

Outstanding Dissertations Competition Winners

2015

	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Dissertation Title & Institution</u>
1 st Place	Sofia Bahena Education Associate Intercultural Development Research Association	The Hope of Immigrant Optimism: Examining Immigrant Optimism Among Latino Youth Using the Children's Hope Scale Harvard University
2 nd Place	Marissa Vasquez Urias Adjunct Faculty Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education San Diego State University	Predictors of Sense of Belonging among Latino men in Community College San Diego State University
3 rd Place	Jerry Flores Faculty Member Social Work University of Washington-Tacoma	Caught Up: Girls, Violence and Wraparound Incarceration University of California, Santa Barbara

2014

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1 st Place	Carla Pezzia Assistant Professor Human Sciences University of Dallas	Sober Self: Discourse and Identity of Recovering Alcoholics in the Western Highlands of Guatemala The University of Texas at San Antonio
2 nd Place	Lucy Arellano Assistant Professor College of Education Oregon State University	Capitalizing baccalaureate degree attainment: Revealing the path of the Latina/o scholar University of California, Los Angeles
3 rd Place	Wilfredo Del Pilar Director of Development Educational Equity The Pennsylvania State University	Undocumented Students: Understanding the Context for Postsecondary Access Penn State University

2013

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1 st Place	Marcela Cuellar Assistant Professor School of Education University of California, Davis	Latina/o Student Success in Higher Education: Models of Empowerment at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Emerging HSIs, and Non-HSIs University of California, Los Angeles
2 nd Place Co-Winner	Maria Cristina Cruza-Guet Lecturer in Psychiatry Department of Psychology Yale University	A Longitudinal Analysis of the Relationship between Social Support and Psychological Distress among Hispanic Elders in Miami, FL Lehigh University
2 nd Place Co-Winner	Nelson Flores Assistant Professor Graduate School of Education University of Pennsylvania	From Nation-States to Neoliberalism: Language Ideologies and Governmentality City University of New York, Graduate Center
3 rd Place	Priscila Diaz Assistant Professor Department of Psychology Azusa Pacific University	Perceived Group Discrimination and Problem Behavior: The Moderating Role of Traditional Cultural Values and Familiar Relationships in Mexican American Adolescents Arizona State University

2012

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1st Place	Kristine Molina Assistant Professor Department of Psychology University of Illinois at Chicago	A Multiple-Group Path Analysis of the Role of Social Marginality on Self-related Physical Health among U.S. Latina/o Adults: An Intersectional Perspective University of Miami
2 nd Place	Armando Ibarra Assistant Professor Professor in the Ethnic Studies Department University of Wisconsin, Madison	Poverty in the Valley of Plenty: Mexican Families and Migrant Work in California University of Wisconsin
3rd Place Co-Winner	Carmen Martinez Calderon Education Programs Consultant Department of Education University of California, Berkeley	Out of the Shadows: An Inquiry into the Lives of Undocumented Latino AB540 Students University of California, Berkeley
3rd Place Co-Winner	Lindsay Perez Huber Assistant Professor Social and Cultural Analysis of Education California State University, Long Beach	<i>Sueños Indocumentados</i> : Using LatCrit to Explore the Testimonios of Undocumented and U.S. born Chicana College Students on Discourses of Racist Nativism in Education University of California, Los Angeles

2011

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1st Place	Rocio Magana Assistant Professor Department of Anthropology Rutgers University	Bodies on the Line: Life, Death, and Authority on the Arizona-Mexico Border University of Chicago
2nd Place	Edris Montalvo Assistant Professor Department of Geography Cameron University	The Recruitment and Retention of Hispanic and African-American Undergraduate Students in Public Universities in the U.S., 2000-2006 Texas State University, San Marcos
3rd Place Co-Winner	Alisia Caban Senior Staff Therapist Counseling Center University of Oregon	So Far From "Home:" Portraits of Mexican- Origin Scholarship Boys University of Texas, Austin
3rd Place Co-Winner	Sophia Jordan Wallace Assistant Professor Political Science Department Rutgers University	Beyond Roll Call Votes: Latino Representation in the 108th - 110th Sessions of the U.S. House of Representatives Cornell University

2010

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1st Place	Theresa Segura Herrera Assistant Professor MACP Department Chicago School of Professional Psychology	An Examination of Psychological Wellbeing for Latinas Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago
2nd Place	Maria Martiniello Associate Research Scientist ETS Center for Validity Research Stanford University	Linguistic Complexity and Differential Item Functioning (DIF) for English Language Learners (ELL) in Math Word Problems Harvard University
3rd Place	Ryan Alcantara Part-time Faculty Higher Education Administration University of Southern California	A Learning Model of Policy Making Implementation, Implementing Technology in Response to Policy Requirements California State University, Fullerton

2009

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1 st Place	Lourdes Najera Assistant Professor Department of Anthropology Dartmouth College	Yalálag is no longer Just Yalálag: Circulating Conflict and Contesting Community in a Zapotec Transnational Circuit Stanford University
2 nd Place	Sandra Larios Staff Psychologist Department of Psychiatry University of California, San Francisco	Using the Social Ecological Model to understand the contextual factors associated with HIV risk in commercial sex workers at high risk for contracting HIV University of California, San Diego
3 rd Place Co-Winner	Adriana Lopez Research Associate Department of Statistics Carnegie Mellon University	Markov Models for Longitudinal Course of Youth Bipolar Disorder University of Pittsburg
3 rd Place Co-Winner	Tiffany Schiffner Psychology Resident Counseling Psychological Services Duke University	"I'm just a guy!" Mexican American college students' constructions of masculinity and sexual health beliefs University of Illinois at Ubrana-Champaign

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1 st Place	Patricia Perez Associate Professor Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies California State University, Fullerton	Social Capital and Chain Migration: The College Choice Process of Chicana and Chicano Community College, Transfer and University Students University of California, Los Angeles
2 nd Place	Angela Caballero De Cordero Dean Department of Counseling & Matriculation De Anza College	Self-Efficacy Perceptions and their Impact on Latino and White Community College Student Persistence University of California, Santa Barbara
3 rd Place	Jason Casellas Associate Professor Department of Political Science University of Houston	Latino Representation in Congress and State Lectures Princeton University