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EDUCATION

- PhD Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, 2012
Dissertation: "Exploring the Relationship between Work Environment and Quality of Care: Implications for the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Workforce"
[Chair: Sharon Reif, PhD, Brandeis University]
- MA Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, 2010
Degree: Master of Arts in Social Policy
- MA Lesley University, Cambridge, MA, 1997
Degree: Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology
- BA Simmons College, Boston, MA, 1989
Major: Business Management

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**Assistant Professor**

Stony Brook University, School of Social Welfare, 2020- present

Assistant Professor

Smith College, School for Social Work, 2015- 2020

Adjunct Professor

Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare, Fall 2020

Adjunct Professor

Boston University, School of Social Work, Off-Campus and On-Line MSW Programs, 2010-2020

Visiting Research Scholar

Brandeis University, Institute for Behavioral Health, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, 2018-2019

Senior Research Associate

Brandeis University, Institute for Behavioral Health, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, 2012-2015

Lecturer

Brandeis University, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, 2012-2015

Predoctoral Research Fellow

[Funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse]
Heller School of Social Policy & Management; Brandeis University; Waltham, MA
2011-2012

Graduate Research Assistant

Institute for Behavioral Health, Brandeis University, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, 2010-2012

Teaching Assistant

Brandeis University, College of Arts and Sciences, Health: Science, Society and Policy Program, 2010

Graduate Research Assistant

Institute for Behavioral Health, Brandeis University, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, 2008-2009

Predocctoral Research Fellow

[Funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism]
Heller School of Social Policy & Management; Brandeis University; Waltham, MA
2007-2009

Project Manager and Co-Investigator

Cambridge Health Alliance - Harvard Medical School, Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research, 2004-2007

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**PUBLICATIONS**

- Park, Y., **Torres, M.**, Bhuyan, R., Ao, J., Graves, L., & Rundle, A. (In Press). Perceptions of Structural Inequality and Attitudes Towards Immigrants Among U.S. Social Workers: Implications for Social Work Education. *Journal of Social Work Education*.
- Reif, S., Stewart, M., **Torres, M.**, Davis, M.T., Mohr, B., & Ritter, G. (2021). Effectiveness of value-based purchasing for substance use treatment engagement and retention. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 122. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsat.2020.108217>
- Torres, M.**, Capistrant, B., & Karpman, H. (2020). The Effect of Medicaid Expansion on Caregiver's Quality of Life. *Social Work in Public Health*, 35 (6), 473-482. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19371918.2020.1798836>
- Torres, M.**, Brolin, M., Panas, L., Ritter, G., Hodgkin, D., Lee, M.... Lane, N. (2020). Evaluating the feasibility and impact of case rate payment for recovery support navigator services. *BMC Health Services Research*, 20(1), 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-020-05861-8>
- Lee, M., **Torres, M.**, Brolin, M., Ritter, G., Panas, L., Horgan, C.... DeMarco, N. (2020). Impact of Recovery Support Navigators on Continuity of Care After Detoxification. *Journal of substance abuse treatment*, 112, 10-16., <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsat.2020.01.019>
- Davis, M.T., **Torres, M.**, Stewart, M., Reif, S., Nguyen, A. (2019). Improving quality and performance in substance use treatment programs: What is being done and why is it so hard? *Journal of Social Work*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1468017319867834>
- Hodgkin, D., Brolin, M., Ritter, G., **Torres, M.**, Merrick, E., Horgan, C.... Gewirtz, A. (2019). Cost Savings from a Navigator Intervention for Repeat Detoxification Clients. *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*, 22(1), 3-13
- Stewart, M., Reif, S., Mohr, B., Nguyen, A., **Torres, M.**, Davis, M. T., . . . Horgan, C. (2018). Value-based Incentives in a Public Addiction Treatment System: Effects on Access and Selection. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 95, 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsat.2018.09.002>
- Karpman, H. E., Ruppel, E. H., & **Torres, M.** (2018). "It wasn't feasible for us": Queer women of color navigating family formation. *Family Relations*, 67(1), 118-131. <https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12303>

- Kreiner, P. W., Strickler, G., Undurraga, E. A., **Torres, M.**, Nikitan, R. V., & Rogers, A. (2017). Validation of prescriber risk indicators obtained from prescription drug monitoring program data. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2016.11.020>
- Brolin, M., **Torres, M.**, Hodgkin, D., Horgan, C., Lee, M., Merrick, E., ... Lane, N. (2016). Implementation of Client Incentives within a Recovery Navigation Program. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsat.2016.09.003>
- Reif, S., **Torres, M.**, Horgan, C. M., & Merrick, E. L. (2012). Characteristics of practitioners in a private managed behavioral health plan. *BMC Health Services Research*, 12(1), 283. <https://doi.org/10.1186/1472-6963-12-283>
- Reif, S., Horgan, C., **Torres, M.**, & Merrick, E. (2010). Economic grand rounds: types of practitioners and outpatient visits in a private managed behavioral health plan. *Psychiatr Serv*, 61(11), 1066–1068. <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.61.11.1066>
- Guarnaccia, P. J., Lewis-Fernandez, R., Martinez Pincay, I., Shrout, P., Guo, J., **Torres, M.**, ... Alegria, M. (2010). Ataque de nervios as a marker of social and psychiatric vulnerability: results from the NLAAS. *The International Journal of Social Psychiatry*, 56, 298–309. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0020764008101636>
- Alegria, M., Shrout, P. E., **Torres, M.**, Lewis-Fernández, R., Abelson, J. M., Powell, M., ... Canino, G. (2009). Lessons learned from the clinical reappraisal study of the Composite International Diagnostic Interview with Latinos. *International Journal of Methods in Psychiatric Research*, 18(2), 84–95. <https://doi.org/10.1002/mpr.280>
- Alegria, M., Canino, G., Shrout, P. E., Woo, M., Duan, N., Vila, D., ... Meng, X. L. (2008). Prevalence of mental illness in immigrant and non-immigrant U.S. Latino groups. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 165(3), 359–369. <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ajp.2007.07040704>
- Rivera, F. I., Guarnaccia, P. J., Mulvaney-Day, N., Lin, J. Y., **Torres, M.**, & Alegria, M. (2008). Family Cohesion and its Relationship to Psychological Distress among Latino Groups. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 30(3), 357–378. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0739986308318713>
- Alegria, M., Sribney, W., Woo, M., **Torres, M.**, & Guarnaccia, P. (2007). Looking Beyond Nativity: The Relation of Age of Immigration, Length of Residence, and Birth Cohorts to the Risk of Onset of Psychiatric Disorders for Latinos. *Res Hum Dev*, 4(1), 19–47. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15427600701480980>
- Alegria, M., Woo, M., Cao, Z., **Torres, M.**, Meng, X. L., & Striegel-Moore, R. (2007). Prevalence and correlates of eating disorders in Latinos in the United States. *International Journal of Eating Disorders*, 40(7 SUPPL.). <https://doi.org/10.1002/eat.20406>
- Alegria, M., Shrout, P. E., Woo, M., Guarnaccia, P., Sribney, W., Vila, D., ... Canino, G. (2007). Understanding differences in past year psychiatric disorders for Latinos living in the US. *Social Science and Medicine*, 65(2), 214–230. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2007.03.026>
- Alegria, M., Mulvaney-Day, N., Woo, M., **Torres, M.**, Gao, S., & Oddo, V. (2007). Correlates of past-year mental health service use among Latinos: Results from the National Latino and Asian American Study. *American Journal of Public Health*, 97(1), 76–83. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2006.087197>
- Alegria, M., Mulvaney-Day, N., **Torres, M.**, Polo, A., Cao, Z., & Canino, G. (2007). Prevalence of psychiatric disorders across Latino subgroups in the United States. *American Journal of Public Health*, 97(1), 68–75. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2006.087205>

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Presentations

- Park, Y., **Torres, M.**, Bhuyan, R., Ao, J., Graves, I., & Rundle, A. *Social Worker's Perceptions of Structural Inequality and Attitudes Towards Immigrants: Implications for Social Work Education.* (January 2020) Presented at the 2020 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington DC.
- Leveraging Secondary Data to Answer Complex Social Work Questions: Caregivers in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)* Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington DC. (January 2020).
- **Torres, M.**, Karpman, H., & Capistrant, B. *Did Medicaid Expansion Impact Caregivers' Mental Health Quality of Life?*
 - Karpman, H., Capistrant, B., & **Torres, M.** *Do Caregivers of Those with Mental Illness Differ by Relationship Race or Relationship to Recipient?*
 - Capistrant, B., Henning-Smith, C., Karpman, H., & **Torres, M.** *Do U.S. Caregivers' Mental Health Quality of Life Differ by Rurality?*
- Torres, M.**, Karpman, H., Lord, H., Ruseau-Ricupero, N., Sencherey, D., Williams-Flores, X., Townsend, J. & Hallett, S. *Research as Activism: Practica Focused on Structural Oppression as a Pedagogical Tool.* (October 2019) Presented at the 2019 Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Torres, M.**, Dreschler, K., Howard-Howell, T., Kim, S., King, D., Lopez-Humphreys, M. & Singh, M. *Strategies for Emphasizing Diversity and Inclusion In and Throughout the MSW Curriculum.* (October 2019) Presented at the 2019 Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Torres, M.**, Reif, S., Horgan, C. & Hodgkin, D. *Improving Quality of Substance Abuse treatment by Focusing on the Workforce: Lessons from Massachusetts.* (January 2016). Presented at the 2016 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Torres, M.**, Brolin, M., Hopwood, J., Hodgkin, D. & Horgan, C. *Use of Recovery Support Navigators and Client Incentives to Improve Care and Outcomes for Repeat Detoxification Clients.* (January 2016). Poster presented at the 2016 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Davis, L., Diaz, H., Shanks, T., & **Torres, M.** *Latinos and Blacks: A Dialogue, Sharing Similarities—Acknowledging Differences.* (October 2015). Presented at the 2015 Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Torres, M.**, Reif, S., & Horgan, C. *An In-depth Look into the Addiction Treatment Workforce: Staffing Patterns, Workload, and Perceptions of the Work Environment.* (October 2014). Presented at the 2014 Addiction Health Services Conference, Boston, MA.
- Lane, N. & **Torres, M.** *Innovative Strategies to Improve Care and Outcomes for Repeat Detoxification Clients: Recovery Support Navigators and Client Incentives.* (October 2013). Presented at the 2013 Addiction Health Services Conference, Portland, OR.
- Torres, M.** *The Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Workforce in Massachusetts: Perspective of Program Directors and Clinical Staff on Work Environment.* (October 2012). Poster presented at the 2012 Addiction Health Services Research Conference, New York, NY.
- Torres, M.** *The Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Workforce in Massachusetts: Perspective of Program Directors and Clinical Staff on Work Environment.* (June 2012). Poster presented at the 2012 Research Society on Alcoholism Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Reif, S., Horgan, C.M., **Torres, M.**, Johnson, J. *Management Practices of Program Directors on the Front-lines of Addiction Treatment.* (October 2011). Poster presented at American Public Health Administration Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- Torres, M.** *The Addiction Treatment Workforce (ATW) Study: Characteristics and Perceptions of Alcohol and Other Drug Counselors in Massachusetts.* (October 2011). Poster presented at the Addiction Health Services Research Conference, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Reif, S., Horgan, C.M., **Torres, M.**, Merrick, E.L. *Clinician Patterns in Treatment of Mental & Substance Use Disorders in the Private Sector.* (June 2009). Poster presented at AcademyHealth Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Reif, S., Horgan, C.M., **Torres, M.**, Merrick, E.L. *Clinician Patterns in Treatment of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Disorders in the Private Sector.* (June 2009). Poster presented at Research Society on Alcoholism, San Diego, CA.

Invited (non-refereed) Presentations

Miller, J. & **Torres, M.** *Smith College School for Social Work's Efforts to Become an Anti-Racism Institution.* (October 2019). Presented at Boston University School for Social Work Teaching Colloquium and Community Conversation, Boston, MA.

Torres, M. *Unpacking the Latinx Paradox: Using Epidemiological Data to Inform Social Work Practice* (September 2016), Presented at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work, Hartford, CT.

Torres, M. Leibowitz, G. *Improving quality of care for individuals seeking behavioral health treatment: The role and impact of health care reform, trauma-informed care, and recognized service delivery gaps on research and practice.* (March 2014). Presented at the University of Vermont, Mental Health Matters conference, Burlington, VT.

Brown, T., Reif, S., **Torres, M.** *Having a System: Data and Content Management.* (April 2012) Presentation at Joint Doctoral Seminar, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

Torres, M. *The Addiction Treatment Workforce (ATW) Study: Characteristics and Perceptions of Alcohol and Other Drug Counselors in Massachusetts.* (September 2011). Poster presented at the 2011 NIAAA Training Directors Meeting and Trainee Workshop, Brown University, Providence, RI.

Torres, M. *The Addiction Treatment Workforce (ATW) Study Learning About the Outpatient Addiction Treatment Workforce: One Facility, One Counselor at a Time.* (May 2011). Poster presented at Innovations in Addictions II: Adapting to Change Conference sponsored by MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, Norwood, MA.

Torres M. *An overview of key NLAAS variables and scale items typically used in sub-sample analysis.* (June 2007). Presented at the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Collaborative Psychiatric Epidemiology Surveys (CPES) Training, Ann Arbor, MI.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

PAST FUNDING

09/01/13 – 08/31/18

Incentives in Public Addiction Treatment: Testing Design And Enhancing Impact

National Institute on Drug Abuse, award number R01DA033402

PI: Reif, Sharon

Role: *Co-Investigator*

08/15/12-12/31/17

Using Recovery Peer Navigators and Incentives to Improve Substance Abuse Medicaid Client Outcomes and Costs

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Health Care Innovation Award

PI: Jonna Hopwood, Beacon Health Options, Inc. / Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership

Brandeis Co-PIs: Constance Horgan and Mary Brolin

Role: *Co-Investigator*

07/01/14 – 08/31/15

Evaluation of Spectrum Recovery Support Navigator Project

Attorney General's Office of Massachusetts; subcontract to Brandeis from Spectrum Health Systems, Inc.

Evaluator: Brolin, Mary

Role: *Co-Investigator*

04/01/14 – 08/31/15

Evaluation of the Treatment Enhancement for Adolescents in Massachusetts (TEAM)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, (subcontract with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services)

Evaluator: Brolin, Mary

Role: *Co-Investigator*

01/01/11–12/31/12

Exploring the Relationship between Work Environment and Quality of Care

The Ruth L. Kirschstein National Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellows

National Institute on Drug Abuse, award number F31DA030880

Role: *Principal Investigator*

2010-2012

Management Evidence-Based Practices in Substance Abuse Treatment

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Award 02332

PI: Constance Horgan; Co-PI: Sharon Reif

Role: *Graduate Research Assistant*

2008-2009

Clinician Characteristics and Substance Abuse Performance Measures

National Institute on Drug Abuse, Grant P50 DA 010233

PI: Constance Horgan; Deputy Director: Sharon Reif

Role: *Graduate Research Assistant*

2004-2007

National Latino and Asian American Study,

Funder: National Institute of Mental Health, Grant U01 MH62209

Co-PIs: Margarita Alegria, Ph.D. and David T. Takeuchi, Ph.D.

Role: *Project Manager and Co-Investigator*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Smith College School for Social Work

2020 *Dissertation Design Seminar*, Doctoral course, Number of Students: 6

2019 *Introduction to Social Welfare Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 15

2019 *Dissertation Design Seminar*, Doctoral course, Number of Students: 7

2018 *Introduction to Social Welfare Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 22

2017 *Social Work Research Methods*, Masters course, Number of Students: 22

2016 *Introduction to Social Welfare Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 22

2016 *Social Work Research Methods*, Masters course, Number of Students: 15

Adjunct Professor, Stony Brook University, School of Social Welfare

2020 *Advanced Practice I: Assessment and Skills in Integrated Health*, Masters course, Number of Students: 24

2020 *Clinical Skills: Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy In Integrative Health*, Masters course, Number of Students: 24

Guest Lecturer, Brandeis University, Heller School for Social Policy and Management

2019 *Issues in Substance Abuse Treatment*, Graduate course, Number of Students: 12

- Substance Abuse Treatment Workforce

- Social Determinants of Health and their Impact of Consumers Seeking Treatment

- 2017 *Issues in Substance Abuse Treatment*, Graduate course, Number of Students: 12
- Substance Abuse Treatment Workforce
 - Social Determinants of Health and their Impact of Consumers Seeking Treatment

Lecturer, Brandeis University, Heller School for Social Policy and Management

- 2015 *Introduction to SAS® Programming and Data Management*, Graduate course, six week module, Number of Students: 18
- 2014 *Introduction to Stata® Programming and Data Management*, Graduate course, six week module, Number of Students: 24
- 2014 *Introduction to SAS® Programming and Data Management*, Graduate course, six week module, Number of Students: 21
- 2013 *Introduction to Stata® Programming and Data Management*, Graduate course, six week module, Number of Students: 15
- 2012 *Introduction to Stata® and SAS® Programming and Data Management*, Graduate course, six week module, Number of Students: 28

Adjunct Professor, Boston University, School of Social Work, On-Line Programs

- 2020 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 80
- 2019 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 90
- 2018 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 70
- 2017 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 60
- 2016 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 60
- 2015 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 60
- 2014 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 80
- 2013 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 20

Adjunct Professor, Boston University, School of Social Work, Off-Campus Programs

- 2014 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 13
- 2013 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 23
- 2012 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 18
- 2011 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 16
- 2010 *Mental Health Policy*, Masters course, Number of Students: 17

Teaching Assistant, Brandeis University, College of Arts and Sciences, Health: Science, Society and Policy Program

- 2010 *Introduction to Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Population Health*, Undergraduate course, Number of Students: 41

SERVICE

Committee Member, Council on Racial, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity, Council for Social Work Education (July 2015 – present)

- Co-Chair 2020-2021

Board of Directors, Casa Esperanza, Roxbury, MA. (January 2015 - present)

Editorial Board for the journal *Smith College Studies in Social Work*

Editorial Board for the journal *Race and Social Problems*

Consulting Editor for the journal *Health & Social Work*

Abstract reviewer for the 2018 Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting

Behavioral Health abstract review committee for the 2014 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting

SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program Director, RESPOND, Inc., Somerville MA, 2002-2003

Responsible for all aspects of direct services agency-wide, including program management, policy development, grants administration (local, state and federal), development of in-service trainings for staff as well as trainings at external agencies on domestic violence related issues

Direct Service Coordinator, RESPOND, Inc., Somerville MA, 2001-2002

Supervised all non-residential direct service staff, while maintaining an active client caseload and running support groups for women in the community as well as shelter residents.

Mental Health Clinician, Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc., Boston, MA, 1998-1999

Member of the clinical team working with women in the community and within the shelter, provided weekly individual and group counseling in both English and Spanish, presented casework for intensive collaboration with staff, and supervised Masters Level mental health interns