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# A

**Cristina Abreo**, *Oportunidades NOLA, St. Anna's Episcopal Church, New Orleans*

Christina Abreo was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and has lived throughout southeast Louisiana. She and her siblings grew up in Mexico, Guatemala and Peru while her parents were stationed in Latin America as missionaries. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana and her Master of Arts and Ph.D. in Latin American Studies from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her dissertation research examines the influence that a group of Mayan cooperatives are having on adult education, development and employment training in San Juan la Laguna, Sololá, Guatemala. She is the first in her family to attend college.

**David Aguayo**, *University of Missouri*

David Aguayo is a first generation college graduate and an incoming Ph.D. student in the Counseling Psychology program at the University of Missouri. His research interest involves the career development and the wellbeing of at-risk youth and their families. In particular, he is interested in looking at the developmental process of immigrant families here in the United States, specially, the role that these families play in the career development of immigrant youth.

**Cintia Aguilar**, *North Carolina State University*

Cintia Aguilar is the Latino Affairs Facilitator for Cooperative Extension and the Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences. She holds a master degree in Psychology from the University of Costa Rica. She has worked with families via NC State University for the last 9 years. As the Latino Affairs Facilitator, her primary responsibility is providing technical assistance to the Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences staff in how to reach out to Latino audiences, develop programs for them, and develop partnership with community agencies. Her appointment also includes supporting the overall Extension system in North Carolina in the same capability. Cintia was one of the early leaders of SERA-37 and codirects a Latino dropout prevention program called Juntos.

**Kimberly Allen**, *North Carolina State University*

# B

**John Bailey**, Center for Rural Affairs

**Sue Bartelette**, *Lincoln University Cooperative Extension*

Sue Bartelette has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and a major in Horticulture with emphasis on Landscape Design. She is a landscape designer for the Native Plants Program for Lincoln University Cooperative Extension. She owns and operates Flower and Garden Design, a landscape design and maintenance business for the last 17 years. She specializes in Native Plant landscapes and promotes the importance of maintaining biodiversity and habitat for conservation, and the use of native plants for storm water mitigation and clean water.

**Andrew O. Behnke**, *North Carolina State University*

**Andrew O. Behnke**, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of human development and an extension specialist at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. He has served the Latino community for the last twelve years in different capacities. Dr. Behnke and Cintia Aguilar developed the “Juntos” program to help Latino families come together to make higher education a reality. He conducts outreach efforts and applied research on academic achievement among Latino youth, parent involvement in academics, stress and parenting, and Latino fatherhood. His life mission is bringing better attention to those factors that help immigrant Latino families succeed and thrive in the U.S.

**Cornelia Butler Flora**, *Iowa State University*

Cornelia Butler Flora is the Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Sociology at Iowa State University. Her MS and PhD are from the University of California at Berkeley. She served for 15 years as the Director of the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development, covering the 12 Midwestern States. She is a past president of the Rural Sociological Society, the Society for Food and Human Values, and the Community Development Society. She has served on a number of governing boards, including that of Winrock, International and CONDESAN (Consortium for the Sustainable Development of the Andean Region). She consults with the World Bank, USAID, and UNIFEM on issues of sustainability in the face of climate change. Her recent books include *Communities and Agroecosystems and Rural Communities: Legacy and Change*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition. She is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

# C

**Miguel A. Carranza**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Miguel A. Carranza, Ph.D. is a Professor of Sociology & Ethnic Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is also Director of the Latino Research Initiative, a group of faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and professionals in the community all of whom have an interest in issues impacting Latinos in the Great Plains and Midwest regions. Currently, Professor Carranza's research focuses on the integration of Latinos into predominantly non-Latino urban and rural communities. Of particular interest is the growth of the Latino children and youth populations and the impact this growth will have on the future of these communities.

**Siobhan Champ-Blackwell**, *National Network of Libraries of Medicine*

As the Health Information Literacy Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region <http://nnlm.gov/mcr/>, Ms. Champ-Blackwell works to assist in the reduction of health disparities by providing access to health information to underserved populations and the health care providers who serve them. Ms. Champ-Blackwell oversees the development of outreach programs to libraries and community based organizations that result in increased direct access to health information by the general public. She reaches a large audience through the "Bringing Health Information to the Community" blog <http://nnlm.gov/bhic>

**Hung Chiao**, *University of Missouri*

Hung Chiao is a doctoral candidate in counseling psychology at the University of Missouri. She is originally from Taiwan and leaving for the University of Maryland-College Park for one-year full-time internship at the UMD Counseling Center. She is currently working on her dissertation on Filipina female immigrants' cross-cultural coping in Taiwan.

**Seonghee Cho**, *University of Missouri***Stephen R. Christ**, *University of Missouri*

Stephen R. Christ is a doctoral student in Sociology at the University of Missouri-Columbia where he serves as a graduate teaching assistant and is a University of Missouri Gus T. Ridgel fellow. Stephen earned a B.A. in Spanish and Sociology in 2008, master's degree in Sociology and a graduate certificate in Women's and

Gender Studies in 2010. A native of Brownsville, Texas, his research interests focus primarily on Mexican-American culture, identity and assimilation as well as racial/ethnic inequalities.

**Jamie Christianson**, *University of Missouri*

**Amy Cole**, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*

Amy Cole is the Senior Program Officer and Regional Attorney in the Mountains/Plains Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation where she represents the Trust in the states of Kansas, Nebraska and Utah and provides technical assistance on preservation-related legal issues arising throughout the Mountains/Plains Region, particularly compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize our communities. Ms. Cole joined the National Trust in February 2001. Before coming to the Trust, Cole was the Director of Legal Affairs and Special Projects at Preservation North Carolina, a statewide preservation non-profit. A native of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, Cole received a B.A. degree in Historic Preservation from Mary Washington College in 1993, and a J.D. degree from Wake Forest University in 1996.

**Christine Cook**, *Iowa State University*

**Eduardo Crespi**, *Centro Latino de Salud, Educación y Cultura, Columbia, MO.*

**Arthur G. Cosby**, *Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University*

## D

**Lisa M. Dorner**, *University of Missouri-St. Louis*

Lisa M. Dorner is Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Her research examines immigrant childhoods, second language learning, and the politics of implementing bilingual and language immersion programs. Currently, she is analyzing the development of a network of language immersion schools in the Midwest, including how parents and community members understand and take part

in their creation. Lisa also studies how the adolescent children of immigrants and language brokers perceive their opportunities for civic action.

**Pedro Dozi**, *University of Missouri*

Preparing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Fellow; Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources, MU. Previous awards for Pedro include being named a Fulbright Scholar, and the most outstanding graduate student in the agricultural and applied economics department.

## E

**Bruce A. Eddy**, *Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund, Kansas City*

Bruce A. Eddy is executive director of the Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund, a public fund dedicated to mental health services for indigent Jackson County residents. He is an appointed member of the Greater Kansas City Homeless Task Force and serves as a member of the Jackson County Mental Health Court Commission. Previously he was executive of Resource Development Institute, a non-profit research organization. Dr. Eddy played a key role in working groups that created Jackson County's mental health courts and law enforcement Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT). His background includes administration of federally-funded programs, support for cultural competence in funding and regulation, mental health program evaluation, regulation of university-based training programs for developmental disabilities, and research on persons with mental illness in jail settings.

**Westy A. Egmont**, *Boston College*

Egmont served as the long time president of the International Institute of Boston, serving both Massachusetts and NH with a full array of immigrant services and refugee resettlement. He is co-chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Refugees and Immigrants and served as the co-chair of National Immigrant Integration Conference held in 2010. For a term, he served as chair of the national network of the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and as a professor of practice at Boston College, he teaches social policy and immigrant social service courses.

Prior to his current work, Westy developed the Greater Boston Food Bank, hosted a TV show on the NBC affiliate for 11 seasons and served religious organizations in New England and Kenya.

**Joey C. Eisenmann**, *Michigan State University*

**Mary Emery**, *Iowa State University*

Dr. Mary Emery, a member of the Sociology Department at Iowa State University, conducts research related to community change work and co-chairs the Great Plains IDEA multi-university on-line Master's degree in Community Development. An active practitioner in community and economic development, her experience includes work in many states and native communities in the US and several international assignments. Currently, she is evaluating a variety of initiatives related to food and fitness and community wellness.

**William Escalante**, *Michigan State University*

William Escalante is a doctoral student in Sociology at Michigan State University. He worked at the Julian Samora Research Institute as a graduate research assistant on this project. His research interests include Latinos in the Midwest.

## F

**Frank L. Farmer**, *University of Arkansas*

**Jan L. Flora**, *Iowa State University*

Jan L. Flora is Professor of Sociology and Extension Community Sociologist at Iowa State University (ISU). He is on the faculty of the inter-university, interdisciplinary Community Development Masters and of the ISU interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture. He is co-author, with Cornelia Flora, of *Rural Communities: Legacy and Change*. His research and teaching center on social capital, sustainable communities, and the sociology of agriculture. He studies the effects of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) raids on Marshalltown and Postville, Iowa, and the contribution of Latino businesses to Iowa communities. In his Extension role, he works with Regional Food Groups in Iowa to assist them in incorporating immigrants and refugees into the local food chain.

**Lisa Y. Flores**, *University of Missouri*

*Lisa Y. Flores* is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational, School & Counseling Psychology at the University of Missouri. She has expertise in the career

development of women and Latino/as and Latino immigrant issues and has published (46 journal articles, 11 book chapters, 5 encyclopedia entries) and presented (over 100 national conference presentations) extensively in these areas. She has expertise in conducting quantitative (structural equation modeling, multi-group analysis, multiple regressions, factor analysis) and qualitative (consensual qualitative research) analyses. She is currently Editor of the Journal of Career Development and an outgoing Associate Editor of the Journal of Counseling Psychology, and has served on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Vocational Behavior, The Counseling Psychologist, Journal of Counseling Psychology, and Career Development Quarterly. Dr. Flores is PI on a grant from the National Science Foundation that examines the Persistence in Engineering Academic Majors and Entry-Level Engineering Jobs among Latino and White Men and Women, and co-PI on the USDA grant that is attempting to link the receiving and newcomer communities through an investigation of immigrant integration in three rural Missouri communities.

## G

**Patton Garriott**, *University of Missouri*

**Mary Giovagnoli**, *Director of the Immigration Policy Center, Washington, D.C.*

Mary Giovagnoli is the Director of the Immigration Policy Center, a division of the American Immigration Law Foundation. Prior to joining the IPC, Mary was the Senior Director of Policy for the National Immigration Forum. From 1996-2004, Mary practiced law as an attorney with the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security, serving first as a trial attorney and associate general counsel with the INS, and, following the creation of DHS, as an associate chief counsel for United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. During that time she specialized in refugee and asylum law. In 2005, Mary became the senior advisor to the Director of Congressional Relations at USCIS. In 2007, she received a Congressional Fellowship from USCIS to serve for a year in Senator Edward M. Kennedy's office where she worked on comprehensive immigration reform and refugee issues. Prior to joining the government, she clerked for two years for the Honorable William T. Hart, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Mary attended Drake University, graduating summa cum laude with a major in speech communication. She received a master's degree in rhetoric and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin and spent over ten years teaching public speaking, argumentation and debate, and parliamentary procedure while pursuing her education.



**Eleazar U. González**, *Cambio Center, University of Missouri*

Eleazar U. Gonzalez is a rural sociologist with interests in Economic-Sociology including social entrepreneurship, collective action, community development, and health literacy amongst Latino communities. He has experience in working with Latino communities in Missouri and the country of Mexico. Since 2003, his main area of research has been studying Latinos, mostly Mexican immigrants, in order to improve their quality of life, specifically in Missouri. Currently, he is working on a project that seeks to facilitate the access and use of USDA programs amongst Latino farmers and ranchers in Nebraska and Missouri.

**Judith R. González**, *Forest Institute, Springfield, Missouri*

Dr. Judith R. Gonzalez is a licensed psychologist and licensed marriage and family therapist in Missouri. She is an approved supervisor by the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapist and a core faculty at Forest Institute of Professional Psychology, where she serves as both instructor and supervisor.

Dr. Gonzalez obtained a Master in Arts in Education, a Master in Arts in Christian Education, a Postgraduate degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and a Doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Forest Institute. She is a practicing clinical psychologist and marriage and family therapist.

Dr. Gonzalez is a clinical member of the American Psychological Association, de American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, American Public Health Association, and the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association. She serves as a member in different local, regional and international boards as the Areas Health Education Centers, Community Foundation of the Ozarks, and ACT International. She has authored numerous articles, handbooks, and book chapters in the areas of psychology, spirituality, gender issues, poverty issues, preventive health care, and social justice and community behavioral prevention. She has lectured throughout this country and abroad on topics in those fields. She has also received several grants to support her research in these areas.

In 2005-2010, Dr. Gonzalez co-developed and received a grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health - Healthy and Active Communities Initiative to implement the 3Vs' Program - Vitality, Vim and Vigor for Life - a program to provide education, motivation, and opportunities to encourage children, youth, and adult minorities, living in the most disadvantaged areas of Christian and Greene Counties in Missouri, to evaluate and change their lifestyles to adopt healthful eating behaviors, regular physical activity, and behavioral strategies for a healthier style of life.

**Rosa Gonzales, *Iowa State University Extension***

Rosa Gonzales, a native of Mexico, works as a Family Program Specialist for Iowa State University. Her work focuses on capacity building of leaders and residents in Perry, Iowa, to build a strong future for Perry's growing Latino population. She serves as the President for Hispanics United for Perry, and delivers educational programming to Latino audiences in the areas of parenting and family literacy.

**Kimberly Greder, *Iowa State University Extension***

Kimberly Greder, is an associate professor in the department of Human Development and Family Studies and a family life specialist for Iowa State University Extension. Her Extension teaching and research focuses on parenting and family resilience especially as it relates to family health and well-being. She leads an Extension research project focused on health and well-being of rural Latino immigrant families.

**James Goves, *University of Missouri*****Alejandra Gudiño, *University of Missouri***

Alejandra Gudiño is Anthropologist and Social Archaeologist housed at the College of Human Environmental Sciences, Department of Nutrition and Exercise Physiology. She has been involved in integrating Latino newcomers to Missouri over the past 12 years; and has extensive research and service experience working with social network and demographic changes. Alejandra is especially interested on the reconfiguration of cultural and social meaning as a result of mobility and migration process, with an emphasis on how food can equal identity. She is also a Certified Relationship Enhancement Program Leader and provides relationship education to Latino couples; is a Difficult Dialogue Fellow and Research Fellow at the University of Missouri Cambio Center; and is the Co-Chair of the "Strengthening Families and Family Involvement in Education Workgroup" for the NCERA: Latinos and Immigrants in Midwestern Communities Inter- State University Network.

**H****Himar Hernández, *Iowa State University Extension***

Himar Hernández, a native of the Canary Islands, Spain, came to the United States as an exchange student at the age of 15. He holds a B.A. in Public Administration/Political Science from Buena Vista University. Mr. Hernández was

the Director for the New Iowan Center in South East Iowa before joining Iowa State University Extension as an Economic and Community Development Program Specialist. He covers the State of Iowa providing leadership development training for new immigrants and diversity trainings to communities. Himar has worked for the last six years with Latino business owners in Iowa assisting them in becoming successful. Himar is also involved with Main Street at the local, state and national levels. He is co-author of "Cultural Impediments to Trust Development: A Network Analysis of a Hispanic Business Network" presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Meetings in Chicago, IL and was interviewed on Good Morning America regarding Latino impact in small rural communities. He is the Chair for Iowa State University Extension Diversity Committee.

**Julie Humphrey**, *Hand In Hand Multicultural Center*

Julie Humphrey is the Executive Director and co-founder of Hand In Hand Multicultural Center, a non-profit organization that provides health education and awareness programs, as well as clinics, seminars, and professional counseling services for the communities of southwest Missouri targeting ethnic minorities, disadvantaged populations, bilingual and especially Hispanic families and individuals. Mrs. Humphrey received her BS in Education degree from Missouri State University in Springfield and her MS in Counseling from the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Mrs. Humphrey retired from public school counseling and teaching after 25 years of services, to work with grants and projects of Hand In Hand-- one of which has been the 3 V's for Life-Vitality, Vim and Vigor for life program. This grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health has focused on the healthy and active community initiative targeting the Latino population to create awareness and nutrition education to promote and develop healthier choices for healthier families.

Working with the diverse and bilingual populations in Springfield and southwest Missouri, Julie has many years of expertise understanding barriers to health care, community resources, and the great need for health education, awareness, and provision of resources through organizations such as Hand In Hand.

**Jennifer Hunter**, *University of Missouri*

**Jennifer Hunter, PhD, RN**, is Associate Professor at the University of Missouri, School of Nursing. Dr. Hunter has a masters' degree in nursing and obtained her doctoral degree in cultural/medical anthropology from the University of Kansas. She teaches cultural assessment and cross-cultural communication skills to graduate students at UMKC, an introduction to international health course, and qualitative research methodologies to doctoral students. She has been involved with the

Cancer, Culture and Literacy Institute, Moffitt Cancer Center, University of South Florida, since 2003 when she was selected as a Fellow of the Institute.

Dr. Hunter's research has focused on cervical cancer in vulnerable populations, particularly Latina populations both in the United States and Peru. In both areas she has studied both women's experiences and social realities and resources that must be considered to plan relevant and effective cervical cancer prevention and treatment programs. In the U.S., Dr. Hunter has studied cervical cancer knowledge and behaviors in Mexican immigrant populations, addressing how culture, language, and literacy impact prevention education. She has received two NIH grants; one for the research presented today, a multisite (Kansas City, Garden City KS, and San Antonio TX) project entitled, *Learner Verification of Cervical Cancer Education with Mexican Immigrant Women*. Dr. Hunter has more currently expanded her research program to include issues of cervical cancer survivorship and the impact of treatment on sexual function and intimate relationships.

## J

**Anne Dannerbeck Janku**, *Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator*

Anne Dannerbeck Janku is a Cambio Center fellow. She is the research manager at the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator. She has been conducting research on Latinos in Missouri since the late nineties. One of the highlights of her career was being part of the initial award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the project, Asset Accumulation Strategies of Latino Newcomers in New Settlement Communities of the Midwest.

**Stephen Jeanetta**, *University of Missouri Extension*

His work focuses on fostering the development of community organizations, the development and facilitation of community planning processes and program focused on building inclusive communities. Jeanetta has also served as coordinator of the Community Development Academy since 1999. His research with the Latino community has focused on understanding the effects of community climate and social networks on the process of integration into rural communities. Jeanetta has been engaged in the leadership of Cambio de Colores since the first conference in 2002 and is a founding member of the Cambio Center and serves on its executive board.

**Joel Jennings, *Saint Louis University***

Dr. Joel Jennings is a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Saint Louis University. His research focuses on Latino/a immigration, citizenship, and geographic scale in the St. Louis region. He serves as the Coordinator for the Latino Studies Program that is being developed at SLU, and is currently writing a manuscript (under contract at Michigan State University Press) that explores the confluence of citizenship and geographic scale in the emergent Latino population in St. Louis. Other on-going research projects include a multi-phase investigation into attitudes towards immigrants in Missouri and a project analyzing Latino political participation in St. Louis. Joel's academic service entails significant work with immigrant-serving non-profit organizations in the St. Louis area. He is currently the Board Chair of Interfaith Legal Services for Immigrants (ILSI) and the Faculty Adviser to the Hispanic American Leaders Organization (HALO) and the SLU College Democrats. He is also a co-founder and coordinator for the St. Louis Consortium for Latino Research (STLCLR) which brings researchers from SLU, Washington University and the University of Missouri, St. Louis together with Latino-serving organizations and individual community members. Joel previously served as an Advisory Board member with Catholic Community Charity Services, Southside. At Saint Louis University, his courses include; Soc 118: Geography of World Regions; Soc 218: Cities and Space; Soc 318: Immigration and Soc 418: Citizenship (which is a challenge seminar designed for graduate school-bound juniors and seniors). In 2010, Joel received the Robert A. Johnston, S.J. Award for Teaching Excellence by the College of Arts and Letters at Saint Louis University. Joel earned his Ph. D. from the Department of Geography at Cambridge University, England. His studies there were supported by a Gates Cambridge Trust Fellowship and an Overseas Research Scholarship (British government).

**Barbara Jones, *National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region***

Barb Jones is the Missouri/Advocacy Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region <http://nnlm.gov/mcr/>. Ms. Jones provides tools and resources that promote the value of libraries. She also provides outreach and training to community organizations and libraries in Missouri.

**K****Marlen Kanagui-Muñoz, *University of Missouri***

Marlen Kanagui-Muñoz is a fourth-year doctoral student in the Department of Educational, School and Counseling Psychology at the University of Missouri. Marlen

is a Ford Foundation Diversity Fellow and a George Washington Carver Fellow. Her broad research interests include the experiences of Latina/os in higher education, cultural influences in coping, and mental health disparities in minority populations.

**Patrick Kerr**, *Department of Education's Region VII office, Kansas City*

Patrick Kerr currently serves as the Director of Communications and Outreach for the Department of Education's Region VII office in Kansas City where he acts as a liaison between regional stakeholders in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri and Department Headquarters in Washington, DC. Prior to working at the Department, Mr. Kerr worked as a Legislative Affairs/Public Affairs Officer for the National Counterproliferation Center (NCPC) under the auspices of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) in Washington, DC and served over 10 years as an Officer in the United States Marine Corps, most recently working as a legislative liaison at the Pentagon. He also served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Deputy Public Affairs Officer for 2nd Marine Division.

**Jill F. Kilanowski**, *Case Western Reserve University*

Dr. Jill F. Kilanowski is a pediatric nurse practitioner and assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She earned her Bachelor and Masters Degrees in nursing at Columbia University in New York and her PhD at The Ohio State University. Dr. Kilanowski has focused her research on the health of migrant farmworker children and their high rates of overweight and obesity. She also examines nutrition and food security and uses audio-enhanced technology to collect data in non-English speaking participants. Dr. Kilanowski has conducted research at migrant camps in Ohio and Michigan helping migrant mothers learn about healthy eating for their families, and today will report on intervention studies for students conducted at a summer Migrant Education Program in Michigan. She has just completed a CTSA KL2 career development award and will soon start a position as nurse scientist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

**Ann Marie Kuchinski**, *University of Missouri*

Ann Marie Kuchinski received her Master's degree in Anthropology from Georgia State University in 1997. Since then she has worked in a variety of teaching and research positions as well as for the State of Georgia and University of Missouri Extension. Currently she is working on a research project out of the School of Social Work examining the savings strategies of foster youth involved in Opportunity Passport (an initiative of the Casey Foundation). She is also a PhD candidate in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

# L

**Hang Shim Lee**, *University of Missouri*

Hang Shim Lee is a doctoral student in counseling psychology at the University of Missouri. Originally from South Korea, she received her master's degree in counseling psychology at Ewha Womans University. Her primary professional area is the career development of minority and international students in the United States. She is also interested in the study of multicultural and cross-cultural competency. She is currently working at the International Student's Career Services and on developing culturally modified career programs for international students. She is also teaching a career exploration class for international students.

**Ana Juarez López**, *Center for Intercultural Teaching and Learning at Goshen College, Indiana*

Ana Juarez López serves as the Director of Latino Studies Service Term, an intercultural service-learning program, and as a researcher in the Center for Intercultural Teaching and Learning (CITL) at Goshen College. The research agenda of CITL seeks to understand how small liberal arts colleges can best serve the educational needs of rapidly increasing Latino immigrant populations through access opportunities, curriculum innovation, and research. Goshen College is utilizing research findings to increase enrollment, retention, and success among students of color.

Ana has been involved in addressing Latino issues through youth development and college access programs and now through research. Her research interests include college access and success for Latino students, parent/family engagement in education, school-community-family partnerships, and social contexts of immigrant families. Ana completed her bachelor's degree from Grace College, Winona Lake, IN and earned a master's degree in social administration with a concentration in community and social development from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

# M

**Rafael Martinez**, *Center for Rural Affairs*

**Rubén Martinez**, *Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University.*

Rubén Martinez is the director of the Julian Samora Research Institute at Michigan State University. He chairs the interstate initiative, Latinos and Immigrants in Midwestern Communities, and promotes the study of Latinos in the Midwest. He is series editor of *Latinos in the United States*, and editor of the volume, *Latinos in the Midwest*, published in 2011.

**Marissa S. Matta**, *Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University*

**Yvonne Matthews**, *Lincoln University Cooperative Extension*

Yvonne Matthews earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Herbert H. Lehman College in New York City and a Master of Science degree in Consumer Affairs from Howard University in Washington, DC. She moved to Missouri to work on a Ph.D. degree in Family and Consumer Economics.

Yvonne Matthews has been on faculty at Lincoln University of Missouri for over twenty years. She is most noted for her work in the area of Cultural Diversity and as a State Specialist in the area of Human Resource Development.

Since January 2008, she has had the privilege to serve Lincoln University and the people of the State of Missouri in the capacity of Interim Associate Administrator for Cooperative Extension. As such, she manages a staff of approximately sixty people and influences programs for people living in Kansas City, St. Louis, the Bootheel and Central Missouri.

She tries to shape her life after the sentiment expressed in the chorus of one of her favorite songs, "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain."

**Nancie McAnaugh**, *Center for Health Policy at the University of Missouri*

Nancie McAnaugh, MSW, is a Project Director at the Center for Health Policy at the University of Missouri-Columbia, joined the Center for Health Policy in December, 2010 and serves as the Education and Outreach Director of the Missouri Health



Information Technology Regional Assistance Center and leads CHP's Missouri Health Equity Collaborative (MOHEC). Prior to joining the Center for Health Policy she was Deputy Director/Chief Operating Officer at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). Ms. McAnaug has held many leadership positions, including service as the former Director and Deputy Director of the Division of Senior Services and Regulation (2003-05), Chief of the Office of Governmental Policy and Legislation in the Department of Health and Senior Services, (2002-03), Senior Budget and Policy Analyst in the Governor's Budget Office in Missouri (1998-2002), and Project Director for the Center for Interdisciplinary Geriatric Assessment at the University of Missouri-Columbia, (1997-98.) Additionally, Ms. McAnaug was a state delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Ms. McAnaug is a graduate of Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona with a Bachelor of Science degree in English and holds a Masters of Social Work degree in Policy, Planning and Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is also a 2008 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School's Executive Leadership Program in Homeland Security.

**Stacey McCaullough**, *University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service*

**Luis Cristóbal Medina**, *Guadalupe Centers, Inc.*

As executive director of the Guadalupe Centers, Inc., Mr. Medina oversees a multiservice Community Based Development Organization operating out of 8 facilities in the Kansas City metro area. The Guadalupe Center is dedicated to improving the quality of life of Latinos throughout Metropolitan Kansas City through the development, administration, and coordination of comprehensive, educational, social, preventive health, cultural, and recreational services. When Mr. Medina was named executive director of the Guadalupe Center in 1980, it consisted of two buildings, employed 12 full-time and 8 part-time staff members and had a budget of \$335,000. Today the center includes 8 locations and has 115 full and part-time employees and has grown to an annual budget of over \$8,500,000 million. The Guadalupe Centers, Inc., has received the National Council of La Raza's affiliate of the year award and the President of the United States of America literacy award, and has been recognized by Independent Sector as one of the top 10 most effective community organizations in the country.

Mr. Medina is part owner in his family's business, which includes El Taquito Inc., a successful *tortillería*, and the family restaurant La Fonda El Taquito. The business has received awards from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, recognition from the Kansas City Business Journal and the Kansas City Minority Business Award. Mr. Medina's personal honors include Humanitarian of the Year-Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 100 Most Influential Kansas Citizens, Who's Who of Hispanic Americans, United States President's National Service Award, and the Mexican Government

"OHTLI" award for service to Mexican communities abroad. Mr. Medina was appointed to the Missouri Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs in 2004. He is currently the Board President of the Guadalupe Educational Systems, a founding member of the Latino Civic Engagement Collaborative, and a Board member of the K C Terminal / Guadalupe Centers, Inc. Federal Employees Credit Union.

**Roxana Meneses**, *Columbia/Boone County Health Department of Public Health and Human Services*

**Wayne P. Miller**, *University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service*

**Eva A. Millona**, *Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, Boston*

Eva Millona is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, the largest advocacy organization in the Commonwealth representing the foreign born. She has been with the organization for over ten years, working as the director of Policy and Advocacy and as Deputy Director. Prior to joining MIRA in July 1999, Eva directed the resettlement program in central MA. In her native Albania, she practiced civil and criminal law. From 1989-1992, Eva served as a judge in Tirana's District Court. Outside of MIRA, Eva is also the co-chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Refugees and Immigrants and also serves on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Eva is a graduate of Clark University and of Tirana University, School of Law. She is the recipient of the 2009 U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service's Outstanding American by Choice Award, the 2007 Political Asylum Immigration Representation Project (PAIR) Detention Attorney Award, and the 2007 National Lawyers Guild Legal Professional Award. Most recently, Wainwright Bank awarded her the prestigious 2010 Social Justice Award. She is a frequent speaker on immigration policy and immigrant integration.

**Zola K. Moon**, *University of Arkansas*

Dr. Moon has conducted sociological research at the University of Arkansas for over 10 years. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas and both her Master's in Sociology with an emphasis in rural sociology and PhD in Environmental Dynamics from the University of Arkansas. Her research interests include rural and community development, natural resource sociology, migration, demography, and rural health issues; she has particular expertise in spatial and statistical modeling. She has done fieldwork in Haiti, Vietnam, and the rural South. Outside the academic arena, she is an active

volunteer in Scouting and youth activities as well as community outreach for marginalized populations.

**Mercedes Mora, *Guadalupe Center's (GCI) Dia Por Dia Outpatient Treatment Program***

Mercedes Mora is currently the Clinical Supervisor of the Dia Por Dia (Day By Day) Outpatient Treatment Program. The program has been providing substance abuse counseling, education and prevention since 1991, specifically to Latino residents of Kansas City. Mercedes Mora has an Accounting Degree and joined the Guadalupe Centers over 20 years ago in that capacity but soon became involved with both the agency's AIDS Education Program and substance abuse treatment program. Mercedes is a Missouri State Certified Substance Abuse Counselor; Prevention Specialist; HIV/AIDS Educator; a Missouri State certified legal interpreter; has served on the State's Northwest Advisory Board; the ICRC (International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium); has been a SAMSHA grant reviewer in Washington D.C.; and is currently a trustee of the Jackson County Mental Health Levy.

**Alejandro Morales, *University of Missouri***

Alejandro Morales is an assistant professor in the department of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Morales received doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He teaches courses in multicultural counseling and research methods. His main areas of interests are in (1) Latino immigrant families with children who serve as translators and interpreters for their parents and other adults (2) immigrant sexual minorities and their adjustment to U.S. culture, and (3) qualitative and mixed methods research with underserved groups. Dr. Morales is originally from Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico and is fluent in English and Spanish.

**Sonia G. Morales Osegueda, *Washington State University Extension***

Dr. Sonia G. Morales Osegueda, joined Washington State University Extension in 1999 as a Faculty in King County. She was awarded with Tenure and Promotion in 2005. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy and Master's Degree from Autónoma Agraria "Antonio Narro", Mexico. She also holds a second Master's Degree and a Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University. Her previous experience includes 13 years professorship at universities in El Salvador, Mexico, and at Oklahoma State University, and ten years as a researcher in Mexico, El Salvador, Oklahoma, and India. She has extensive international experience throughout Mexico, Central America, and India in the capacity of a professor, plant breeder and crop specialist. Currently she is a Diversity Specialist Faculty and her responsibilities include diversity, overseeing the development of Extension 4-H

youth development programs in non-traditional populations, and link youth development to support agriculture in King County and the state of Washington.

Sonia works in partnership with diverse youth organizations as base faith organizations, community centers, schools, and local and regional media. Sonia provides training and workshops in the capacity of youth development, agriculture, cultural competency, volunteerism, and skills development. She has developed a multicultural curriculum for youth. She also with colleagues from 6 states developed a Latino Art Curriculum in both English and Spanish Languages for the Latino Cultural Arts Curriculum National Team - 4HCCS. She has served as chair of the Ad Hoc Diversity Committee for MANRRS National Society for three years, as a Latino Outreach Task Force WSU Extension Team, and a Peer Review Panel for the Outreach for Disadvantaged Farmers & Ranchers, and Rangeland Research Grant Programs, at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Washington, DC. Currently she serves as a CONSEJO Counseling Services Board Member, Peer Review Panel for the 1890 Institution Teaching and Research Capacity Building, and for the Hispanic Serving Institutions, at the (USDA) Washington, DC. Dr. Morales has published articles, in Crop Breeding, Agronomy, Agricultural Extension, Education, and Cultural Diversity.

## N

**Nadia Navarrete-Tindall**, *Lincoln University, Missouri*

Dr. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall is the Director of Native Plants Program and Sprouts and Roots Program, Native Plant Extension and Research Associate Professor at Lincoln University of Missouri. She has a B.S. Agronomy University of El Salvador, M.S. in Forestry and a Ph.D. in Botany, from Southern Illinois University.

Established two Native Plant Outdoor Laboratories, one at LU campus in Jefferson City and one in Marshall, MO. Bilingual English and Spanish interpretation signage. Demonstration gardens in Kansas City, Jefferson City, and in the Bootheel region including some in low-income neighborhoods.

She works with underserved populations specially Hispanic and African American. She has worked on different ecological projects in her country El Salvador and is organizing the first native plants conference in El Salvador for use in Sustainable Tourism to benefit small communities.

**Maria Navarro**, *University of Georgia*

**Dr. Maria Navarro** completed an undergraduate degree in agricultural engineering, then worked for six years in the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM - IAMZ), in international agricultural development, training of professionals, research, and networking activities. In 2004, she completed a Ph.D. in Agricultural Education (Texas A&M University), and since 2005 has been on the faculty of the University of Georgia, where is is now an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication. She teaches undergraduate and graduate classes in international agriculture, development, poverty issues, and technology change. One of her main research and outreach foci is on professional development of higher education faculty (teaching and extension), nationally and internationally. One of her latest projects includes professional development of extension personnel working with new Latino immigrants. She has worked in the U.S., Europe, Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Western Asia.

**Tonya T. Neaves**, *Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University*

**Nancy Nicho**, *Iowa State University Extension*

Nancy Nicho, a native of Peru, received a B.S. degree in Secondary Education with a major in Math from Inca Garcilaso de la Vega University. Nancy worked nine years in secondary public schools in Lima-Peru, and then moved to Sioux City, Iowa, where she worked at La Casa Latina, a non-profit organization that provides assistance and information to Latinos. In 2005, Nancy joined Iowa State University Extension as a Family Program Specialist. She provides educational programming for Latino families in Sioux City focused on child literacy, money management and parenting. Nancy received the Diversity Achievement Award from Iowa State University in 2009.

## P

**Christine Patterson**, *Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator*

Christine Patterson is the Disproportionate Minority Contact research analyst at the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator. She studied race, ethnicity, class and gender at the University of Missouri, where she received a Ph.D. in Sociology. She has also worked on projects studying: child welfare, education reform, early childhood education, and pre-service teacher education.

**Juan Manuel Pedroza**, *The Urban Institute, Washington, D. C.*

Juan Manuel Pedroza is a public policy analyst and researcher at The Urban Institute. His work focuses on immigration, social safety net, workforce development, and criminal justice policies. He conducts field research and analyses of policies and programs that affect low-income families, immigrant parents and youth, and Latinos and immigrants in new destinations. His co-authored reports include *Untangling the Oklahoma Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act: Consequences for Children and Families* (2009), *Facing Our Future: Children in the Aftermath of Immigration Enforcement* (2010), and *Child Care Choices of Low-Income Families* (2011, forthcoming).

**Jacob Prado**, *Consul of Mexico, Kansas City, Missouri*

Jacob Prado is a career member of the Mexican Foreign Service since 1989, currently holding the rank of Counselor. After completing his diplomatic training, he was appointed head of the International Social Organizations Desk at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations, and subsequently head of the U.S. Domestic Politics Desk. During those years he also taught U.S. Foreign Policy, U.S. History and Mexican History to senior undergraduate students at the Universidad de las Américas – Puebla.

Consul Prado has represented Mexico as Deputy Consul General in Vancouver, B.C., Canada; Austin, Texas, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In this last capacity, he served as Acting Consul of Mexico for the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware, as well as Southern New Jersey.

Before being appointed to his current position, his last assignment was at the Embassy of Mexico to the United States, where he served for five years as Counselor for Latino Affairs. His responsibilities included improving opportunities for the Mexican communities in the U.S. by promoting communication and collaboration with Mexican and Latino leaders and organizations at the national level.

Born in Puebla, Mexico in 1965, Mr. Prado obtained a Bachelor of Arts' degree with a major in International Relations, and a Master's degree in American Studies, both at the Universidad de las Américas - Puebla.

Consul Prado arrived in Kansas City on September 15, 2008. The Consulate of Mexico in Kansas City has jurisdiction over the states of Kansas and Missouri, and Western Oklahoma.

**Claudia M. Prado Meza**, *Iowa State University*

Claudia M. Prado-Meza is a Ph.D. candidate at Iowa State University, focusing on sustaining rural communities in Mexico and outreach programs for Latino immigrants in Iowa.

## R

### **Norma Ramírez de Miess**, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*

Norma Ramirez de Miess is a Senior Program Officer with the National Trust Main Street Center helping communities assess needs, foster engagement, and define strategies that build effective revitalization programs. Born and raised in a family of proactive entrepreneurs and community leaders in Latin America, Norma developed the Center's diversity services, supporting initiatives that increase understanding on the process of involvement and business approach of multi-cultural communities. She also provides bilingual training and is a regular presenter at state-wide and national conferences. Prior to joining the Center, Norma helped build one of the largest and most diverse urban downtown revitalization programs in Elgin, Illinois where she was honored with a Mayor's Proclamation for her leadership and contributions. Her civil engineering education is supported with 20 years of community development experience in disaster relief, heritage tourism, and non-profit management.

### **Abelardo Rodríguez**, *University of Idaho*

Abelardo Rodríguez is an Assistant Professor and Community Economic Development Specialist, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, University of Idaho, Moscow, Feb 2008-present. He is interested in the economics of Latino labor force and migration; economic base analysis and entrepreneurship, and community driven economic development. He worked 16 years in South and West Asia, North Africa and Latin America as a research scientist, regional coordinator and program manager. As a consultant in Afghanistan he assessed the risk and vulnerability of urban, rural and nomadic populations; domestic and international migration; poverty, cultivation of illegal crops and economic development. He holds a PhD in natural resource economics from Colorado State University and a BS in Biology from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

### **Angélica Reina**, *Iowa State University*

Angelica Reina is originally from Colombia, where she earned a B.A. in psychology from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Cali, Colombia). She completed an M.S. in

Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies at Iowa State University in the summer of 2010. In her graduate years as a master student she focused on the area of social sciences with an emphasis on Human Development and Family Studies, Sociology, and Women's Studies. Her Master's thesis was a qualitative study about the experiences of Latina victims of domestic violence and the institutional response in the State of Iowa. Currently, I am completing a Ph.D. in the Human Development and Family Studies program. Her research interests include domestic violence and access to health services for Latino immigrant families. Her future professional and personal interests are concentrated in working with Latino communities, particularly those who struggle with scarce resources. She sees herself working directly with the community, probably through public policy or a family extension job position.

**Robert Reyes**, *Center for Intercultural Teaching and Learning at Goshen College, Indiana*

Dr. Robert Reyes serves as research director for the Center for Intercultural Teaching and Learning and professor of sociology at Goshen College. Prior to moving to Indiana (2007), he served 11 years at Messiah College as associate professor of human development and family science and director of the Latino Partnership program. During this period Dr. Reyes participated in a number of research initiatives both at the state and national level. At CITL Dr. Reyes has been instrumental in the development of the Center's post-doctoral research fellowship program, as well as, the development of a demographic/ educational study of Latinos in North Central Indiana in collaboration with the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Reyes earned a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Studies (1995) and Master of Divinity in marriage and family (1992) from Fuller Seminary. He is a Certified Family Life Educator and Clinical Member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. His research interests include: the study of transnationalism and acculturative stress among Latino families, and the study of moral/social capital among immigrant parents and its impact on educational support for Latino students.

**Amy Rhodes**, *Central Missouri Community Action Head Start and Connecting for Children, Columbia, MO.*

**Flor Romero de Slowing**, *Iowa State University*

Flor Romero de Slowing, a native of Guatemala, received a B.S. in Human Nutrition from San Carlos University. She is a graduate student in Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies at Iowa State University. Her research focuses on traditional health beliefs of rural Latino immigrant families in the U.S.



**Monica Rosas**, *Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University*

Monica Rosas works as a Research Associate at the Social Science Research Center (SSRC), Mississippi State University, MS. Monica's research interests focus mainly on Hispanic/Latino immigration to the U.S. Monica worked on the elaboration and analysis of the "2009 Social Climate Survey for Hispanic Immigration in the United States." Monica coordinates a research collaboration between the SSRC and the Division of Social Sciences and the Center for North American Studies at Monterrey Institute for Technology and Higher Education (ITESM). Monica is currently working on a comparative study between the University of Catania and the SSRC: The Social Psychology of Racial/ Ethnic Identity, Residential Segregation and Self Concept; a Cross-National Comparative Study. Monica also works as a translator for the Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program (MASEP) she helps making their Spanish classes material culturally appropriate for Hispanic DUI offenders taking MASEP courses.

**S****Rosanna Saladin**, *Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University*

Rosanna Saladin, B.A., M.A., is a Ph.D. candidate in International Family and Community Studies in the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University. She is Marketing Coordinator for the Hispanic program at the Center for Community Services in Simpsonville, South Carolina. She also works as an independent Social Marketing and Media Consultant for several programs targeting Hispanics, including Hispanic Access Foundation's "Juntos Podemos Contra el Cancer" campaign. Previously she was the Social Marketing Manager with Population Services International in the Dominican Republic and led several projects with diverse at risk populations within the country. Her main interest is in applications of social marketing, research on prevention, and intervention efforts aimed at minority and at risk children and families. The author may be contacted at the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life/Clemson University, 158 P&A Building, Clemson, SC 29634 or send an electronic mail to: [ssaladi@g.clemson.edu](mailto:ssaladi@g.clemson.edu)

**Mary Sánchez**, *The Kansas City Star, Kansas City*

Mary Sanchez is a weekly syndicated columnist with Tribune Media Services, specializing in immigration, race, politics and culture. She also is an editorial columnist with The Kansas City Star. She received the National Clarion Award in 2007 for column writing and she was also a finalist that year for The American

Society of Newspaper Editors Distinguished Writing Awards, having her columns published in *Best Newspaper Writing 2007*, published by The Poynter Institute.

Sanchez also writes a monthly column for *Poder*, a business magazine geared to Latin America and has been a correspondent for EFE, a wire service based in Madrid, Spain. Sanchez has lived in Mexico and traveled extensively in Central America. Sanchez is a native of Kansas City, Missouri.

**J. S. Onésimo Sandoval**, *Saint Louis University*

J.S. Onésimo Sandoval is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Saint Louis University. His research interests include urban sociology, demography, and U.S. Latino populations. He is currently working on several research projects which include: the spatial segregation of minority groups; hedonic price models and the impact of race; and the impact of Latino Immigration on Midwestern communities. Email: jsandov3@slu.edu

**Jennifer Sandy**, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*

As a Program Officer serving the states of Iowa, Missouri, and Ohio for the Midwest Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Jennifer Sandy provides advocacy, education, technical assistance, best practices, support, and advice on the National Trust's programs to a large number of individuals, communities, and non-profit organizations. Prior to joining the National Trust, Ms. Sandy served as the Survey Coordinator for the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana's Historic Sites and Structures inventory program before earning an MFA in Historic Preservation at the Savannah College of Art and Design. Ms. Sandy serves on the Board of Directors for Slow Food Chicago and Ukama.

**Olga J. Santiago**, *Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University*

Olga J. Santiago obtained her master degree in Health and Hospital Administration from the School of Public Health of the University of Puerto Rico. She worked for 13 years as administrator of public and private hospital and outpatient clinics. She occupied positions such as hospital chief operating officer and chief executive officer. During her experiences she recognized the important of health prevention since early ages; which drive her to pursue a doctoral degree in the Program of Psychosocial aspects of Exercise and Sport Psychology in the Department of Kinesiology at Michigan State University. Her focus has been in studying how physical activity can be a mean to prevent obesity among children and adolescents; and the factors at family level that influence child/adolescent's physical activity behaviors and obesity; specially among the Hispanics in the United States.

Additionally she has interest into educate health professionals in the need and relevance to assess and to counsel patients/clients about physical activity behaviors in all age groups.

**Juan Sepúlveda**, *White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics - U.S. Department of Education*

Juan Sepúlveda was appointed by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on May 19, 2009 to the position of director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. In this capacity, he is responsible for directing the efforts of the White House Initiative in engaging Hispanic students, parents, families, organizations, and anyone working in or with the education system in communities nationwide as active participants in improving the academic achievement of Hispanic Americans. For the last 20 years, Sepúlveda has been a senior executive, strategist, and advocate in the nonprofit and philanthropic communities, with a focus in community development, capacity building, and transformational management. Prior to assuming his current position at the Department, Sepúlveda was president of The Common Enterprise (TCE), which he founded in 1995 as an outgrowth of a national Rockefeller Foundation initiative to help build stronger communities across America by making nonprofits, philanthropic organizations, governments, businesses, and communities more effective as they tackled significant critical social issues in more than 35 states and nationally.

**Kathy Starkweather**, *Center for Rural Affairs*

**Julia F. Storm**, *North Carolina State University*

Since 1994, Julia Storm has served as the Agromedicine Information Specialist in the Department of Environmental and Molecular Toxicology at North Carolina State University and is a faculty member of the North Carolina Agromedicine Institute. She develops educational resources and Extension training in the area of agricultural health and safety for farmers, farmworkers, rural health providers, state agency personnel and Extension field faculty. She serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Agromedicine and is involved in Southern Region Extension/Research initiatives addressing rural health and the Latino immigrant population. She is the leader of an innovative, multi-state cultural competency program to expand the capacity of Extension to serve the Latino community. Ms. Storm is a member of the Creating Health Communities eXtension Community of Practice, the Association of Pesticide Safety Educators, the AgriSafe Network, and the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health. Ms. Storm holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Mars Hill College and a Master of Science in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

# T

**Kathleen S. Tajeu**, *Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University.*

Kathleen S. Tajeu, PhD, is Community Health Specialist with Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) and is based at Auburn University. She currently has an obesity prevention grant that includes working with a migrant serving Head Start Center's children, parents and staff and as a part of that project is piloting a multi-session program 'Cocinando Saludable, Familias Sanas'. She has been an active member of the Southern Rural Development Center's "New Hispanic South" SERA-37 and the Latino Domestic Immersion Program working group. Within ACES she supervised the work of producing "Improving Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Capacity to Involve Hispanic Communities", an internal report, in 2008. She is currently involved in a new multi-cultural competency initiative within ACES. Through her role as project director of the newly emerging Creating Healthy Communities eXtension Community of Practice she is promoting foci on improving health equity and integrating Spanish language materials and processes that involve and support Hispanic communities. In her personal life she initiated the development of, and currently coordinates, a local ESOL program serving Latino learners. She is an active advocate for immigrant rights and a socially just immigration policy. Dr. Tajeu holds a B.A. in political science from Syracuse University and her M.S. and Ph.D. are in Community Service Education/Human Service Studies from Cornell University.

**Jennifer Tello Buntin**, *Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University.*

Jennifer Tello Buntin is visiting assistant professor at the Julian Samora Research Institute. Her research interests include migration studies and the transnationalizing effects of immigration on institutions in the U.S. She is currently working on developing her dissertation, titled 'A Community of the Nations': *Institutional Responses to Mexican Migration at the Urban Edge*, into a book manuscript.

**Diego Thompson**, *Iowa State University*

Diego Thompson is Licenciado in Anthropology from Universidad de la República, Uruguay. His Master is from Iowa State University, and his thesis focused on Latino gardeners and farmers in Iowa. He is a PhD Student in Sociology and Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University (ISU). His research experiences and interests include: fishermen communities, immigration and inclusion, food systems, and sustainable agriculture. His dissertation topic is about farmers' perception and adaptation to climate change in Uruguay. He works as a research assistant in the Sociology Department at ISU for Dr. Jan Flora.

**Jasmine Tilghman**, *University of Missouri*

Jasmine Tilghman is a doctoral student currently attending the University of Missouri-Columbia. Ms. Tilghman is originally from St. Louis, MO, but she has attended the University since 2003. As a doctoral student, her research interests include working with minority youth and empowering them to pursue higher education. She is also researching Black doctoral students attending predominately white institutions and their experiences contributing to their perseverance. She is honored to be a part of the Cambio de Colores Conference this year.

**U****Dawnya Underwood**, *Family Reunification and Preservation*

Dawnya Underwood, MSW, LGSW, is a Chicago native and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois and a Master of Social Worker Degree from Aurora University (George Williams College of Social work). She is currently a Licensed Graduate Social Worker in the State of Maryland with over ten years' experience working with children, adolescents, families and adults in the private and public sector.

Since February 2009, Ms. Underwood has been employed with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and working with unaccompanied and separated children and families. Beginning October 2010 she assumed the role of Acting Associate Director of Family Reunification and Preservation. In this role she exercises her expertise in providing quality clinical and social services (which includes treatment assessment and planning, program management, strong leadership and supervision) of family reunification services to unaccompanied children. She is also responsible for central administrative and logistical issues for the Family Reunification program. Also, she collaborates with internal departments and external organizations to maintain and expand efficient services and development of family reunification services.

Prior to assuming this role, she was the Safe Haven National Case Manager/Regional Supervisor; a Program Manager at West Suburban PADS, which is a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive services to homeless individuals; a Program Supervisor at Metropolitan Family Services, Chicago.

In recognition and appreciation of her exemplary administrative services to Metropolitan Family Services and its clients, she was the recipient of the 2005 Peter Fetzer Award; the 2006 and 2007 Betty L. Stronger Communities awards

In 2005, Ms. Underwood traveled with the NASW to China. In 2007, Ms. Underwood traveled to Ethiopia, Africa, as a consultant to the Tigray Women's Affairs Bureau, a governmental agency geared towards improving the equality of men and women in Ethiopia.

## V

### **Corinne B. Valdivia**, *University of Missouri*

Professor Valdivia specializes in economic and rural development. She focuses on how individuals, families and communities adapt to change and how information can support the process of building strategies that are resilient and improve well-being. Valdivia, along with colleagues from MU, initiated Cambio de Colores in 2002. She is a founding member of MU's Cambio Center and serves on its executive board. Her research with Latino families focuses on their livelihood strategies and experiences in the process of integrating to a new community. She recently completed a research project on asset-building strategies of newcomers in three new settlement communities in Missouri, and is beginning a new project on community integration in collaboration with Cambio Center fellows. Internationally, her research and outreach takes place in the Andes of Peru and Bolivia and East Africa. Her focus is decision-making, risk management and pathways for technological uptake and market integration that lead to sustainable livelihoods. She directs the Interdisciplinary Minor in International Development of the University of Missouri Graduate School.

### **Nydia Valenzuela Salazar**, *Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey*

### **Christina Vasquez Case**, *ALIANZAS, University of Missouri-Kansas City*

Christina was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona. Dr. Vasquez Case received her doctorate degree in Rural Sociology with an emphasis in International Development at the University of Missouri. Christina was one of the first researchers at the University of Missouri-Columbia to collaborate on research about Latino populations in Missouri. She earned a Master's in Public Administration from University of Missouri, Bachelors in Business Administration from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri, and an Associate of Science in Business Administration from Cochise Community College in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Christina is the Director of ALIANZAS a program of Missouri University Extension and the University of Missouri Kansas City's Institute of Human Development. Dr.

Case has conducted field research about Latinos in Missouri and promotes greater awareness about the changing demographic landscapes. She has presented at local, state, national and international venues about Latinos in Missouri. She completed the Missouri University Extension Community Development Academy and teaching Community Inclusion at the Academy.

She serves as Consejera (Advisor) for the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (IME) for the (2009-2011) term. She is a member of the Health Commission who strives to improve the overall health and well being of Mexicans abroad.

Christina also served in the United States military for 35 years. She joined the military ranks in 1975 as a Private (E-1) and achieved the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7) during her enlisted service. She graduated from the Arizona Military Academy in 1982 and accepted her Officer's Commission as Second Lieutenant in 1983. She is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and a Gulf War Veteran. In July 2010, Lieutenant Colonel Case retired from her military career.

## W

### **Weihui Wang**, *Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service*

Weihui Wang, LGSW, is the Family Reunification Program Coordinator at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) serving Unaccompanied Immigrant Children. In addition to her work at LIRS Ms. Wang provides pro-bono clinical services at Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (ASTT). Ms. Wang has a passion for working with, and serving, traumatized populations, including victims of human trafficking and torture survivors. Serving survivors of trauma is a focus of her social work career, clinically and programmatically. Ms. Wang received her MSW from University of Pennsylvania, and recently completed the Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma certificate program.

### **Christina Wilson**, *University of Missouri*

Christina Wilson is a first year Master's student at the University of Missouri – Columbia, specializing in counseling psychology career track. Prior to joining Mizzou, Christina worked as a case manager at the University of Minnesota Department of Pediatrics, where interpersonal experiences inspired her to pursue counseling. Christina holds a B.A. in Psychology and Spanish Literature from the University of Minnesota. As her research areas continue to funnel, interests include

working with underrepresented populations, positive psychology, and multicultural issues.

## **X**

**Wenxu Xu**, *University of Missouri*

Wenxu Xu, (Evan). Obtained a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of San Francisco. Evan's research interests fall under the umbrella of psychology of men. Evan is interested in particular in working with racial/ethnic/sexual minorities. Evan is a first year doctoral student in Counseling Psychology (He is officially done with his first year study) and loves to travel.

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