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## EDUCATION

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### Portland State University, Portland, OR

*Doctor of Philosophy: Social Work and Social Research*

*June 2018*

Dissertation: *Latinas and Sexual Health: Correlates of Sexual Satisfaction*

Chair: *Dr. Roberto Orellana*

### State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

*June 2008*

*Master of Social Work*

### Bates College, Lewiston, ME

*May 2002*

*Bachelors of Arts: Spanish*

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Assistant Professor (tenure track)

**Fall 2018 - present**

Social Work Department

College of Education and Social Services, University of Vermont

### Adjunct Instructor

**Spring 2014- Spring 2018**

Bachelor of Social Work & Masters of Social Work Programs

School of Social Work, Portland State University

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## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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**Velez, C.M., Sloan, L., Al-Kaabi, I., Cuddy, A. & Kerrigan, J. (2022).** No sex in social Work: (the lack of) human sexuality courses in US social work education. *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*, (in press).

DOI : 10.1007/s41134-022-00230-3

**Velez, C.M., Ávila, M., Best, J. & Chalco, J. (2022).** Exploring Latinas Experiences with Sexual Satisfaction, Pleasure and Desire: An Exploratory Qualitative Study. *Affilia: The Journal of Women and Social Work*, 1-19.

DOI: 10.1177/08861099221137560

**Velez, C.M., Gilliam, C., Machado-Escudero, Y. & Sloan, L. (2022).** Environmental reproductive justice and social work praxis. *Smith College Studies in Social Work*, 92(3), 200-217. DOI:

10.1080/00377317.2022.2123426

McFadden, M. & **Velez, C.M.**, Avila, M.M. (2022). Pregnant Migrant Latinx Women at the U.S. Mexican Border: A Policy Analysis of “Zero Tolerance.” *The Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41134-022-00230-3>

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s41134-022-00230-3>

**Ávila, M.M., Vinning, CB., Allison-Burbank, J., & Velez, C.M. (2022).** Health equity for Abenaki indigenous people: improving access to quality mental health and substance use services. *Health Equity*, 6.1. DOI:

10.1089/heq.2022.0091.

**Velez, C., Enlgander, H., Nicolaidis, C., & Korthuis, T. (2016).** ‘It’s been an experience, a life learning experience’: A qualitative study of hospitalized patients with substance use disorders. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 12, 1-8.

Englander, H., Weimer, M., Solotaroff, R., Nicolaidis, C., Chan, B., **Velez, C.**, Noice, A., Hartnett, T., Blackburn, E., Barnes, P., Korthuis, P. (2017). Planning and designing the improving addiction care team (IMPACT) for hospitalized adults with substance use disorder. *Journal of Hospital Medicine*, 12(5), 339-342.

Brennan, E. M., Meinhold, J. L., Bender, R. E., Cellarius, K., **Velez-Klug, C.**, Wagner, I., Duyck, I., & Patton, L. (2014). Promoting health equity through community based participatory research: The role of the community health worker. *Healthy neighborhoods: Communities define their needs (Documentation Set 87)*. Portland, OR: International Making Cities Livable, LLC.

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### PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTER

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**Velez, C.M.** & Ávila, M.M. Historical Context Matters: Structural Racism, Maternal Health & Reproductive Justice. Cilenti, Dorothy and others (eds). *The Practical Playbook III: Working Together to Improve Maternal Health*. Oxford University Press. Accepted for publication Spring 2023.

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### PUBLICATIONS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

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**Velez, C.** (2022). Latinas, Sexual Health & Critical Theorizing in Social Work Praxis. Under review in *Affilia: The Journal of Women and Social Work*. (in press).

Ávila, M. & **Velez, C.** (2022). Immigrant and Refugee Healthcare Access and Wellbeing During Covid 19 in Vermont: A Qualitative Evaluation. Under review in the *Academic Medicine*.

**Velez, C.M.**, Ávila, M.M. & Doh, E. (2022). Challenges to implementing a federal behavioral workforce training grant at a predominantly white institution. Under review in *The Journal of Teaching in Social Work*.

**Velez, C.**, Ávila, M. & McFadden, M. (2022). Critical Perspectives on Decolonization, Latina/o/x Identity and Social Work. *The Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*. Conditionally accepted, revise and resubmit due November 2022.

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### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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**Velez, C.**, & Orellana, E. (2022). Unpacking Cultural Constructs in Social Work: Machismo and Marianismo. (manuscript in preparation)

**Velez, C.M.** & Nesmith, A. (2022). Environmental justice and social work practice in Vermont: professional social workers perspectives on education and practice. (manuscript in preparation)

Machado-Escudero, Y., **Velez, C.M.**, Forbes, R., Gilliam, C., & Nesmith, A. (2022). Interdisciplinary educational approaches to address climate injustice and global environmental change. (manuscript in preparation for special call for papers for the *Journal of Social Work Education*, abstract submitted).

**Velez, C.M.**, Ávila, M.M. & Strolin-Goltzman, J. & Doh, E. A program evaluation of a federal HRSA training grant for social work and counseling graduate students.

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### BOOK REVIEWS

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**Velez, C. M.** (2021). American Women's Sexual Concerns through a Sociopolitical Lens: Rowland, K.(2020). *The pleasure gap: American women and the unfinished revolution*. New York, NY: Seal Press. ISBN 978-1-58005-836-0, \$28.

**Velez, C. M.** (2013). Book Review: *Revolution at point zero: Housework, reproduction, and feminist struggle*.

## PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- “Human Rights and Food Systems: Addressing Structural Inequities Through Social Work Environmental Justice Approaches.” Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Conference. November 2022. Anaheim, CA.
- “Women of Color at the Helm: Towards Dismantling Environmental Justice and Racism.” Council on Social Work Education Conference (CSWE). APM Connect Session. November 7, 2021. Orlando, FL.
- “Exploring Latinas Experiences with Sexual Satisfaction Pleasure and Desire.” Annual Association of Women in Psychology Conference (AWP). Oral Presentation. March 5, 2020.
- “Latinas and Sexual Health: Correlates of Sexual Satisfaction.” Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference (SSWR). Oral Presentation. January 16, 2019. San Francisco, CA.
- “Latinas and Sexual Health: Critical Theorizing and Sex-Positive Approaches in Social Work.” Council on Social Work Education Conference (CSWE). Oral Presentation. November 8, 2018. Orlando, FL.
- “Latinas, Social Work & Sexual Health: Challenging Stereotypes About Latina Sexuality.” Latino Social Work Organization (LSWO) Annual Conference. Poster Presentation. March 21-22, 2018. Seattle, WA.
- “I Have to Quit, the Doctor Told me I Will Die if I Don’t” Patient Perspectives on Readiness to Change. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Poster Presentation. January 14, 2016. Washington, DC.
- “My History is Stigmatizing My Care” Perspectives of Addiction Needs During Hospitalization. Oral Presentation. October 18, 2015. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Conference. Denver, CO.
- “Infusing Intersectionality: Negotiating Resistance Against Feminist Praxis in Social Work Practice, Education & Research,” April 21, 2012. NorthWest Women’s Studies Association, Portland, Oregon. With Meg Panichelli, MSW and Jesse Workman.

## GRANT WORK

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- Forbes, R., **Velez, C.**, & Prussia, L. (2022). Stories of Climate Justice and Global Environmental Change. The Katherine A. Kendall Institute (KAKI). \$10,000. Funded.
- Ávila, M. & **Velez, C.** (2021). The Vermont Trauma, Resiliency, and Equity Education (VT-TREE) Initiative for Diversifying the Interprofessional Behavioral Workforce. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), \$1,919,960, Funded.
- Sloan, L.M. & **Velez, C.** (2020). Preventing & Responding to GBV in Somalia: A Collaborative, Community-Based Approach. US Department of State, \$1,324,391, not funded.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- An Interview for Dr. Kathy Hoyt’s Wellness & Intimacy Summit.* Virtual online workshop. October 14, 2020.
- A talk on Reproductive Justice with a Focus on Women and Youth of Color.* Medicine Grand Rounds, University of Vermont Medical School. March 2, 2020.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- College of Education and Social Sciences (CESS) Research Boost Grant, October 2022, awarded \$4800
- College of Education and Social Sciences (CESS) Boost Grant, February 2020, awarded: \$1000

Outstanding Staff & Faculty Award, Mosaic Center for Students of Color, University of Vermont, Spring 2019.

Fifth Annual Women in Leadership Award, University of Vermont, Spring 2019.

Shireman Fellowship, Portland State University, September 2015–June 2016, amount awarded: \$1500

Equal Access Scholarship, Portland State University, September 2011-June 2012, amount awarded: \$1500

Deans Lottery Award, Office of Graduate Studies, Portland State University, September 2011-June 2012, amount awarded: \$7200

Hazeltine T. Clements Award for Diversity in Field Practice, State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Social Work, May 2010, amount awarded: \$500

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Principal Investigator** 8/2022 - present  
Social Work Department, University of Vermont  
Experiences of Social Work Faculty Teaching Sex, Sexuality and Sexual Health Related Content
- Principal Investigator** 3/2022 – present  
Social Work Department, University of Vermont  
Racially and Ethnically Diverse Women Faculty’s Experiences in Social Work Academia
- Principal Investigator** 2/2022 – present  
Social Work Department, University of Vermont  
Environmental Justice and Social Work in Vermont: Professional Social Workers Perspectives on Education & Practice
- Principal Investigator** 8/2018 – 1/2022  
Social Work Department, University of Vermont  
Exploring Latinas Experiences with Sexual Satisfaction, Pleasure & Desire/Qualitative Study
- Research Consultant** 8/2017 – 9/2017  
San Francisco, CA  
Hope Lab/Young Adult Cancer Survivor Research Project
- Research Assistant** 6/2017 – 9/2017  
Regional Research Institute/Portland, OR  
Traveling Homeless Youth Research Project
- Research Assistant** 7/2014 – 9/2016  
Oregon Health & Sciences University, Portland, OR  
Substance Use Needs Amongst Hospitalized Adults Research Project (SUNAHA) & Improving Addiction Care Team (IMPACT)
- Graduate Research Assistant** 7/2013 – 1/2014  
Regional Research Institute for Human Services, Portland, OR  
Community Project for Health & Equity
- Principal Investigator** 6/2012 – 9/2012  
Multnomah County Health Department & Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA)/Portland, OR  
Qualitative Study About Breast Feeding in Urban Native Populations
- Graduate Research Assistant** 9/2011 – 11/2012  
Regional Research Institute for Human Services/Portland, OR  
My Life Project

**Graduate Research Institute**  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute/Bufalo, NY

1/2010 – 5/2010

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**SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

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**Addiction Team Social Worker** 7/2014 – 6/2016  
Oregon Health & Sciences University  
Portland, OR

**Graduate Medical Social Work Intern** 8/2009-5/2010  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
Buffalo, NY

**School Social Worker** 5/2009 – 8/2009  
Gateway-Longview  
Buffalo NY

**Graduate Social Work Intern** 8/2008 – 5/2009  
Gateway-Longview  
Buffalo, NY

**Senior Case Manager** 10/2007 – 8/2008  
Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo  
Buffalo, NY

**Refugee Resettlement Case Manager** 11/2006 – 10/2007  
Jewish Family Services  
Buffalo, NY

**Day Program Coordinator II** 9/2004 – 9/2006  
Support, Incorporated  
Aurora, CO

**Residential Counselor** 6/2002 – 5/2003  
Namaqua Center  
Loveland, CO

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Council on Social Work Education Environmental Justice Committee Member** 9/2019 – present  
Council on Social Work Education

**Committee for Equity Action and Diversity** 10/2020 – present  
University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

**Faculty Fellow for Diversity and Inclusion Program** 11/2019 – 5/2020  
University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

**Faculty Affairs Committee Member** 8/2019 – 5/2022  
College of Education and Social Services  
University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

**PhD Program Committee Student Representative** 9/2011 – 6/2013  
Portland State University, Portland, OR

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Council of Social Work Education (CSWE)  
Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)  
Latinx Social Work Organization (LSWO)  
International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)  
Social Work and Sexualities Special Interest Group  
Association of Latina/o Social Work Educators (ALLSWE)

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Social Work Department, University of Vermont

- SWSS 396 Environmental Justice & Social Work Praxis Fall 2022
- SWSS 327 Advanced Social Work Research Fall 2022
- SWSS 002 Foundations of Social Work Summer 2022
- SWSS 164 Introduction to Social Work Research Fall 2021
- SWSS 327 Advanced Social Work Research Fall 2021
- SWSS 005 Human Sexuality & Helping Professions Summer 2021
- SWSS 002 Introduction to Social Work Summer 2021
- SWSS 227 Foundations of Social Work Research Spring 2021
- SWSS 396 Environmental Justice & SW Praxis Fall 2020
- SWSS 327 Advanced Social Work Research Fall 2020
- SWSS 164 Introduction to Social Work Research Fall 2020
- SWSS 002 Introduction to Social Work Summer 2020
- SWSS 227 Foundations of Social Work Research Spring 2020
- SWSS 164 Introduction to Social Work Research Fall 2019
- SWSS 337 Advanced Social Work Research Fall 2019
- SWSS 148 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I Fall 2018
- SWSS 147 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II Spring 2019
- SWSS 338 Transformative Social Work Approaches to Violence Spring 2019
- SWSS 200 Intersectionality, Human Rights and Social Justice in SW Fall 2018

### School of Social Work, Portland State University

- SW 451 Research and Evaluation II Winter 2018
- SW 450 Research and Evaluation I Fall 2017
- SW 523 Health Care Policy and Programs Fall 2017
- SW 451 Research and Evaluation II Winter 2017
- SW 450 Research and Evaluation I Fall 2016
- SW 523 Health Care Policy and Programs Fall 2016
- SW 451 Research and Evaluation II Winter 2016
- SW 523 Health Care Policy and Programs Winter 2016
- SW 540 Theory of Human Behavior Fall 2015
- SW523 Health Care Policies and Programs Fall 2015
- SW 301 Introduction to Social Work Summer 2015

- SW 431 Beginning Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families Winter 2015
- SW 301 Introduction to Social Work Winter 2015
- SW 540 Theory of Human Behavior Through the Lifespan Fall 2014
- SW 301 Introduction to Social Work Spring 2013