

**Curricula Vitae**  
**Edena Guimarães, DrPH, MPH, CHES**  
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**Academic Background**

Associate of Radiologic Sciences  
Midlands Technical College-1984

Bachelor of Health Sciences  
Medical University of South Carolina- 1991

Master of Public Health (Health Education in Promotion)  
University of South Carolina- 1994

Doctor of Public Health (Health Promotion, Education and Behavior)  
University of South Carolina- 2011

**Work Experiences and Expertise**

**Richland Memorial Hospital 1984-1987**

Staff Radiologic Technologist-Performed radiologic procedures in various hospital settings such as emergency department, trauma, surgery and routine radiology rooms.

**Byrnes Medical Center 1987-1990**

Staff Radiologic Technologist-Performed radiologic procedures in various hospital settings such as emergency department, trauma, surgery and routine radiology rooms.

**Medical University of South Carolina and Roper Hospital 1990-1991**

Pediatric Staff Radiologic Technologist- Performed radiologic procedures in various hospital settings such as emergency department, trauma, surgery and routine radiology rooms.

**Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College 1994-1998**

Radiologic Sciences Clinical Instructor-Taught various didactic courses (i.e., Radiology Physics, Positioning I and II) and clinical courses.

**Midlands Technical College 1998-1999**

Radiologic Sciences Clinical Instructor-Taught Medical Terminology course and clinical courses.

**Palmetto Public Health District- 1999-2001**

HIV Health Educator –Planned implemented and evaluated HIV prevention activities focusing on high risk individuals including Latino migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Developed the first-ever HIV prevention plan for Latinos that reside in the Palmetto Public Health District. Established partnerships with local government agencies and community-based organizations in order to address the HIV epidemic in South Carolina.

**STD/HIV Division 2001-2004**

Consultant-Provided technical assistance to community-based organizations and health districts receiving state and federal HIV prevention funds. Monitored and evaluated HIV prevention and testing programs, conducted site visits to funded entities and participated in STD/HIV clinic audits for state health departments.

### **Cancer Division and Control's Best Chance Network (BCN) Program- 2004-2005**

Program Manager- Provided the day-to-day oversight of the BCN Program, supervised BCN staff, monitored over 200 sub-contractors, conducted evaluation, submitted grants and reports to CDC as required, facilitated and participated in program related meetings, monitored BCN and sub-contractors' budget, developed position descriptions and conducted interviews.

### **Cardiovascular Health (CVH) Division- 2005-2006**

Community Health Education Program Manager-Responsible for monitoring and evaluating CVH grants in four health districts, planning CVH and chronic disease related conferences, developing a Lay Health Advisor Program to conduct CVH and Stroke community presentations, and assisting the CVH Division staff plan, implement and evaluate Capital Health, an employee wellness program.

### **University of South Carolina- 2006-2016**

Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator on grants working with Latinos in SC. Responsible the day-to-day activities for the grants, process and outcome evaluations, data collection, analysis and reporting. Worked on the evaluation team for various Center for Health Services and Policy Research (CHSPR) projects. Also, taught undergraduate courses for the Department of Health, Promotion, Education and Behavior.

### **University of South Carolina- 2016-**

Clinical Assistant Faculty, Health Promotion, Education and Behavior (HPEB), Arnold School of Public Health. Responsible for planning teaching numerous undergraduate and graduate HPEB traditional, on-line, and study abroad courses in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. Provide students assistance in identifying and planning for practica opportunities, serve as advisor to graduate students, and participate in multiple departmental and university committees

### **Positions**

1999- 2001 HIV Health Educator, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

2001-2004 Consultant, STD/HIV Division, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

2004-2005 Program Manager, Best Chance Network (BCN), Department of Health and Environmental Control,  
Columbia, SC

2004-2015 PI and Program Manager HIV Prevention Program, SC Hispanic Latino Health Coalition, Columbia, SC

2005-2006 Health Education Manager, CVH Division, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, SC

2006-2007 Co-PI & Program Coordinator, Women's Well Being Initiative, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

2008- 2016 Research Associate Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies, Columbia, SC

2011-2013 Co-PI *Navegantes para Salud*, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Grant, Columbia, SC

2011-2013 Evaluator for Every Woman Southeast Grant, Columbia, SC

2011-2013 Evaluator for numerous State Health Department grants, SC

2011-2013 PI SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Grant, Columbia, SC

2011- 2016 Adjunct Professor, Arnold School of Public Health, University of SC

2015- 2016 Program Manager, Tomando Control de su Salud Program, Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging, Columbia, SC

2016-present-Studey Abroad, University of South Carolina Global Health in Costa Rica  
professor; teach two classes: Global Health and Public Health  
2016-present Member of the University of South Carolina's Hispanic/Latino Faculty Caucus;  
Secretary 2019-2020.

### **Honors**

- 1984 Honor Graduate
- 1994 Student Action with Farm Workers Internship (North and South Carolina)
- 2000 Associate of Public Manager Certificate
- 2000 Most Outstanding New Health Educator Award recipient
- 2001 SC Excellence in HIV Award recipient
- 2006 University of St. Louis Public Health Education Leadership Institute (PHELI)-  
Cycle VIII fellow
- 2006 Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools Professional Development Seminar  
Scholarship Recipient
- 2007 National Scholars Honor Society
- 2007 South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) U.S. and  
Mexican Border Program
- 2008 Summer Research Scholarship Recipient-University of Notre Dame
- 2009 Delta Omega Society MU Chapter
- 2010 The Dennis de Leon Sustainable Leadership Institute-Latinos in the Deep South
- 2011 US Department of Health and Human Services Regional Health Equity Council  
Member
- 2014 John Hopkins University's Training and Learning Programs for Volunteer  
Community Health Workers certificate
- 2014 Center for Business and Industry, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
Systems-Community Health Worker Course
- 2015 Working with Latino/Latina LGBT Youth Certificate-SC Department of Juvenile  
Justice
- 2018 Centers for Teaching Excellence On-line Training Certificate-University of South  
Carolina

### **Selected Peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order)**

Torres ME, Meetze E, Smithwick J. (2013). Latina Voices in Childhood Obesity: A Pilot Study Using Photovoice in South Carolina. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*,44(3S3), S225-S231.

Myriam E. Torres, Ashley Murray, Edena G. Meetze, Zaneta Gaul, Madeline Y. Sutton (2015). HIV Knowledge and Testing Beliefs among Pregnant Latinas in Rural South Carolina. *Journal of Immigrant Minority Health*. 2016. DOI 10.1007/s10903-016-0455-6.

Meetze EG, Torres, ME, Messias, DH. (2016). Prenatal Care Providers' Perspectives and Practices: Informed Consent for HIV Screening among Latinas with Limited English Proficiency in South Carolina. *Journal of Health Disparities*. Vol 10, Issue 1, Article 10.

### **Publications/Presentations**

- *La Vida Noticias* – Author and editor of this Spanish health issues newsletter published statewide, two times a year

- ***Addressing HIV/AIDS: Latino Perspectives and Policy Recommendations Document-*** Published by the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors' (NASTAD) Latino Advisory Committee. Contributed to the development of this NASTAD document that provides recommendations on how to develop programs and policies to effectively address the AIDS epidemic among Latinos.
- Written numerous magazine and newspaper articles on HIV and Hispanic health issues (*Latino Newspaper, NASTAD Bulletin, Hispanic Online Articles! [HOLA!]*)
- Featured in *IMARA Magazine* and *DHEC Newsletter*

### **Grants**

- HIV/STD Prevention Grants written and awarded for the South Carolina Hispanic/Latino Health Coalition (SCHLHC), 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2008-2009.
- National Breast and Cervical Early Detection Program Grants written and awarded for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), 2003-2004.
- Cardiovascular Grant awarded to the Cardiovascular Health Division of SCDHEC

### **Research Funds Awarded (in chronological order)**

- Empowering Latinas to Lash-Out Against AIDS/STIs (ELLAS)  
Project Dates: 9/30/2007- 9/29/2012  
Co-PI  
Direct Costs: \$510,833                      Total Costs: \$737,003  
Funding Agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Minority AIDS Research Initiative  
Description: To gain a better understanding of providers and pregnant Latinas' perceptions about prenatal HIV testing in urban and rural areas of SC
- Navegantes para Salud: Improving Health Care Access and Utilization among Hispanic Women and Children  
Project Dates: October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2013  
Co-PI  
Funding Agency: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Hispanic Health Services Research Grant Program  
Total Budget: \$210,993  
Description: Implemented and tested the effectiveness of a culturally and linguistically appropriate health systems navigator intervention, *Navegantes para Salud* (Health Navigators, in Spanish).
- Cuidate: Program to reduce HIV risk among Latino youth.  
Project Dates: January 2011- December 2013  
PI  
Funding Agency: SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy  
Total Budget: \$25,000  
Description: Implemented an evidence-based HIV prevention curriculum (Cuidate), for Latino youth in the Midlands region of SC.
- Study to Assess Beliefs and Evaluate Risks (SABER) among Latinos in SC  
Project Date: 2013-2014  
Co-PI

Funding Agency: NIH Supplement to P20 (Institute for Partnerships to Eliminate Health Disparities).

Description: Collected quantitative and qualitative data from Latinos in SC regarding their sexual practices.

- Experiences of Latinos during the SC Floods  
Project Dates: 2016  
Co-PI  
Funding Agency: University of South Carolina  
Description: Collected qualitative and quantitative data from LEP Latinos and organizational stakeholders regarding their perceptions on the services provided during the October 2015 SC flood.
- Contra SIDA and Cuidate: Programs to reduce HIV risk among Latinos adults and teens  
Project Dates: January 1, 2010 –December 31, 2015; January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018  
Funding Agency: AIDS Benefit Foundation of South Carolina  
PI  
Direct Costs: \$24,963 (total for all years)  
Description: Project consisted of HIV prevention program to include HIV testing for Latino adults and the facilitation of a proven and effective Spanish/English versions curriculum to teach Latino youth ages 12-18 about HIV prevention
- Latinx focus groups throughout South Carolina  
Project Dates: 2017, 2018, 2019  
Funding Agency: Core for Applied Research and Evaluation, Office of Research Facilitator  
Description: Conduct focus group of Latinos throughout South Carolina to collect, analyze, and report qualitative data to funders to support health programs that focus on Latinx communities.