Borough of Manhattan Community College, Manhattan, NY.

**Chavez, C., Daniels, C., Rozario, P., & Sussal, C.** (2019, October). *El canto del Colibri: Latino men and LGBTQ family matters*. 2nd Annual Adelphi International Immigration Film Festival, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY.

**Chavez, C., Alequin, C., Garcia, R., & Boutin, M. A.** (2020, April). *Coping through it all: Covid-19 and mental health in the Latino community*. Phiota Chronicles Webinar Series. Virtual online presentation.

**Chavez.** **C., Escobar, F. A., Cedano, R., Romero, M., Rich, I., Rendon, M. J., Cortez, G., Cabrera, G., & Lemus, M. A.** (2020, May). *Covid-19 and the latine/x community*. Conversamos Latinidad Web Series. Virtual online presentation.

**Chavez, C., Autry, K., Pickens, S., Giammarusco, J., & Ward, T.** (2020, May). *Covid-19 and our criminal justice system*. Career Week, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY.

**Chavez, C., R. Batista, et. al.** (2021, April). *The impact of race: A panel discussion on beauty standards, education, health/wellness, the justice system, mental health, and more*. Unity Center For Urban Technologies High School. Virtual online presentation.

**Chavez, C., Iglesias, B., &** **Sandoval, J.** (2021, June). *Happy pride month 2021: High school panel discussion*. Academy of Urban Planning and Engineering High School. Virtual online presentation.

**Chavez, C., Carter, M., Dyer, K., Leidy, L., Gomez, I., & Oyiboke-Osifo, A.** (2021, June). *Pride lunch and learn: Celebrating pride month live with pride—Consumer* Track, Inc. Virtual online presentation.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Community Coordinator/Trauma Therapist June 2022 – Present**

*The Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County: Crime Victims Assistance Bureau*

Contact crime victims and loved ones of homicide, child abuse, sex crimes, assault, and domestic violence, schedule an appointment, conduct assessments, and provide ongoing therapy as needed

Referrals to appropriate services and ongoing collaboration with other professionals and stakeholders

Attend weekly clinical supervision meetings and clinical team meetings

Assist and participate in community events and special projects hosted by the Bronx County District Attorney’s Office

Management of case data and related preparation and submission of statistical data

Provide crisis intervention in court-related crises

Facilitate webinars, trainings, and workshops for Professional Staff & Assistant District Attorneys

All other duties as assigned

**Bilingual Social Worker December 2021 – May 2022**

*Upper Manhattan Mental Health Center Inc./Emma L. Bowen Community Service Center*

Provide psychotherapy for English and Spanish-speaking child and adolescent patients with a variety of disabilities,

utilizing various theories, including individuals and families, through the Child and Adolescent Department

Conduct clinical assessments and evaluations

Develop treatment plans and establish therapeutic goals collaboratively with the patient, and

periodically reviewed them.

Utilized the DSM 5 for diagnosing psychiatric disabilities.

Provide patient education and recommend various materials to assist the client in their goal

towards wellness.

Provide caseload management activities, including coordination of services with other agencies.

Maintain professional licensure and participate in frequent training and continuing education

to keep skills up to date.

**Bilingual Psychotherapist January 2020 – October 2022**

*Mental Health Providers of Western Queens: Western Queens Consultation Center*

Provide psychotherapy for English and Spanish-speaking patients with a variety of disabilities,

utilizing various theories, including individuals, couples, and families.

Conduct clinical assessments.

Develop treatment plans and establish therapeutic goals collaboratively with the patient, and

periodically reviewed them.

Utilized the DSM 5 for diagnosing psychiatric disabilities.

Provide patient education and recommend various materials to assist the client in their goal

towards wellness.

Provide caseload management activities, including coordination of services with other agencies.

Maintain professional licensure and participate in frequent training and continuing education

to keep skills up to date.

**Program Coordinator/Director of Immigrant Outreach November 2018 – December 2021**

*Nassau County District Attorney’s Community Partnership Program*

Conduct initial and ongoing assessments, including substance abuse and mental health, providing post-assessment referrals, follow-up, and reporting

Co-facilitate gang intervention/prevention and support groups, including those based in local schools

Create and implement programming for youth, gang intervention/prevention, immigrants, and newly arrived youth, and other justice-involved or vulnerable populations

Communicate with the Nassau County District Attorney's Office of Alternative Prosecutions and Nassau County Department of Probation: Family Division regarding court-mandated client and juvenile probation progress and compliance, including reporting for client court dates

Develop and maintain relationships with local schools and community organizations involved with justice-involved individuals and immigrant (documented and undocumented) community members

Develop targeted outreach plans and attend local community events

Engage and facilitate community-based advisory councils and committees

Supervise undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in fields including psychology and social work

Manage and monitor data and data entry on current program functioning, statistics, and referrals

**Assistant Outpatient Treatment Care Coordinator November 2016 – November 2018**

*Mental Health Association of Nassau County, Inc.*

Conduct weekly face-to-face contact with 12-15 clients ages 18 and older and are court-mandated

to attend psychiatric treatment due to medication non-compliance as per NYS Hygiene Law

Article 9.60 (Kendra’s Law).

Ensure all clients attend mental health and psychiatric appointments per court order.

Complete weekly monitor reports submitted to the Nassau County Department of Health and

Human Services.

Act in the court and treatment liaison in the client treatment team.

Serve as linkage and advocate for client-based needs of service.

Testify under oath about client psychiatric treatment records and engagement.

**Bilingual Care Coordinator September 2014 – November 2016**

*Mental Health Association of Nassau County, Inc.*

Manage monthly contacts with 45 clients ages 18 and over, Medicaid eligible/enrolled,

justice-involved, English and Spanish speaking, and diagnosed with a severe psychiatric

disorder and two chronic medical conditions.

Complete annual Health Risk Assessments and Client Care Plans.

Connect clients to medical, behavioral, social service, and community resources per their goals and Client Care Plans.

Advocate on behalf of client’s needs and services.

**Residential Counselor March 2012 – December 2014**

*Melillo Center for Mental Health*

Assist 12 residents with severe psychiatric disorders living in a Behavioral Health Community

Residence licensed under the NYS Office of Mental Health.

Complete client progress notes and goal-oriented Service Plans to promote client independence.

Supervise client medication and behavioral symptom management.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Graduate Assistant October 2021 – Present**

*Adelphi University School of Social Work*

Assist in planning and developing the agenda and programming for Social Action Day for MSW and BSW students

**Graduate Assistant August 2017 – May 2019**

*Adelphi University School of Social Work*

Review undergraduate and graduate student research assignments, course material, and class assignments.

Tutor students with course material, research skills, writing skills, and citation and reference format.

Act as a liaison between students and faculty within the Social Work Department.

Provide academic resources for students on campus.

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**Committee Member September 2021 – Present**

*Adelphi University School of Social Work*

*Doctoral Advisory Committee*

Collaborate with faculty and fellow doctoral students and candidates on discussing issues or concerns within the doctoral program, as well as program and event planning and participation within the department

**Committee Member July 2021 – September 2021**

*Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs*

*Salvadoran American Day: Planning Committee*

Collaborate with the Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs and community leaders on the planning efforts of hosting the Salvadoran American Day event hosted by the Nassau County Office of Hispanic Affairs

**Community Advisory Board Member July 2021 – December 2021**

*Nassau County Department of Health: Department of Health Equity*

*Nassau County COVID-19 Health Disparities Study Community Advisory Board*

Collaborate with the Nassau County Department of Health: Department of Health Equity, John Snow, Inc. (public health research institution), and Choice for All, Inc. (non-profit organization) on a research study focused on understanding the attitudes, barriers, and concerns associated with COVID-19 vaccine, testing, treatment, and other related services in ten priorities of color: Elmont, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Lakeview, Long Beach, Roosevelt, Uniondale, Valley Stream, and Westbury.

**Committee Member January 2021 – December 2021**

*Family and Children’s Association, Inc.: Hempstead Prevention Coalition*

Collaborate with the Family and Children’s Association: Hempstead Prevention Coalition, government agencies, non-profit organizations, interfaith leaders, and community leaders on addressing barriers, community concerns, and developing issues within the Village of Hempstead through community-based and solutions-based approaches.

**Committee Member August 2020 – December 2020**

*New Table Committee (the City of Glen Cove, Village of Sea Cliff, & Village of North Shore)*

Collaborate with North Shore Nassau County community leaders, school district staff, and Glen Cove City Council Members to address racial and ethnic disparities in the community, schools, and policies and legislations according to NYS Executive Order 203.

**Council Member** **September 2020 – December 2021**

*Nassau County District Attorney’s Office*

*Hempstead Advisory Council*

Collaborate with the Village of Hempstead-based Assistant District Attorneys through the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office and community-based organizations and leadersto address community concerns and issues impacting the lives of the residents through *the* criminal justice and holistic practices.

**Council Member May 2018 – December 2021**

*Nassau County District Attorney’s Office: Office of Immigrant Affairs*

*Hispanic/Latino Leaders Advisory Council*

Collaborate with the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office of Immigrant Affairs on community concerns about criminal justice issues impacting Hispanic/Latino immigrant communities and address crime prevention strategies to improve the quality of life in Nassau County.

**Committee Member September 2017 – September 2018**

*Nassau County Department of Probation: Juvenile Detention Center*

*Racial and Ethnic Disparities Subcommittee*

Collaborate with the Nassau County Department of Probation and non-profit organization representatives on racial and ethnic disparities among youth in the criminal justice system and advocateon behalf of the New York State Raise the Age Policy.

**Committee Member September 2017 – September 2018**

*Nassau County Department of Probation: Juvenile Detention Center*

*Juvenile Re-Entry Task Force*

Engage and collaborate with the Nassau County Department of Probation and Nassau County

Juvenile Detention Center on discharging and re-entry planning for youth and families and

linking discharged youth and families with appropriate transitional services within the community.

**MSW Liaison October 2016 – May 2019**

*Adelphi University School of Social Work: Student Experience Committee*

Collaborate with faculty and staff of the School of Social Work to discuss concerns and issues

within the Adelphi University School of Social Work.

**Committee Member** **September 2017 – May 2019**

*Adelphi University School of Social Work: Social Action Committee*

Collaborate with faculty, staff, and graduate students in planning and facilitating the

Adelphi University School of Social Work’s Social Action Day.

**Committee Member April 2017 – November 2018**

*Mental Health Association of Nassau County, Inc.*

*Strategic Planning Committee*

Collaborate with administration and staff on examining agency needs for improvement and

implementing an 18-month and 5 to a 7-year strategic plan for agency restructuring and

management.

**INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**Social Work Intern September 2018 – August 2019**

*Nassau County Department of Probation: Juvenile Detention Center*

Engage with youth offenders ages 10-16 through short-term groups and individual sessions.

Conduct intake interviews and manage case files for incoming youth offenders via Nassau

County Family Court and Office of Children and Family Services

Conduct release and discharge planning and documentation upon youth placement via

Family Court Dispositions.

Supervise youth offender communication via phone calls, behaviors, and interactions.

Complete progress notes on youth offender activity, incidents, contacts, etc.

**Administrative and Clinical Intern September 2017 – August 2018**

*Mental Health Association of Nassau County, Inc.*

Interact with administrative staff regarding agency funding and community collaboration.

Participate in Leadership Meetings and Supervisory Meetings regarding staff and clients.

Conduct individual behavioral modification sessions with an a16-year-old undocumented male

with cognitive impairment and psychiatric disorders.

Develop budget proposals and grants.

Assist the Department of Quality Assurance on residential program audits.

**Chemical Dependency Unit Intern June 2013 – November 2013**

*Melillo Center for Mental Health*

Conduct individual intake interviews with voluntary and involuntary/justice-involved patients

enrolled in the Outpatient Chemical Dependency Treatment Program.

Co-facilitate individual sessions, group sessions, and patient intakes.

Complete patient assessments and session progress notes as per the Office of Alcohol and Substance

Abuse Services.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**Long Island Immigrant Student Advocates (LIISA) July 2017 – February 2020**

Assist in promoting education, empowerment, and youth engagement among immigrants

students on Long Island.

Raise funds to provide scholarships for immigrant students regardless of their immigration status.

Plan and facilitate leadership development and empowerment programs.

**Nuestro Ideal, Inc.: Yauco, Puerto Rico December 2017**

Travel to Puerto Rico post-Hurricane Maria to provide food and mental health services in rural

communities with community leaders, educators, and volunteers.

**The Fuller Center for Housing: Ica, Peru May 2015**

Travel to Peru to provide community service by constructing homes for individuals in low income

regions.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

National Association of Social Workers

American Psychological Association

Psi Chi: The International Honors Society in Psychology

Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Sexual Harassment Prevention July 2022

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Research Programming Software: SPSS, Nvivo 12

Microsoft Office Programs: Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Teams, and Notes

**LANGUAGES**

English: Fluent

Spanish: Proficient