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EDUCATION

2015- Present Ph.D. Student in Sociology at the University of New Mexico
2015 M.A.in Bio Ethics and Global Public Health at the American
University of Sovereign Nations
2014 M.A. Sociology, University of New Mexico
2006 B.A. Sociology and Spanish, University of New Mexico

PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on race and ethnicity, medical sociology, mental health, addiction, suicide, substance abuse, American Indians, and Latinos.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2014 Research Fellow, Fulbright Academy of Law, Peace, and Public Health
2012 Doctoral Fellow at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health
Policy at the University of New Mexico
2011-2012 Spirit of Delta Educational Award, Atlanta, Georgia.
2011 Latino/a Fellowship, University of New Mexico.
2006 “Raza Excellence Award,” University of New Mexico.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Roybal, C.M. “Four Corners Study: Prescription and Illicit Drug Overdose.”
Target Journal, The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Dependence

Roybal, C. M. and R. Burciaga Valdez. “Reducing inequalities reduces suicide
among American Indians and Alaska Natives.” Target Journal, Journal of Health
and Social Behavior

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2015 Roybal, C.M. “Four Corners Study of Prescription and Illicit Drug Overdose”
New Mexico Public Health Meeting, Albuquerque, NM.

- 2015 Roybal, C.M. "An Ethical Analysis of Prescription and Illicit Drug Overdose in Arizona, Colorado, and New Mexico," American University of Sovereign Nations AUSN, Public Health Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2014 Roybal, C. M. "Structural Inequality and Suicide among American Indians" Politics of Race Immigration and Ethnicity Consortium Conference. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2014 Roybal, C. M. "Reducing inequalities reduces suicide among American Indians and Alaska Natives" American Sociological Association Meeting 2014. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Roybal, C.M. "Bridging Knowledge Systems to Rebuilding Healthy Communities: Reflections on the social and cultural determinants of health for Indigenous Populations in the United States" American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN) Conference on Bioethics, Public Health and Peace for Indigenous Peoples, Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2014 Roybal, C. M. "The State-Level Social and Political Predictors of Suicide for American Indians and Alaska Natives" Native Research Network Meeting 2014. Phoenix, AZ.
- 2014 Roybal, C. M. "Reducing inequalities reduces suicide among American Indians and Alaska Natives" New Mexico Public Health Meeting. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2014 Roybal, C.M. "The Social Determinants of Suicide among American Indians and Alaska Natives in the United States" New Mexico Shared Knowledge Conference, University of New Mexico.
- 2012 Roybal, C.M. "'Suicide Viruses Occurring at Civilization Breaks,'" Durkheim: Anomie and Suicide Patterns amongst American Indians and Alaskan Natives" Roundtable presentation at the 2012 American Sociological Association Meeting. Denver, CO.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015-Present Graduate research assistant, Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico, Research includes data collection and analysis for the Native American Policy and Budget Institute.
- 2012-2013 Graduate research assistant, University of New Mexico Department of Sociology. Assisted Professor Kimberly Huyser.

Research included the collection of data and literature regarding American Indian and Alaska Native Healthcare, tribal gaming, income inequality, access to healthcare, and tribal economies as it relates to poverty and health.

- 2011-2012 Graduate research assistant, Project: The Great Recession: Implications for Minority and Immigrant Communities. Assisted with data-related activities such as acquiring data and building database and with the literature review portion of study relating to racial threats and racial formation in the United States.
- 2003-2004 Research assistant/data collection specialist, Four Corners Breast and Endometrial Cancer study, University of New Mexico Hospital, Albuquerque. As a bilingual research assistant, duties included data collection, blood specimen collection, and conducting extensive interviews in English and Spanish. Traveled extensively across rural New Mexico to collect specimen samples. Interviews were related to diet patterns and breast cancer. Interviews were conducted with Hispanic and non-Hispanic women.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006-2007 Coordinator/educator, Sandia Pueblo Department of Education, Sandia Pueblo, NM. Coordinator for tribal summer youth programs at the Pueblo of Sandia. Orchestrated program development between tribal elders and community members to develop educational programming. Summer program included health education, safety, culture and language preservation, and college preparation. Mentored students and managed student services.
- 2004-2006 Coordinator/instructor, Latin American Outreach (LAO), University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. Developed and executed programs for international students through outreach programs. Developed syllabus and course structure for English as a Second Language component of the LAO program. Participated in student recruitment efforts in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Assisted with program development between international university and rural tribal communities.
- 2000-Present Support specialist/research assistant, Medicine Bear Inc. Shiprock, NM (Navajo Nation). Assist with data collection, investigations and traditional medicinal practices to support tribal well-being. Work with traditional healers to provide counsel to clients and support tribal elders and students. Travel extensively throughout the Navajo Nation to meet the needs of clients. Work with diverse populations within the Navajo Nation in rural and urban settings. Work as liaison between tribal members and medical professionals in Albuquerque New Mexico.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

- 2011(fall) Graduate teaching assistant, Soc. 101: Introduction to Sociology
 2012(spring) Graduate teaching assistant, Soc. 205: Crime, Public Policy & Criminal Justice
 2012(spring) Graduate teaching assistant, Soc. 308: Gender
 2013(fall) Graduate teaching assistant, Soc. 420 Racial & Ethnic Relations
 2014(spring) Graduate teaching assistant, Soc. 420 Racial & Ethnic Relations

SUPPLEMENTARY TRAINING

- 2015 National Addiction & HIV Data Archive Program in Quantitative Methods in Social Research, ICPSR, Workshop Funded by National Institute of Mental Health.
 2013 UNM Summer Institute in Community Based Participatory Research for Health (CBPR), University of New Mexico.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2010-present American Sociological Association
 Section member:
 Medical sociology
 Alcohol & substance abuse
 Race, gender and class
 2006-present Alpha Kappa Delta, sociology honors society

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Local

- 1996-1998 Artist and Mentor, Santa Fe Youth Mural Program, Santa Fe, New Mexico
 1996-1999 Volunteer, Esperanza Shelter for Battered Women, Santa Fe, New Mexico
 1997-2003 Cultural Participant, Indian Village New Mexico State Fair "Tezcatlipoca Troupe," Albuquerque, New Mexico
 1994-1997 "Muchismas Gracias" Mayor Award, Santa Fe, New Mexico

National

- 2003-Present Client Support for Substance Abuse Patients, Medicine Bear Inc., Navajo Nation, New Mexico and Arizona.
 2003-2006 Cultural Participant, Gallup Intertribal Ceremonial, Navajo Nation, New Mexico
 2007 Participant, Lakota Nation Intertribal Exchange, Sisseton Whapton, South Dakota
 1997 Guest Speaker and Panelist, "Art Power: Urban Youth Mural Initiative," Pittsburgh Arts Commission, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

1993-1998 Panelist Speaker, El Puente Youth Leadership Campaign, Latino March on Washington 1996, Washington D.C.

International

2002 Participant, "Quecha" Nation Intertribal Exchange, Ibarra Ecuador, South America.

2000 Presenter, Cree Nation Intertribal Exchange, Edmonton, Canada