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EDUCATION

University of Denver
Graduate School of Social Work
Doctor of Philosophy, June 2016 (expected date of graduation)

University of Denver
Graduate School of Social Work
Master of Social Work, June 2005
High Risk Youth Concentration

Metropolitan State University of Denver
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, December 2002
Human Services-Minor

FELLOWSHIPS

University of Denver, September 2014
James R. Moran Pre-Doctoral Fellowship-(\$16, 000.00)

University of Denver-Graduate Studies, September 2014
Doctoral Student Grant for Inclusive Engagement-(1,000)

Council on Social Work Education, August 2014
Minority Fellow-(\$22,000)

University of Denver, September 2013
Graduate School of Social Work Doctoral Fellowship
(\$16, 000.00 plus full tuition waiver)

Council on Social Work Education, August 2013
Minority Fellow-(\$22,000)

University of Denver, September 2012
Graduate School of Social Work Doctoral Fellowship
(\$16, 000.00 plus full tuition waiver)

University of Denver, September, 2012
Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship-(\$4,500.00)

Smith College School for Social Work, June 2003

Tuition Fellowship-(\$20,000.00)

FUNDING SOUGHT:

Council on Social Work Education, February 2015
Minority Fellow-(\$22,000)-Pending

IRISE-February 2015
Graduate Student Research Grant (\$2,000)-Pending

University of Denver-Graduate Studies
Dissertation Fellowship Award (\$2,500)-Pending

IRISE-April 2014
Graduate Student Research Grant (\$2,000)-Not funded

Education Pioneers, January 2013
Summer Graduate School (\$8,000)- Finalist

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Substance Abuse Prevention for Latino/a children and youth
- Mental Health for Latino/a children and youth
- Academic Achievement for Latino/a children and youth.
- After-School and Out-of School academic support.
- Children and families living in subsidized housing.
- Parental engagement and academic achievement

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

OMNI Research and Training
Research Assistant, September 2014-present

- Community Outreach
- Data Collection
- Recruitment of Participants for Bridge Project Study

University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work
Associate Professor: Daniel Brisson, Ph.D.
Graduate Research Assistant, September 2013-present

- Co-Investigator-Parents and Children Bonding (PCB)
- PCB Curriculum Writer
- PCB Project Director
- Community Outreach
- Grant Writing
- GIS Mapping
- Secondary Data Analysis

- Guest Lecturer

University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

Program Evaluator: Dr. J. Jenson, Ph.D.

Graduate Research Assistant, September 2012-September 2013

- Monitor and maintain monthly program data from Bridge Project sites
- Responsible for data cleaning
- Ensure accurate data entry
- Coordinate data collection
- Co-facilitate monthly research meetings
- Parents and Children Bonding intervention co-development and facilitation
- Data Analysis
- Program Evaluation-The Bridge Project

TEACHING INTERESTS

Curriculum areas: Multicultural social work practice, prevention and treatment of adolescent substance abuse, mental health interventions with children and youth, policy and programs for high-risk youth, community theories and practice, social work interventions with Latinos/as, social work supervision, and research methods, and program development

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Denver- Graduate School of Social Work

Adjunct Faculty-Power, Privilege and Oppression Course

Fall, 2014 (3 credit course)

- Instructor
- Lecture preparation
- Individual consultation with students
- Student grading and evaluation

University of Denver- Graduate School of Social Work

Teaching Assistant- Research and Evaluation for Sustainable Development and Global Practice

Spring 2014 (3 credit course)

- Lecture preparation
- Facilitate SPSS and Atlas t.i. Lab
- Student grading and evaluation
- Individual consultation with students

University of Denver- Graduate School of Social Work

Teaching Assistant
Poverty and Community Economic Development
Fall 2014 (3 credit course)

- Lecture preparation
- GIS Mapping
- Student grading and evaluation
- Individual consultation with students

University of Denver- Graduate School of Social Work
Teaching Practicum-Power, Privilege and Oppression Course
Fall, 2013 (3 credit course)

- Co-Instruction
- Individual consultation with students
- Lecture preparation
- Student grading and evaluation

University of Denver- Graduate School of Social Work
Teaching Assistant
Poverty and Community Economic Development
Fall 2013 (3 credit course)

- Lecture preparation
- GIS Mapping
- Student grading and evaluation
- Individual consultation with students

University of Denver- Graduate School of Social Work
University of Southern California-Social Work
University of Colorado at Denver

Field Instructor, January 2008-June 2012

- Interviewed and selected appropriate students for internship
- Supervised first year interns
- Task supervisor for second year interns
- Created and provided intern job description
- Provided weekly supervision
- Reviewed and provided weekly feedback for process recordings
- Presented multicultural information and activities at monthly Learning Centers for interns
- Assisted in the development of student's Individualized Field Education Plans
- Developed new curriculum and groups with interns to be provided to Bridge Participants
- Co-Facilitated groups with interns
- Conducted quarterly check- ins with Field Liaison
- Conducted quarterly evaluations of interns

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Lopez, A., Yoder, J., Brisson, D., **Lechuga-Peña, S.** (2014). Development and Validation of a Positive Youth Development Measure: The Bridge-Positive Youth Development. *Research on Social Work Practice* (1), 1-11. DOI: 10.1177/1049731514534899

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Lechuga-Peña, S. & Brisson, D., (2014). Parents and Children Bonding: Results from a pilot intervention in project-based housing. *Families in Society*

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Lechuga-Peña, S. & Lechuga, C. (2015). *Xicanismo and education: How we broke down educational barriers and set ourselves up as projectiles that pelted against an inferior educational system and unequal access.* Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. Denver, Colorado.

Lechuga-Peña, S. , Brisson, D. (2015). *Do housing choice vouchers lead to improved school participation?* Paper accepted for presentation at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). New Orleans, LA.

Lechuga-Peña, S, Brown, S., Begun, S., & Klawetter, S. (2014). *Examining Social Work students' experiences and understanding of positionality in field settings.* Workshop Presentation at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Tampa, FL.

Brisson, D., **Lechuga-Peña, S.** (2014). *Bridge for families dual generation after work program.* Paper accepted for presentation at the 2014 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). San Antonio, TX.

Lopez, A., Yoder, J., Brisson, D., **Lechuga-Peña, S.** (2014). *Development and validation of a measure of positive youth development.* Paper accepted for presentation at the 2014 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). San Antonio, TX.

Begun, S., Brown, S., Klawetter, S., **Lechuga-Peña, S.** & Whitfield, D. (2013). *Isn't it ironic?: Grappling with higher education's perpetuation of privilege, power, and oppression differentials.* Workshop Presentation at the 2013 Pedagogy of Privilege Conference. Denver, CO.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Bridge Project- Westwood and Quigg Newton Sites
Site Director, January 2008-July 2008-September 2012

- Opened and developed new site
- Outreached to new families
- Facilitated focus groups to determine student and family needs
- Prevention for substance abuse and mental health problems
- Site Management
- Data Management
- Grant Writer
- Evaluation: Ensured data was collected and appropriate evaluation tools were implemented
- Program Coordination
- Supervised administrative assistant, interns, volunteers, Tech Team and cleaning staff
- Managed and monitored site annual budget
- Maintained safety, security and upkeep of site
- Directed and assured compliance of USDA snack program
- Recruited participant and scholarship students
- Developed, coordinated, and facilitated culturally appropriate site activities for the Bridge Project
- Worked with key partners and collaborators of the Bridge Project
- Case management to address youth mental health needs
- Managed relations with school and community organizations
- Assisted in the development and coordination of summer literacy program
- Chair of Values Committee

AmeriCorps (2 Terms)

Community Engagement Specialist,

March 2011-November 2011-September 2012

- Engaged in community activities
- Attended school meetings and conferences
- Volunteered for school functions
- Homework help
- Attended school meetings and conferences

Adams County Workforce and Business Center

Workforce Investment Act Case Manager, August 2005-January 2008

- Recruited and screened youth to ensure compliance for program participation
- Provided comprehensive program orientation to youth and parents

- Developed education and career plans with youth
- Provided intensive case management to obtain educational and employment goals
- Assessed the need for mental health and/or substance abuse counseling resources required to achieve goals
- Collaborated with local organizations and colleges to assist program participants
- Developed and implemented a work experience project for youth with disabilities for Centura Health
- Supervised 20+ work experience participants

Servicios de la Raza-

Intern, WIA Youth Program, May 2004-June 2005

- Worked with the La Vereda Youth Program to provide culturally responsive services
- Referred youth to mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Assisted youth with completing college and scholarship applications
- Conducted a variety of leadership sessions for program participants
- Organized community events
- Served on the Student Attendance Review Board to address issues of truancy related to substance abuse issues among middle school students
- Facilitated an after school suicide prevention group with the Suicide Prevention Initiative
- Conducted comprehensive program evaluation

Mental Health Center of Boulder

Child, Adolescent and Family Team

Intern, September 2003- June 2004

- Completed intakes with new clients
- Psychotherapy
- Conducted therapeutic groups and individual sessions with elementary aged children
- Created and facilitated social skills group with second and third graders
- Created treatment plans
- Families and Schools Together children's group facilitator

AmeriCorps-Mi Casa Resource Center for Women, Inc.

Promise Fellow, June 2002-June 2003

- Developed new programs for participants

- Managed the Mi Carrera after school program, and Mi Camino program focused on GED and Post-secondary Education.
- Grant Writing
- Secured USTA and Get R!EAL Grants
- Budget Development
- Program evaluation, including survey administration, data collection and data management

Greater Auraria Neighborhood Affiliated for Service (GANAS)
Intern, August 2001-June 2002

- Assistant to the coordinator for the West Side Drug Free Youth Team
- Facilitated daily youth meetings
- Assisted youth with writing culturally relevant plays regarding drug and alcohol prevention
- Provided direction to the youth team to perform and present at local conferences and schools
- Produced quarterly reports
- Conducted program evaluation

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Archdiocese of Denver
Trained-September 2012
Safe Environment Training-Called to Protect

Denver Children's Advocacy Center
Trainer-June 2011
Safe from the Start Curriculum-Abuse Prevention

Boys and Girls Club
Trainer-April 2010
Youth for Unity-Promoting and celebrating diversity while combating prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination

Global Career Development
Facilitator -December 2007
Career facilitation and guidance

SERVICE

Servicios de la Raza-La Raza Youth Conference
Conference Evaluator-April 2015

Goodwill Industries of Denver
Community Volunteer-January 2013

Community Volunteer-September 2012

Holy Family High School, Broomfield, CO
Silent Auction Coordinator, April 2011

Hope Online Learning Academy
Judge-Persuasive Argument Competition, December 2010

Alliance of Black Telecommunications Professionals, Denver, CO
Poverty Symposium Panelist, June 2008

St. Catherine of Sienna School, Denver, CO
Parent Teacher Team, August 2003-May 2008

Adams County Workforce and Business Center, Denver, CO
Volunteer, May 2006

St. Catherine of Sienna School, Denver, CO
Boys Basketball Team Parent, August 2006-May 2009

Chic Chicana, Denver, CO
Board Member, June 2003-August 2005

La Raza Youth Leadership Conference, Denver, CO
Assistant Program Evaluator, April 2000-April 2004

Storm Baseball Team
Team Parent, May 2004-May2008

Denver Soccer Club
Head Coach, August 2000-September 2004

The Gathering Place, Women's Shelter
Volunteer, May 2004-May2008

Professional Affiliations

Council on Social Work Education
August 2013-Present

Society for Social Work Research
September 2013-Present

Latina/o Graduate Student Association-Familia Chair
(Vice President)
September 2012-September 2014

University of Denver's Latino Alumni Association
September 2004-Present

Circle of Latina Leadership-Institute for Mestiza Leadership
(2005 Graduate)