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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- 2006** Ph.D., Social Work, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Dissertation Title: "Self-identified heterosexual African American/Black Men: Attitudes, behaviors and reasons for marriage"
Dissertation Chair: Rita Rhodes
Dissertation Committee: Naomi Farber, Arlene Andrews, Muriel Harris, and Julie Miller-Cribbs
- 2000** M.S.W., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Concentration: Social Policy & Evaluation
Area of interest: Community Social Systems
- 1999** B.A., Psychology, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2013 – Present** Academy of Certified Social Workers
2015 – Present Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist #910

TRAINING AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016– 2018** Advanced Research Institute in Geriatric Mental Health Scholar (ARI), Weil Cornell Medical College
- 2015** Tobacco Dependence Program, Rutgers University School of Public Health
- 2015** Visiting Scholar, Institute of Research and Poverty, University of Wisconsin – Madison
- 2013 – 2014** Research Fellow, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health (Program to Increase Diversity in Cardiovascular Health Related Research), SUNY Downstate Medical Center
- 2009 – 2010** Postdoctoral Fellow, Mentor: Bruce D. Rapkin, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Division of Community Collaboration and Implementation Science. Research training in cancer prevention, screening and control
- 2006 – 2009** Chief Postdoctoral Fellow (2008-2009), Mentor: Rogério M. Pinto and Nabila El-Bassel, Columbia University/New York Psychiatric Institute. Postdoctoral research training program in HIV infection and prevention

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2016 – Present** Research Scientist, Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research (NKI)
Service to the Institute
• Member, NKI IRB

- 2016 – Present** Research Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine
- 2013 – 2016** Assistant Professor, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- Service to the Department and University*
- MPH/MSW Advisor for Dual Degree Students
 - MPH Admissions Reviewer
 - Prison Advocate, Teachers College IRB, Columbia University
- 2012 – Present** Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Social Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- 2011 – 2013** Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Population Health, Division of Community Collaboration and Implementation Science, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- 2010 – 2011** Instructor, Department of Epidemiology and Population Health, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2016-2017 Recipient, National Institute of Health Loan Repayment Award
- 2014 Travel Award, NCI Cancer Disparities Research Network
- 2013-2014 Recipient, National Institute of Health Loan Repayment Award
- 2007-2011 Recipient, National Institute of Health Loan Repayment Award
- 2004 Leadership and Vision Award, University of South Carolina
- 2003 Travel Award, University of South Carolina

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY

Fall 2013 – Fall 2016

Qualitative Research Design in Public Health is an introductory core course for MPH students which focus on the principles and practice of social science research in public health using qualitative research methodologies. Public health issues indicate a growing need for applied research. The emphasis in this course is on qualitative research design, methods of data gathering, coding and analysis. In addition, students will exercise their writing skills to produce rigorous and well-informed research. These issues will be experienced throughout the semester by practicing qualitative research methods, reading methods literature, reading qualitative studies, critiquing qualitative research projects and empirical studies, and producing a final course project which corresponds to the level of qualitative methods research capacity of each student.

Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, New York, NY

Fall 2011-Spring 2013

Human Behavior and Social Environment I & II are an on-going two-semester course that examines the person-in-situation matrix with a specific focus on human diversity. Models of development across the human life span define one axis, while critical contexts (individual, family, groups, communities, organizations, and society) define the other axis of the forces that affect social functioning. Underlying our understanding of this multi-dimensionality is the debate between biological determinism and social construction.

Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work, New York, NY

Fall 2009

Substance Abuse is an elective course that introduces the student to the field of substance abuse and includes an overview of the policy issues, etiology, manifestations, practice settings, and treatment approaches to addiction/dependency. For purposes of this course, substance abuse refers to the misuse of both illegal and legal drugs abused in society. This course draws upon and interrelates with content covered in Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Social Welfare Organization, Foundation Practice, and Research I.

Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, New York, NY

Fall 2009

Human Behavior and Social Environment I presents a bio-psycho-social and ecosystems framework that introduces students to macro, mezzo and micro systems. Particular attention is given to an analysis of diversity within these systems, as well as an examination of power and privilege. A person-in-environment framework facilitates understanding of human adaptation and the forces that support or impede well-being. Traditional theories of early child development are introduced. Life span development is examined beginning in infancy through early childhood.

University of South Carolina College of Social Work

Fall 2002-Spring 2005

Integrative Seminar II: Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities is a study of foundation content on social work intervention and methods with organization and community systems. The course utilizes the generalist intervention model and practice skills in work with organizations, communities and the larger society.

Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups builds upon foundation knowledge and skills of social work practice with at-risk and diverse populations. Topics include assessment, intervention and evaluation skills appropriate for group work with people experiencing problems with violence, substance abuse, mental illness, life transitions, developmental issues and identity issues.

Integrative Seminar: Human Behavior and the Social Environment introduces advanced standing students to various theories of larger social systems—society, communities, institutions and organizations.

Foundation of Social Work Practice in Groups introduces foundation year students to issues common to groups at the interpersonal, organizational, and community levels.

Electronic Advocacy is a distance-learning course for social work graduate students interested in online macro organizing.

Fall 2008

Social Justice Practice with Organizations and Communities is a practice course that examines how organizations and communities serve as a lens for understanding oppression, unequal access to resources, and economic and social justice. This class focuses on how systemic oppression and social justice emerge in agency, organizational and community settings. The course facilitates the development of practice skills that further social justice.

GRANT SUPPORT

Current Grant Support

NCI K22CA197066

Pamela Valera, P.I.

Cancer-Health Disparities in Incarcerated Men

Major goal: A three-year career development study is intended to inform the basis of a NCI R01 grant

Total Award Period: 8/20/15-7/20/18

% Effort: 80

Direct and In-Direct Costs: \$574,887

application. The long-term goal is to design and implement a culturally appropriate prison-to-community cancer-health prevention trial for incarcerated men returning to their communities in order to ultimately reduce the cancer burden affecting men with criminal justice backgrounds.

Completed Grant Support

NCI K01CA154861

Pamela Valera, P.I.

Health Seeking among Men with Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse Histories

Major goal: A five-year research and training program to prepare the PI for a career in cancer-health disparities and participatory health services research focused on socially-marginalized, at-risk groups, such as former prisoners.

Total Award Period: 9/21/10-7/31/15

% Effort: 75

Direct and In-direct Costs: \$684,726

Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network

Pamela Valera, Co-PI

Exploring Research Goals for Collaborative Research Boards Using Photovoice

Major goal: To identify research goals that community and researchers will pursue as members of a collaborative research board.

Total Award Period: 1/1/08 – 1/9/09

Total Award: \$5,000

Unfunded Grant Support

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

NIEHS Center for Environmental Health

Pamela A. Valera, P.I.

Climate Change, Environmental Health and Jails:

A Qualitative Study of Hurricane Sandy and Rikers Island

Major goal: A two year pilot program exploring the environmental health effects of climate change among individuals impacted by Hurricane Sandy, including former inmates detained on Rikers Island and local governmental agencies. The major goal of this proposed study is generate preliminary data leading to the development of an R01.

Total Award Period: 7/01/15-6/30/17

% Effort: 15

Direct Cost: \$35,000

PUBLICATIONS (in reverse order)

*Denotes a student (i.e., MSW, MPH, PhD, MD) or post-doctoral trainee who worked on a manuscript or project

1. **Valera, P.**, Epperson, M.* , Daniels, J., Ramaswamy, M., & Freudenberg, N. (2009). Substance use and sexual HIV-risk behavior among young men involved in the criminal justice system. *The American Journal of Drug Abuse and Alcohol Abuse*, 1, 43-47.
2. Wilson, P., **Valera, P.**, Ventaneauc, A., Balan, I., & Carballo-Diequez, A. (2009). Race-based sexual stereotyping and sexual partnering among men who use the internet to identify other men for bareback sex. *Journal of Sex Research*, 46, 1-15.
3. **Valera, P.**, Gallin, J., Schuk, D., Davis, N. (2009). 'Trying to eat healthy': A photovoice study about women's access to healthy food choices in New York City. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 24, 300-314.
4. Epperson, M.* , Platais, I., **Valera, P.**, Gilbert, L., & El-Bassel, N. (2009). Fear, trust, and negotiating safety: A qualitative study of HIV risk contexts for African American women defendants in a community court. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 24, 257-271.
5. Bowleg, L., **Valera, P.**, Teti M., & Tschann, J. (2010). Silence, gestures, and words: Nonverbal communication about HIV and condom use in Black heterosexual relationships. *Health Communication*, 25, 80-90.
6. Morganstern, B.* , Hakimi, A.A., Roche, C., **Valera, P.**, Ghavamian, R., Rapkin, B. (2011). Delineating

inner-city prostate cancer survivors' information needs: Educational priorities for patients and provider. *Journal of Urology*, 185, e254-e255.

7. Boyas, J, & **Valera, P.** (2011). Determinants of trust in multiple medical personnel. *Hispanic Healthcare International*, 9, 144-152.
8. Nodin, N.*, **Valera, P.**, Ventaneauc, A, Maynard, E., & Carballo-Dieiguez, A. (2011). The internet profiles of men who have sex with men within bareback websites. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 13, 1015-1029.
9. Pinto, R., Spector, A. *, **Valera, P.**, & Community Collaborative Board. (2011). Exploring group dynamics for integrating scientific and experiential knowledge in Community Advisory Boards for HIV research. *AIDS Care*, 23, 1006-1013.
10. **Valera, P.**, & Taylor, T. (2011). "Hating the sin but not the sinner": A study about heterosexism and religious experiences among southern Black men. *Journal of Black Studies*, 42, 106-122.
11. Rapkin, B., Weiss, E., Lounsbury, D., Thompson, H., Goodman, R., Schechter, C., Merzel, C., Shelton, R., Blank, A., Erb-Downward, J., Williams, A., **Valera, P.**, & Padgett, D. (2012). Using the interactive systems framework to support a quality improvement approach to dissemination of evidence-based strategies to promote early detection of breast cancer: planning a comprehensive dynamic trial. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 50, 497-517.
12. Thompson, H., Shelton, R., Mitchell, J, Eaton, T., **Valera, P.**, & Katz, A. (2013). Inclusion of underserved racial and ethnic groups in cancer intervention research new media: A Systematic literature review. *Journal of National Cancer Institute Monographs*, 47, 216-223.
13. Williams, A., Erb-Downward, J., Bruzelius, E. *, O'Hara-Cicero, E., Maling, A., **Valera, P.**, Maysonet, N., & Weiss, E. (2013). Exploring cancer screening in the context of unmet mental health needs: A participatory pilot study. *Journal Progress in Community Health Partnerships*, 7, 111-113.
14. Dumont, D., Wildeman, C., Lee, H., Gjelsvik, A., **Valera, P.**, & Clarke, J.G. (2014). Incarceration, maternal hardship, and perinatal health behaviors. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 18, 2179-2187.
15. **Valera, P.**, & Kratz, M*. (2014). The illness narratives of men involved in the criminal justice system: A study of health behaviors, chronic conditions and HIV. *Journal of Social Work*, 14, 645-657.
16. **Valera, P.**, Cook, S. *, Darout, R. *, Dumont, D. (2014). "They are not taking cigarettes from me...I'm going to smoke my cigarettes until the day I die. I don't care if I get cancer:" The smoking behaviors among men under community supervision in New York City. *Nicotine & Tob Research*, 6, 800-806.
17. **Valera, P.**, Cook, S. *, Macklin, R., & Chang, Y*. (2014). Conducting health disparities research with criminal justice populations: Examining Research, Ethics, and Participation. *Ethics & Behavior*, 24,164-174.
18. **Valera, P.**, Fullilove, R., Nunes, E., Cali, S. *, Clark, W., Chiongbian, V., & Covey, L. (2014). The psychometric properties of the Brief Symptom Inventory in men under correctional supervision: Implications for forensic social work. *British Journal of Social Work*, 9, 1-14.
19. Cook, S.H. *, **Valera, P.**, Wilson, P.A., & The Adolescent Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions. (2015). HIV status disclosure, depressive symptoms, and sexual risk taking behavior among HIV-positive young men who have sex with men. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 38, 507-517.
20. **Valera, P.**, Chang, Y. *, Hernández, D., & Cooper, J*. (2015). Exploring kinship and social support in women with criminal justice backgrounds. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 54, 278-295.
21. Cropsey, K.L., Stevens, E.N., **Valera, P.**, Clark, C.B., Bulls, H.W., Nair, P., & Lane, P.S. (2015). Risk

factors for concurrent use of benzodiazepines and opioids among individuals under community corrections supervision. *Drug Alcohol and Dependence*, 154, 152-157.

22. Wilson, P.A., **Valera, P.**, Martos, A.*, Wittlin, N.M., Munoz-Laboy, M., & Parker, R. (2015). Contributions of qualitative research in informing HIV/AIDS interventions targeting Black men who have sex with men in the United States. *Journal of Sex Research*, 4, 1-13.

23. **Valera, P.**, Anderson, M., Cook, S.H*, Wylie-Rosett, J., Rucker, J.*, & Reid, A. (2015). The smoking behaviors and cancer-related disparities among urban middle aged and older men involved in the criminal justice system. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 30, 86-93.

24. Motanya, N.C.*, & **Valera, P.** (2016). Public health management, climate change and incarceration: What is the connection? *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, 22, E20-E21.

25. Martos, A.J.*, **Valera, P.**, Bockting, W.O., Wilson, P.A. (2016). Exploring sexual health among young Black men who have sex with men in New York City. *Health Education Research*, 31, 295-313.

26. Armstrong, B., Kalmuss, D., Cushman, L., Bjarnadottir, R.*, Peters, Z.*, **Valera, P.**, & Cohall, A. (2016). Academic Health Center-Community Justice Partnerships: Linking men in the justice system to health care. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*, 10, 225-233.

27. **Valera, P.**, & Kates-Benman, C. (2016). Exploring the use of special housing units by men released from New York correctional facilities: A small mixed methods study. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 10, 466-473.

28. **Valera, P.**, Bachman, L.*, & Rucker, J*. (2016). A qualitative study of smoking behaviors among recently released justice-involved men and women in New York City. *Health & Social Work*.

29. Motanya, N.C.*, & **Valera, P.** (2016). Climate change and its impact on the incarcerated population. *Social Work in Public Health*, 31, 348-357.

30. Cook, S.H.*, **Valera, P.**, Caleb, B., & Wilson, P. (2016). Adult attachment as a moderator of the association between childhood interpersonal traumatic experiences and depressive symptoms among young Black gay and bisexual men. *Journal of Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 23, 388-397.

31. **Valera, P.**, Chang, Y.*, & Lian, Z.* (2017). HIV risk inside US prisons: A systematic review of risk reduction interventions conducted in US prisons. *AIDS Care*, 29, 943-952.

32. **Valera, P.**, Burkholder, G., Clark, C.B., Raper, J.L., & Saag, M., Cropsey, K.L. (2017). A pilot trial examining racial difference in response to algorithm-guiding smoking cessation treatment selection in persons living with HIV/AIDS. *AIDS & Behavior*, 21, 1975-1984.

33. **Valera, P.**, Boyas, J., Bernal, C.*, Chiongbian, V., Chang, Y.*, & Shelton, R. (in press). The validation of medical mistrust scale in formerly incarcerated Black and Latino men. *American Journal of Men's Health*.

ACCEPTED PUBLICATIONS

Valera, P., Lian, Z.*, & Brotzman, L.*, & Reid, A. (accepted). Fatalistic cancer beliefs and information seeking in formerly African American and Hispanic men: implications for cancer health communication and research. *Health Communication*.

Valera, P., Bachman, L.*, Wilson, W., & Reid, A. (accepted). "It's hard to reenter when you've been locked out": Keys to successful offender reintegration. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*.

Boyas, J., Negi, N.J., & Valera, P. (accepted). Factors associated to health service use by Latino day laborers. *American Journal of Men's Health*.

Oshiro, M.*, & **Valera, P.** (accepted). Framing, physicality, and public safety: A study of Michael Brown and Darren Wilson. *Research in Race and Ethnic Relations*.

Valera, P., Taylor, R.J., & Chatters, L.M. (accepted). Criminal justice contact and physical and oral health among African Americans. *Research in Race and Ethnic Relations*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW

Cook, SH.*, **Valera, P.**, Martos, A.*, & Wilson, P.A. (in review). Childhood attachment, adult attachment, and mental health among young Black gay and bisexual men. *Sex Roles*.

Boyas, J., Valera, P., & Ruiz, E. (in review). Subjective well-being among Latino day laborers: Examining the role of religiosity, social networks, and smoking behaviors. *Health Promotion Perspectives*.

Valera, P. (in review). Smoking behaviors, health characteristics and cancer risk in US incarcerated adult men: results from a cancer risk in incarcerated men study. *Journal of National Cancer Institute*

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

Valera, P. (submission date: October 2017). Smoking characteristics of incarcerated men.

Valera, P. (submission date: October 2017). Tailoring cancer education and training program (Cancer 101) in male prison facilities: A Cancer 101, Prison Version.

BOOK REVIEWS, RESEARCH MONOGRAPHS AND FINAL REPORTS

Valera, P. (2015). A report on justice-involved populations, disconnected youth, women, and the aging: Examining Bronx-based community assets and resources. [Technical Report]. Bronx, New York: Osborne Association.

Valera, P. (2006). Book review: Defining America through immigration policy. *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 6, 281-282.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Valera, P. (Fall, 2016). Understanding the process of accelerated aging in previously incarcerated minority men. Paper presented at the 69th Scientific Meeting for the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Valera, P., Mackey, D., McLaughlin, W., & Brotzman, L. (2016, Fall). Using a non-random stepped wedge design to describe the adoption of a cancer education program in correctional facilities. Poster presented at the 9th AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities in Medically Underserved, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Brotzman, L., Valera, P., & Wilson, W. (2016, May). The successful ingredients to community reintegration among justice-involved adult men and women in New York City: A qualitative study. Poster presented at the 24th Society Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Bachman, L., & Valera, P. (2016, January). Cigarette smoking and smoking cessation promise in formerly incarcerated men and women. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Pérez, A.G., Valera, P., Thornton, A.G., & Martinez, M. (2016, January). "Longing for attachment with mama": Retrospective accounts of foster care alumni's attachment styles with biological parents. Paper presented at the 20th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Valera, P, Chang, Y., & Zi. (2015, November). A systematic review of HIV/AIDS in U.S. prisons. Poster presented at the 143rd American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Martos, A.J., Valera, P., Bocking, W.O., & Wilson, P. (2015, November). Exploring sexual health among Black men who have sex with men in New York City: Implications for HIV research. Paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Valera, P., Semorile, R., Grant, C. (2014, November). Developing the Reentry Anonymous (R/A) steps to successful community reintegration in New York City. Paper presented at the 70th American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Valera, P. (2014, April). Rethinking Mass Incarceration: A cross-sectional study on solitary confinement in men. Paper presented at the University of Mississippi Conference on Rethinking Mass Incarceration in the South, University, MS.

Valera, P., Cook, S., Macklin R., Chang, Y., & McLaughlin, C. (2013, November). Conducting health disparities research with criminal justice populations: Examining research, ethics, and participation. Poster presented at the 141st American Public Health Association Meeting, Boston, MA.

Chang, Y, & Valera, P. (2013, November). Social support and health issues among formerly incarcerated women in New York. Paper presented at the 141st American Public Health Association Meeting, Boston, MA.

Valera, P. (2012, January). Health and Justice: The health care services and needs of men involved in community-based corrections. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Valera, P. (2012, May). A study of health behaviors and access to care among men with criminal justice and substance use backgrounds. Poster presented at the Translational Science Meeting, Washington, DC.

Pinto, R. M., Valera, P., & Spector, Y. A. (2010, August). Understanding the formation of an HIV-focused Community Collaborative Board: Goals, expectations and challenges faced. Paper Presented at the International AIDS Conference in Vienna, Austria.

Wilson, P., Wittlin, N., Valera, P., & Dennis, N. (2010, November). Conceptions of homosexuality among parishioners and pastors in Black churches in NYC. Paper presented at the 138th American Public Health Association Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Valera, P. (2009, March). "Hating the sin but not the sinner." Paper presented at the Fifth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

Valera, P., Epperson, M., Daniels, J., Ramaswamy, M., & Freudenberg, N. (2009, January). "The association between substance use and sexual HIV risk behaviors among young incarcerated men." Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Valera, P. (2009, March). A photovoice study: The challenges to accessing healthy food by women in New York City. Paper presented at the Fifth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

Valera, P., Schuk, D., Sister Link Advisory Group, & Gallin, J. (2008, March). "Diabetes on sale": An examination of access to healthy food options in Central Harlem, New York. Paper presented at The Third Annual Health Disparities Conference at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, NY.

- Wilson, P., Valera, P., & Carballo-Diequez., A. (2007, April). Ethnicity, sexual stereotypes, and partnering behaviors of Internet-using men who have sex with men. Paper presented at the 1st University Consortium for Sexuality Research and Training Conference, Kinsey Institute at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- Valera, P. (2007, April). Meaning making in the closet: How southern Black married men who have sex with men manage their multiple identities. Paper presented at the 1st University Consortium for Sexuality Research and Training Conference, Kinsey Institute at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- Valera, P. (2006, November). Debunking the down low: Understanding the sexual identities of heterosexual MSM. Poster presented at the 52nd Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Chicago, Ill.
- Valera, P. (2005, May). Understanding the lived experiences of married men who have sex with men: Exploring the literature, research and social work relevance. Poster presented at the 17th Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Chicago, Ill.
- Valera, P. (2005). Cultural competence practice: A framework for LGB of color. Presentation for continuing education and lifelong learning at the College of Social Work, University of South Carolina.
- Valera, P. (2004, June). Internet sexuality and social work. Paper presented at the 16th Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Washington, DC.
- Valera, P. (2003, October). GIS for human service professionals: Balancing pedagogy and technological training." Panel presentation at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Conference, Denver, CO.
- Valera, P., & Sharples, R. (2003, October). Comparative approaches to migrant education. Paper presented at the 8th Annual Student Action with Farmworkers Symposium, Columbia, SC.
- Campbell, W., Valera, P., & Ware, J. (2003, March). Empowerment through education: Community work with Hispanics/Latinos. Paper presented at the National Association of Social Workers South Carolina Chapter Symposium, Columbia, SC.
- Campbell, W., & Valera, P. (2003, November). High school equivalency program: Innovations in social work education for Hispanic/Latino farmworkers. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Valera, P., & Campbell, W. (2002, October). Undocumented workers: Education and empowerment." Paper presented at the 7th Annual Student Action with Farmworkers Symposium, Sacramento, CA.
- Valera, P., & Boyas, J. (2002, May). Strategies for teaching about Latino content in cyberspace. Paper presented at the 6th Annual Technology Conference for Social Work Education and Practice, Charleston, SC.
- Amado, J., Forrest, C., Pendergast, J., & Valera, P. (2002, May). Models of teaching social welfare policy in social work education." Panel presentation at the Policy Conference for Social Work Education and Practice, Charleston, SC.
- Campbell, W., & Valera, P. (2002, November). Empowerment theory and female laborers from Mexico." Paper presented at the University of South Carolina Women's Studies Conference, Columbia, SC.
- Campbell, W., & Valera, P. (2002, November). The High school equivalency program: An intergenerational strategy to promote basic education for Hispanic/Latino seasonal and migrant workers." Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Nashville, TN.

Campbell, W., & Valera, P. (2002, April). Health education and literacy: Empowerment and farmworkers in Saluda County." Paper presented at the 4th Annual South Carolina Hispanic Health Issues Conference, Columbia, SC.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Valera, P. (2016, May). Fatalistic cancer beliefs, cancer cognition and information seeking in formerly incarcerated African American and Hispanic men: implications for cancer health disparities research. Paper presented at the NCI Professional Development Workshop at the NIH Natcher Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Valera, P. (2016, April). Experiences in criminal justice settings. Paper presented at an invitation only meeting to the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Decatur, GA.

Valera, P. (2016, April). Eliminating cancer health disparities in criminal justice settings. Paper presented at an invitation only meeting to National Association of Chronic Disease Directors and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Decatur, GA.

Valera, P., & Brotzman, L. (2016, January). Physical health, cancer health and smoking cessation workshop. Health education presentation to the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision at Edgecombe Residential Treatment Facility.

Caroll-Scott, A., Wang, E., Valera, P., Kane, R., & Field, R. (2015, November). Community participation in research. Panel presentation for the Crossroads: Crime, Community, and Public Health Symposium at Drexel University.

Rivera, G., Clarke, K., Gaynes, E., Gardner, T., & Valera, P. (2015, January). Reducing recidivism: Know your rights and resources. Workshop presented at the 44th New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian Legislator Conference in Albany, New York.

Valera, P. (2014, May). Cancer risk: The smoking habits of newly released individuals involved in the criminal justice system. Paper presented at the NCI Professional Development Workshop at the NIH Natcher Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Valera, P., & Pryor, D. (2014, June). Health and Re-entry. Presentation for a Public Health Approach to Incarceration: Opportunities for Action at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.

Kates-Benman, C., Grant, T., Valera, P., Petrus, P., Rosenthal, A., Oralee, G., Sinnot, D., & Pitcher, L. (2013, October). Litigation strategies: Parole board hearings, administration appeals, risk assessments, and current litigation. Presentation for the Campaign to End Parole Abuses & Reunite Families Conference at Riverside Church, New York, NY.

Valera, P. (2013, May). Prisoner reentry issues among Black MSM under community supervision. Presentation for the National Institute of Drug Abuse Expert Meeting on Criminal Justice of HIV+ African American MSM, Rockville, MD.

Armstrong, B., Conhall, A.T., Geller, A., Metsch, L., & Valera, P. (2013, April). Interventions and policy approaches for children and youth affected by the criminal justice system. Panel Presentation for the Fall Policy Form for Elected and Appointed Officials at Columbia University.

Valera, P. (2012, October). Stories from inside: What experience teaches us about the criminal justice system? Presentation for Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York.

Fullilove, R., Muñoz-Laboy, M., & Valera, P. (2010, October). HIV/STI risks in incarcerated populations: Following the trajectory of health inside and outside of correctional facilities. Presentation for medical center community at Columbia University, New York, NY.

Shelton, S., Williams, R., Leicht, K., & Valera, P. (2006, January). Code word looting: Dismantling the racist and classist language in the Post-Katrina era. A contribution to Martin Luther King Jr. /Human Rights Week, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

MEDICAL RESIDENTS, DOCTORAL AND MASTERS STUDENTS

1. Research Supervisor: Rachele Darout, MD (2010 – 2011)

Montefiore Medical Center Department of Family and Social Medicine

Social Medicine Project: Smoking Cessation Intervention in the Male Ex-Offender Population

Current Position: Physician, Lynn Community Health Center, Lynn, MA

2. Research Mentor: Molly Kratz, MPH (2010 – 2012)

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Current Position: Research Scientist, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY

3. Research Mentor: Yvonne Chang, MPH (2011 – 2015)

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Current Position: PhD student in Sociology at the McGill University, Montreal, Quebec

4. Dual Degree Advisor and Master Thesis Sponsor: Lauren Bachman, MPH/MSW (2013 – 2015)

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Thesis Project: Juvenile incarceration alternatives: Exploring the experiences and understandings of court involved teenagers

Current Position: School Base Clinician, Wediko, New York, NY

5. MPH Advisor and Master Thesis Sponsor: Camila Bernal, MPH (2013 – 2015)

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Thesis Project: Adapting the PTSD Checklist- Civilian Version (PCL-C) to Formerly Incarcerated Black and Latino Substance Abusers Returning Home to New York City

Current Position: Research Associate, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, New York, NY

6. MPH Advisor and Master Thesis Sponsor: Bruktawit Addis, MPH (2014 – 2015)

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Thesis Project: Hepatitis C Testing, Treatment, Document Status and Prevalence

Current Position: Public Health Consultant, Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco, CA

7. Master Thesis Sponsor: Njideka Motanya, MPH (2014 – 2015)

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Thesis Project: Climate Change and its Impact on the Incarcerated Population

Current Position: Manager of Operations, Community Care Management Partners Health Home, New York, NY

SELECTED COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

2010-Present **Co-chair/Co-founder**, The Bronx Reentry Working Group Bronx, NY

Provide case-management (e.g., individual counseling) and referral services to individuals returning from state prison and city jails. Provide bi-weekly support groups (total of 1.5 contact hours per week) for formerly incarcerated individuals and host annual community forums in collaboration with community partners (e.g., Bronx County, district attorney, patient-centered health homes, reentry agencies, and libraries). The annual community reentry forum event which consist of 6 hours of case management, referrals and linkages to reentry services. In addition, developed the Bronx County Task Force to reduce recidivism. The Bronx County Reentry Task

Force is funded by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

2001-2004 **Program Manager**, University of South Carolina Columbia, SC
Worked with Dr. Lois Wright on a \$1.9 million, federally funded statewide initiative to implement a High School Equivalency Program (HEP) for seasonal and migrant farmworkers in South Carolina. Supervised 4 full-time instructors, 10 graduate assistants and several volunteers to provide GED instruction, adult literacy classes, job training seminars and family support services.

1999-2000 **Program Evaluator**, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI
Worked with Dr. Lorraine Gutierrez on developing a community technology center in southwest Detroit. Played a key role in overseeing and defining programmatic strategy. Worked with the southwest Detroit community to establish needs in terms of high-speed data services for economic development, healthcare, education and job training. Conducted community-based research on digital divide issues, prepared an internal evaluation report and supervised 5 graduate staff members.

1999-2000 **Assistant Hall Director**, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI
Supervised 10 resident advisors, 1 minority peer advisor, 1 academic peer advisor and 1 head librarian in residence halls of 450 students. Provided crisis intervention, served as the on-site judicial officer and the conflict resolution officer.

Summer 2000 **Policy Intern**, Center for Third World Organizing Oakland, CA
Worked with Dr. Gary Delgado on issues related to the working poor. Interviewed policy makers, conducted literature reviews and Internet searches on the temporary assistance for needy families program (TANF). Developed the website for Grassroots Organizing for Welfare Leadership (GROWL). GROWL is a national movement of 47 welfare rights and economic justice organizations that challenges the dominant framework around welfare reform from a grassroots perspective. Completed the Community Action Training, an intensive training that introduces individuals to community organizing.

Summer 1999 **English Teacher**, University of San Francisco San Francisco, CA
An Upward Bound Program for 30 high school students from the San Francisco Unified School District.

1998 **Tenant Coordinator**, Mission Housing Development San Francisco, CA
Coordinated and implemented recreational and educational programs for 84 homeless and mentally challenged adults.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

CONSULTING

George Mason University Department of Social Work, 2015 – 2016
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (“LISC”), 2013 – 2014
Health People, 2010 – 2012
The Ford Foundation, 2008

GRANT REVIEWER

The Rapides Foundation, 2015 - Present
Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), 2012– present
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP), Special Emphasis Panel, 2010

NATIONAL SERVICE

APA Health Disparities Behavioral Social Science Volunteers (BSSV), Member 2009 – 2013
APA Health Disparities Initiative, Health Equity Ambassador 2014 – present
Cancer Disparities Research Network (CDRN), Member 2013 – present
Disability Rights New York (Board Member, 2013 – present)

National Association of Social Workers, New York Chapter (Board Member, 2013 – present)
New York State Cancer Consortium

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Correctional Association
American Public Health Association
American Society of Criminology
Association for the Treatment of Tobacco Use and Dependence
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco
Society for Social Work Research

EDITORIAL BOARD

The Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology (2013 – Present)

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Culture, Health and Sexuality (2009 – Present)
Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (2010 – Present)
American Journal of Men's Health (2015 – Present)
Journal of Public Health Management and Practice (2015 – Present)

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. (September, 2016). Team science tackles mass incarceration. Retrieved from: <https://www.mailman.columbia.edu/public-health-now/news/team-science-tackles-mass-incarceration>

Letsch, C. (June, 2011). Ex-cons find help re-entering society with new Bronx community program. Retrieved from: The New York Daily News. Retrieved from: <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/bronx/ex-cons-find-re-entering-society-new-bronx-community-program-article-1.126237>