

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy Social Work, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado 2013
(Expected)

Master of Social Work, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California 1998

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
1996

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) families and parenting
LGBT foster care and adoption recruitment
Queer identity formation
Power, privilege and oppression deconstruction

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Affiliate, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work Latino
Center for Community Engagement and Scholarship, Director, Dr. Deb Ortega
2010-2011

Designed and conducted qualitative research study exploring the experience of parenting for Latino Lesbians and Gays, Responsible for literature review, research design, data collection, coding and analysis, results reporting and manuscript preparation and submission, as well as conference proposal and presentation

*Graduate Research Assistant, University of Denver GSSW Associate Professor,
Dr. Deb Ortega, 2008-2010*

Trained under Dr. Nick Woolf of Woolf Consulting on qualitative research methodology software, atlas.Ti, Worked with analysis and coding frameworks of phenomenology and grounded theory, Assisted teaching of Masters-level courses, including lesson planning and lecturing, as well as grading of assignments (papers, presentations and exams)

COURSES TAUGHT/ASSISTED

University of Denver

Taught/Will Teach

SOWK 4132: Multicultural Social Work Practice: Examining Oppression and Valuing Diversity- Summer 2011, Fall 2011

SOWK 4630: Family Policies and Services- Fall 2011

SOWK 4201: Research Methods and Design- Spring 2012

Assisted

CUI 4530 Second Language Acquisition- Dr. Maria Salazar, Morgridge College of Education, Fall 2009

SOWK 4132: Multicultural Social Work Practice: Examining Oppression and Valuing Diversity- Dr. Deb Ortega, Fall 2008, Fall 2010

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Regional Coordinator, Alabama Post Adoption Connections/Children's Aid Society, Mobile, Alabama 2006-2008

Director of Welfare-To-Work Services, 1736 Family Crisis Center, Los Angeles, California 2001-2005

Calworks Program Coordinator, 1736 Family Crisis Center, Los Angeles, California 1998-2001

Community Organization, Planning and Administration (COPA) Intern, USC Civic and Community Relations 1997-1998

Master of Social Work Intern, Children's Hospital LA, Division of Adolescent Medicine 1996-1997

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Chifalo, M.J., Boeckel, J.A., Ortega, D. M., (2011, January). *The Experience of Parenting for Lesbian Latinos*. 15th annual Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) conference-Tampa, Florida.

Chifalo, M.J., Boeckel, J.A., Ortega, D. M., (2011, October). *The Experience of Parenting for Gay and Lesbian Latinos*. 57th annual Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) program meeting conference-Atlanta, Georgia.

International

Boeckel, J.A., Chifalo, M.J., Ortega, D. M., (2011, September). *The Experience of Parenting for Gay and Lesbian Latinos*. 1st annual Gender and Love conference-Oxford, United Kingdom.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Social Work and Research-2010

AWARDS AND HONORS

Recipient-USC's Gay Role Model Scholarship 1994

Inductee-USC's Skull 'n Dagger All-Senior Honor Society 1996

Honoree-1736 Family Crisis Center's Employee of the Year 2001

Awardee-Children's Aid Society's-"Out of the Box" Employee Award 2007

Inductee-DU's Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society 2010