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Faculty Information

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Educational Background

University of California at San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, 1993-1997, PhD

Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, 1987-1988, MS

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 1977-1980, BS with Highest Distinction

University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL, 1965-1969, BA with High Honors & Distinction

Areas of Interest

Expertise: international health and primary healthcare; community health nursing; community coalitions and community-academic partnerships; cultural issues and implications in health and healthcare; popular education and health teaching methods; transitions frameworks; women's health and global perspectives. *Research:* women's work and health; immigrant women's health; language access; community and youth empowerment, qualitative research methods; feminist narrative analyses; participatory action research; cultural competence and praxis; language access and health literacy.

Teaching

Dr. Messias' area of teaching expertise is women's health and community health nursing. She currently teaches NURS 720 Public Health Residency, NURS 736/WOST 736 Women, Work, and Health: Global Perspectives, and WOST 404 Community Activism. Additionally, Dr. Messias mentors both graduate and undergraduate students through her membership on dissertation, thesis, and research project committees.

Research

25P91910401 Messias, D. K. H.(P.I.) 9/30/2003-8/31/2005, 15% 9 months, 50% summer, \$248,544, CMS Hispanic Health Services Research Grant, Language for Healthcare Access.

5R01 NR 04956-03. Administrative Supplement, Moneyham, L. (P.I.), 9/1/2002-8/30/2003. Messias, 5%.\$97,927. National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Nursing Research, Rural Women's Health Project.

No Grant #, Parra-Medina, D. (P.I.). 7/1/2001-6/30/2002. Messiah, 10% 9 months, 50% summer, \$49,672. National Cancer Institutes/ Redes En Accion Network Grant, South Carolina Partnership for Cancer Prevention.

5 U01 CA 86117-022 Parra-Medina, D. (P.I.), 12/1/2000-11/30/2003. \$508,618, Messiah 20%. CDC Foundation and American Legacy Foundation, Prevention Research Centers Program, State and Community Partnership Grant. South Carolina American Legacy Empowerment Evaluation (SCALE).

No Grant #. Messiah, D. K. H. (P.I.). 3/03 – 12/04. \$8,542. USC College of Nursing Office of Research. Provision of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Care: Knowledge, Perspectives, Roles, and Resources of Informal and Formal Interpreters.

Service

Dr. Messiah's university service includes membership on Graduate Council, Women's Studies Graduate Committee, and chairing the Science, Math and Related Professional Programs Council Subcommittee and the College of Nursing's Research Committee. Much of Dr. Messiah's community and professional service strives to better the lives and improve the health of Hispanics in South Carolina. She was a member of the Hispanic Issues Task Force of the South Carolina Commission on Minority Affairs. A founding member of the South Carolina Hispanic/Latino Health Coalition (SCHLHC) she is currently Chair of the Outreach and Advocacy Committee and a member of the Community Advisory Board of the High School Equivalency Program and High School Equivalency Program (HEP) for Spanish Speakers. Her membership in professional organizations includes South Carolina/American Nurses Associations, South Carolina Public Health Association, International Council on Women's Health Issues, Association of Community Health Educators, Physicians for a National Plan, Sigma Theta Tau, and Global Health Council. Additionally, she serves on the Editorial Boards and reviews manuscripts for *Family and Community Health*, *Poverty and Health*, and *Aquichan*, a Colombian nursing research journal.

Scholarship

Messias, D. K. H., DeJong, M. K., & McLoughlin, K. (2005). *Being Involved and making a difference: Personal empowerment among women living in poverty. Journal of Holistic Nursing*, 23(1), 70-88.

Messias, D. K. H. & Rubio, M. (2004). Immigration and Health. In A. Villaruel and J. Fitzpatrick. *Annual Review of Nursing Research: Eliminating Health Disparities among Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the United States*, pp. 101 – 134. New York: Springer

Messias, D K. H & DeJoseph, J. F. (2004). Feminist Narrative Interpretations: Challenges, tensions, and opportunities for nurse researchers. *Aquichan*, 4(4), 40-49.

Messias, D.K.H. (2002). Transnational health resources, practices, and perspectives: Brazilian immigrant women's narratives. *Journal of Immigrant Health* 4(4), 183-200.

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