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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

School of Public Health

PhD Student in Health Services

Seattle, Washington

2018 - Present

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

Master of Arts in Regional Studies, Latin America & the Caribbean

Thesis: "The Future of Patent Protection and Access to Anti-Retroviral (ARV) Medications in Brazil"

New York, New York

2013

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies, and Spanish

Baltimore, Maryland

2011

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Research Specialist (Program Manager)

Clinical and Translational Science Award

Contact PI: Robin J. Mermelstein, PhD (UL1-TR002003-03)

Chicago, Illinois

2017 –2018

- Managed all activities for the Recruitment, Retention, and Community Engagement Program under the aegis of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS). Oversaw two full-time research staff members. Responsible for an annual budget of ~\$300,000.
- Provided individual recruitment and retention consultation services for researchers seeking engagement strategies for special populations, particularly sexual and gender minorities, and racial and ethnic minorities.
- Explored a multi-pronged approach to increase patient engagement in research and clinical trials using three methods (universal consent, patient self-registries, and patient portals) for implementation at the University level.
- Developed the first annual Special Populations Symposia titled Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Workshop: Research on the Health Disparities of LGBTQIA Populations. Symposia provided researchers and scholars an overview of SGM health disparities, as well as measurement, recruitment and retention, and ethical considerations needed when conducting research with this population. Registration and attendance exceeded target goals by 150%.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Research Associate II (Program Coordinator & Center Manager)

The Chicago Collaborative to Promote and Advance Cancer Health Equity

Contact PI: Robert A. Winn, MD (U54-CA202997-04)

Chicago, Illinois

2016 –2017

- Led day-to-day activities for the Research & Education Core and Planning & Evaluation Core: advanced all research education programs for high school, undergraduate, and early-stage investigators, and assisted in design, development and pilot testing of evaluation tools across multiple sites.

- Designed and implemented the ChicagoCHEC Research Fellows Program, an 8-week summer pipeline program: managed application process, served on the selection committee and developed technical assistance webinars for applicants.
- Developed all surveys for the Research Fellows Program including baseline and post-program knowledge and self-efficacy of cancer disparities and research (cohort of 15); program satisfaction; and program speaker and lecturer evaluations (391 evaluations collected).

HOWARD BROWN HEALTH CENTER

Chicago, Illinois

Research Project Assistant

2014 –2015

Culturally Targeted & Individually Tailored Smoking Cessation Study: LGBT Smokers

PI: Alicia K. Matthews, PhD (R01-DA023935)

- Designed and implemented innovative recruitment strategies (community venues, bars, clubs, GeoSocial phone applications) and data collection methods (online questionnaires via REDCap) to promote participant engagement.
- Recruited and screened (n=868) for eligibility, enrolled (n=444) and randomized (n=345) study participants; collected participant survey and biological data for a 13-month longitudinal smoking cessation study.
- Led related administrative tasks such as IRB continuing review, NIH progress reports, participant compensation, management of nicotine replacement therapy, training and management of new employees and interns.
- Responsible for overall data management, quality assurance, data cleaning and preliminary analyses in preparation for findings dissemination and manuscripts writing.

PUBLISHED PUBLICATIONS

Ornelas I.J., Yamanis T.J., & **Ruiz R.A.** (2020) The Health of Undocumented Latinx Immigrants: What We Know and Future Directions. *Annual Review of Public Health* (41): 289-308.
doi: 10.1146/annurev-publhealth-040119-094211

Rak K., Matthews A.K., Peña G., Choure W., **Ruiz R.A.**, Morales S., Castillo A., Soo J., & Anderson E.E., (2020) Priority Populations Toolkits: Enhancing Researcher Readiness to Work with Priority Populations. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* (4): 28-35.
doi:10.1017/cts.2019.436

Matthews A.K., Steffen A.D., Kuhns L.M., **Ruiz R.A.**, Ross N.A., Burke L.A., Li C.C., & King A.C. (2019) Evaluation of a Randomized Clinical Trial Comparing the Effectiveness of a Culturally Targeted and Non-Targeted Smoking Cessation Intervention for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Smokers. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* 21(11): 1506-1516. doi:10.1093/ntr/nty184

Matthews A.K, Rak K., Anderson E., Bostwick W., Ramirez-Valles J., **Ruiz R.A.**, Macapagal K., Watson K.S., Jeremiah R.D., Castillo A., & Choure W. (2018) White Paper Report from a CTSA Workshop Series on Special and Underserved Populations: Enhancing Investigator Readiness to Conduct Research Involving LGBT Populations. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* (2):193-200. doi:10.1017/cts.2018.317

Matthews A.K, Castillo A., Anderson E., Willis M., Choure W., Rak K., & **Ruiz R.** (2018) Ready or not? Observations from a Long-Standing Community Engagement Advisory Board About Investigator Competencies for Community Engaged Research. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* (2):129-134 doi:10.1017/cts.2018.21

- Matthews A.K., Rak K., Anderson E., Castillo A., **Ruiz R.**, Choure W., & Willis M. (2018) Evaluation of 3 Approaches for Increasing Patient Engagement in Clinical Research: Feedback From a Community Engagement Advisory Board. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* 2(1): 14-19 doi: 10.1017/cts.2018.12
- Matthews P.A., Blok A.C., Lee J.G., Hitsman B.L., Sanchez-Johnsen L., Watson K., Breen E., **Ruiz R.**, Scout NFN, Simon M.A., Fitzgibbon M.L., Hein L.C., & Winn R. (2018) SBM Recommends Policy Support to Reduce Smoking Disparities for Sexual and Gender Minorities. *Translational Behavioral Medicine* 8(5): 692-695 doi: 10.1093/tbm/ibx017
- Matthews A.K., Cesario J., **Ruiz R.**, Ross N., & King A. (2017) A Qualitative Study of the Barriers to and Facilitators of Smoking Cessation Among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Smokers Who Are Interested in Quitting. *LGBT Health* 4(1): 24-33. doi:10.1089/lgbt.2016.0059

PRESENTATIONS

- Ruiz R.** (2020) Self-Reported Health among Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Adult Mentholated Cigarette Smokers and Non-Mentholated Cigarette Smokers. Abstract Accepted for 26th Annual Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) National Research Service Award (NRSA) Trainees Research Conference. Boston, MA (In-person conference canceled due to COVID-19).
- Ruiz R.**, Rak K., Choure W., Matthews A., Castillo A., Anderson E., & Willis M. (2018) Integrating Special Populations (ISP) in Research: Examples from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Poster Presentation at *Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) Conference*. Washington, D.C.
- Castillo A., Anderson E., Matthews A., **Ruiz R.**, Rak K., & Willis M. (2018) Community Health Workers as Research Advocates. Poster Presentation at *Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) Conference*. Washington, D.C.
- Rak K., Matthews A., Castillo A., Anderson E., **Ruiz R.**, Choure W., & Willis M. (2018) Special Populations Online Toolkits: An Introduction to Diversity in Research Participation. Poster Presentation at *Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) Conference*. Washington, D.C.
- Ruiz R.** (2017) Recruitment & Retention Challenges and Best Practices: Examples from a LGBTQ Smoking Cessation Study. Oral Presentation at *Sexual & Gender Minority Workshop: Research on the Health Disparities of LGBTQIA Populations*. Chicago, IL.
- Castillo A., Anderson E., **Ruiz R.**, Choure W., Rak K., & Matthews A. (2017) Development, Implementation and Evaluation of a Community Engaged Advisory Board: Best Practices and Strategies for Maximizing Success. Oral Presentation at *Advancing the Science of Community Engaged Research (CEnR) Conference*. Washington, D.C.
- Garcia M., Taylor S., **Ruiz R.**, Matthews A., Luedke T., Iacobelli F., Molina Y., Penedo F., Tom L.S., Moton Z., Moreira J., & Simon M.A (2017) A Cross-Institutional Cancer Research Fellowship Program: Design, Recruitment & Implementation. Poster Presentation at *13th Annual Lewis Landsberg Research Day*. Chicago, IL.
- Kanoon J., de la Riva E., Martinez E., Moton Z., **Ruiz R.**, Giachello A., McKoy J., Stuart M., Girotti J., Watson K., Barcelo H., Glenn J., Simon M.A., & Winn R. (2017) Keeping Cancer in CHEC: A Cross Institutional Symposium to Disseminate Cancer Health Equity Research and Strengthen Community Engagement. Poster Presentation at *8th Annual Minority Health Conference*. Chicago, IL

Ruiz R. (2016) Prevalence of Known Risk-Factors for Poor Treatment Outcomes among LGBTQ Treatment Seeking Smokers. Oral Presentation at 34th Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) Conference on LGBT Health. St. Louis, MO.

Taylor S., **Ruiz R.**, Matthews A.K., Molina Y., Watson K., Penedo F., Luedke T., Banas J., Iacobelli F., Kanoon J.M., Cooper J., Garcia M., Tom L.S., & Simon M.A. (2016) Cross-Institutional Cancer Research Fellowship Program: Strategy, Recruitment and Evaluation. Poster Presentation at 12th Annual Lewis Landsberg Research Day. Chicago, IL.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Institutional National Cancer Institute (NCI) T32 Biobehavioral Cancer Control and Prevention (BCPT) Pre-Doctoral Fellow	2020 – 2022
Institutional National Research Service Award (NRSA) T32 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Pre-Doctoral Fellow	2018 – 2020
Health Services Excellence, Equity and Distinction (HSEED) Award University of Washington, Department of Health Services	2018
Student Scholarship Recipient – Pre-Doctoral Professional in Training Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA)	2016
S. David Sternberg, M.D. Scholar Johns Hopkins University	2009 – 2012
Class of 1941 Scholar Johns Hopkins University	2009 – 2012

PEER REVIEW

Reviewer (<i>American Journal of Preventive Medicine</i>)	2020
Annual Meeting Abstract Reviewer (<i>Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco</i>)	2020
Reviewer (<i>Addiction Science & Clinical Practice</i>)	2019
Reviewer (<i>LGBT Health</i>)	2016, 2017

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Admissions Committee Member, <i>UW Health Services PhD Program</i>	2020
President, <i>UW AcademyHealth Student Chapter</i>	2019 – 2020

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Spanish (Native Language) and Portuguese (Intermediate)