

# Christina Huerta, MSW

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## EDUCATION

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Doctor of Philosophy, Expected Graduation: March 2021  
University of Pittsburgh| Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
School of Social Work

Master of Social Work, June 2015  
Portland State University| Portland, Oregon  
Concentration: Direct Human Services

Bachelor of Arts, June 2007  
University of California, Riverside| Riverside, California  
Major: Psychology

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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**Research Coordinator** July 2020-Present

*The Impact of COVID-19 on Human Service Organizations*

**University of Pittsburgh| Funded through Florence Stier Research Development Award**

Supervisors: Dr. Jeffrey Shook & Dr. Rafael Engel

Assists in the development of interview protocol, survey creation, and the implementation of in-depth interviews. Oversees qualitative data management and analysis. Collaborates in the preparation of manuscripts for presentation and publication. Responsible for the training and supervision of a Master's level research assistant.

**Graduate Research Assistant** July 2020-Present

*Navigation and Parent Peer Support to Promote Access and Retention of Children in Mental Health Services*

**University of Pittsburgh| Funded through National Institute of Mental Health| R34-MH119431|**

Supervisor: Dean Elizabeth M.Z. Farmer

Collaborates with a team to assist in data collection and analyses for a randomized control trial.

**Graduate Research Assistant** December 2019-July 2020

**University of Pittsburgh|**

Supervisor: Dean Elizabeth M.Z. Farmer

Drafted literature review for a program evaluation of a Kinship Navigator program in Allegheny County. Executed quantitative analysis for a paper about the effects of traumatic stress on first responders.

**Teaching Fellow** August 2019-December 2019

## **University of Pittsburgh|**

*Introduction to Social Work*- BSW level course

Designed and implemented course content, activities, assignments, and discussions. Developed the syllabus and curriculum to introduce and engage students in an overview of the social work profession and social welfare system. Provided student support during weekly office hours.

## **Graduate Research Assistant University of Pittsburgh|**

August 2017-April 2019

Supervisor: Dr. Jaime Booth

Assisted with focus group implementation, transcription of audio data, qualitative analysis, and manuscript writing for 2 publications associated with the Latino Ethnic Identity Project.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

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**Huerta, C.** & Booth, J. Discrimination, Ethnic Identity, and Mental Health and Latinx Youth. In V. Copeland (Ed.) *Contemporary Issues and People of Color: Living, Working, and Learning in the US*. Santa Barbara, CA. ACB-CLIO. (Forthcoming)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Booth, J., **Huerta, C.**, & Thomas, B. (2020). The role of bilingualism in Latino youth experiences of acculturation stress when living in an emerging Latino community. *Qualitative Social Work*, 1473325020923012.

Booth, J. & **Huerta, C.**, Political climate, discrimination, and mental health: Understanding Latino Youth Experience during the 2016 Presidential Election. (Approved for Publication, *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*)

Shook, J., Plassmeyer M., VanHook C., Goodkind S., **Huerta C.**, & Lee L., Do Young People Sell Drugs to Support their Habit? Exploring Links Between Depth and Breadth of Drug Use and Drug Dealing. (Under Review)

**Huerta, C.**, Petracchi, H., Mackenzie, K. & Ballentine, K. Preparing Social Work Doctoral Students for Teaching: Current State of the Art. (In Progress)

Farmer, E.M.Z., Lee, D.H.J, & **Huerta, C.** Program Evaluation of Kinship Navigator Program in Allegheny County. (In Progress)

**Huerta, C.** & Farmer, E.M.Z. Mental Health Outcomes of Traumatic Event Exposure: An Exploration of the Effects of Personal Threat and Secondary Trauma among First Responders. (In Progress)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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**Huerta, C.** (January 2020). Political Rhetoric during the 2016 Presidential Election: Understanding the Experiences of Discrimination and Coping Among Latinx Youth. Oral paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.

**Petracchi, H. & Huerta, C.** (October 2019). Preparing Social Work Doctoral Students for Teaching: Current State of the Art. Oral paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council of Social Work Education, Denver, Colorado.

Booth J. & **Huerta, C.** (January 2019). Exploring the Role of Ethnic Identity among Latino Youth Living in an Emerging Latino Community. Oral paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Francisco, California.

**Petracchi, H. & Huerta, C.** (October 2018). Assistant Professors' Pedagogical Training: The Next Generation's Preparation to Serve the Profession. Oral paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council of Social Work Education, Orlando, Florida.