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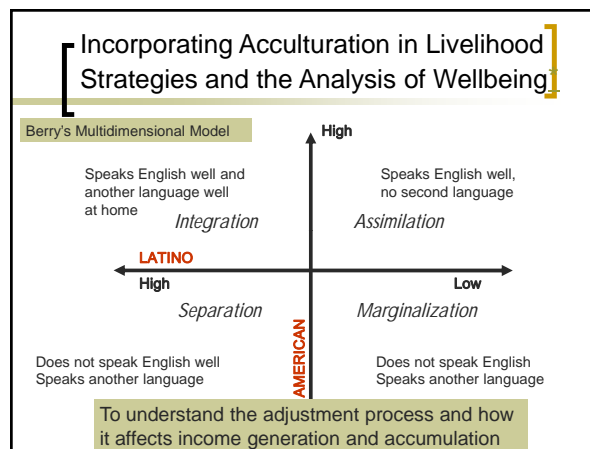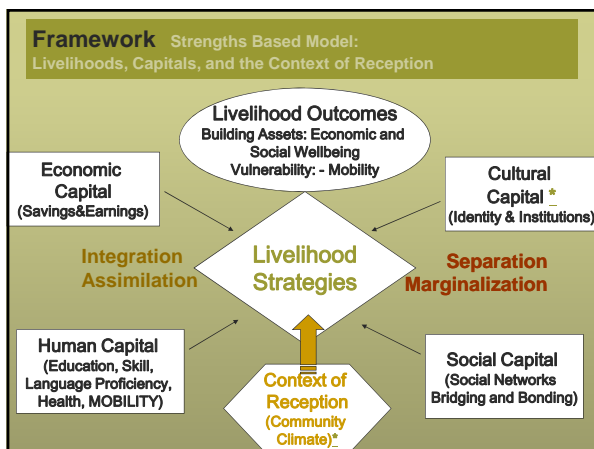**St Louis 2009**

"Latino Mobility, Acculturation, and Community Climate Impacts on Economic Wellbeing"

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Income and Wellbeing

◆ What effects do Mobility, Acculturation and Community Climate have on Income and Wellbeing?

Framework Strengths Based Model: Livelihoods, Capitals, and the Context of Reception

Livelihood Outcomes
Building Assets: Economic and Social Wellbeing
Vulnerability: - Mobility

Economic Capital (Savings&Earnings)

Cultural Capital * (Identity & Institutions)

Integration Assimilation

Livelihood Strategies

Separation Marginalization

Human Capital (Education, Skill, Language Proficiency, Health, MOBILITY)

Social Capital (Social Networks Bridging and Bonding)

Context of Reception (Community Climate)*

Incorporating Acculturation in Livelihood Strategies and the Analysis of Wellbeing

Berry's Multidimensional Model

High

Speaks English well and another language well at home
Integration

Speaks English well, no second language
Assimilation

LATINO
High   Low

Separation   *Marginalization*

AMERICAN

Does not speak English well
Speaks another language

Does not speak English
Speaks another language

To understand the adjustment process and how it affects income generation and accumulation

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Findings from a quantitative analysis

Effect of Mobility, Acculturation and Climate on Income of Latinos (Valdivia et al 2008)

Variables	Origin	
	Natives	Foreign
Work Experience	0.293	0.202
Acculturation-integration	0.280	0.137
Acculturation-assimilation	0.024#	0.042
Racial profiling	-0.046	-0.081
Gender: Female	-0.174	-0.512
Mobility	0.022 #	-0.018
Social Capital index	0.174	0.074

-# Not significant
-Three regions of Missouri, Census and AG data 2000

Findings from Asset Accumulation Project

258 Households

Two regions (North and Central)

Wellbeing - questions

Question Wellbeing Mean and Standard Error	4.9 (0.1)	Integration/ Assimilation	Marginaliz/ Separation
My life is close to my ideal	4.71 (0.1)	4.75 (.2)	4.69 (.1)
Conditions of my life are excellent	4.96 (.1)	5.04 (.2)	4.93 (.1)
Are satisfied with my life	5.59 (.1)	5.61 (.2)	5.58 (.1)
So far I have gotten the important things in my life **	4.97 (.1)	4.95 (.2)	5.03 (.1)
If I could live forever I would change almost nothing	4.26 (.1)	4.41 (.3)	4.24 (.2)

1 is strongly disagree
4 is neutral
7 is strongly agree

Mobility Findings

Categories	Total (mean)	Integration	Separation
Age	36	34	37
Education	8-9th grade	68% HS diploma +	10% HS diploma +
Years in Current Job	3.5	3.3	3.5
Years in this Community & the previous one	6 / 4.8	6.7 / 4.9	5.7/ 4.7
No. Months Unemployed last 12 months Currently Working %	4.8 64%	5.1 58%	4.5 66%
Mean Monthly Salary $	1,744	1,912	1,717
Last Year Earnings $	17,356	21,551	16,705
Remittances$ (yearly)	287	327	260

Acculturation

Integration   Assimilation

Separation   Marginalization

Categories	Total	Integration	Separation
Spanish Mean of 12	3.4	3.5	3.4
English Mean of 12	1.9	3.1	1.6
SCALE 1 - 4			

Acculturation Groups

N = 53 ; 21%

English (mean) > 2.5
Spanish (mean) > 2.5

N = 3 ; 1%

English (mean) > 2.5
Spanish (mean) < 2.5

High

Integration   *Assimilation*

LATINO

High   **Language Use Linguistic Proficiency Electronic Media**   Low

AMERICAN

Separation   *Marginalization*

English (mean) < 2.5
Spanish (mean) > 2.5

English (mean) < 2.5
Spanish (mean) < 2.5

Low

N = 192 ; 74%

N = 6 ; 2%

Community Climate & the Context of Reception

Three groups of items
measure context of reception

Social Cultural Environmental 12 items

Racism & Discrimination Stresses 8 items

Language 5 Items

Climate & Context of Reception: Social Cultural Environment

QUESTIONS (7)	3.75	Int.	Sep
This community feels like a cold and uncaring place to me	4.1	NS	
I feel uncomfortable living in this community	3.0	NS	
I feel that I have to change to fit into this community P<.10	3.9	3.5	4.1
This community is an unfriendly place	3.4	NS	

Scale from 1 to 7
1 is strongly disagree
4 is neutral
7 strongly agree

Scores > 4 Negative Context of Reception

Climate & Context of Reception: Racism & Discrimination

QUESTIONS (8)	3.6	Int	Sep
My appearance makes it hard to fit in the community	3.6	NS	
People in this community have stereotypes about my culture P<.1	4.4	3.9	4.6
I have been treated rudely or unfairly because I am a newcomer	3.0	NS	
I have been discriminated against because I am a newcomer	3.0	NS	
People expect me to behave in a certain way because of my race and ethnicity	3.7	NS	

Scores> 4 Negative Context of Reception

Scale from 1 to 7
1 is strongly disagree
4 is neutral
7 strongly agree

Climate & Context of Reception: Language

QUESTIONS (7)	4.4	Int	Sep
I feel pressured to learn English	5.4	4.5	5.6
My language makes it hard to fit into this community	4.5	2.7	5.7
Since I don't speak English well people have treated me rudely or unfairly	3.3	2.8	5.0
I have been discriminated against because I have difficulty speaking English (P<.1)	3.4	2.9	3.5
I bothers me that I speak English with an accent (P<.1)	3.6	2.9	3.8
I feel uncomfortable being around people who only speak English	3.8	NS	

Scores> than 4 = Negative Context of Reception

Next Steps

- Analysis of the effect of Mobility, Acculturation and Context of Reception on Income and Life Satisfaction
- Complete surveys in a third region in Missouri
- See if there are consistencies between the Census and Household Surveys

THANK YOU!

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How important in your decision to leave your country

Legend: Welcoming Community; Work Availability Leave Community; Being with Family; Good Earnings; Better Education for their Children

Categories: Not important, Little Importance, Important, Very Important

Probability of Staying in this Community & Quality of Life