

Curriculum Vitae

Cecilia Ayón

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Education

- Aug. 2008 **University of Washington, Seattle, WA**
PhD in Social Welfare
- May 2004 **California State University, Long Beach, CA**
Master of Social Work
- May 2001 **California State University, Long Beach, CA**
Bachelors in Arts, Psychology
- May 1999 **Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA**
Associate in Arts

Research Interests

Mexican/Latino family well being and involvement with the public child welfare system, service disparities, paths to services, power dynamics and advocacy, immigration, mental health needs among Latino communities

Teaching Interests

Macro Practice, Cross Cultural Issues, Latino Families in the U.S. and Immigration, Child Welfare, Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods, Introductory and Advanced Statistics

Professional Experience

- August 2007 **Consultant**
Present Catholic Charities, San Gabriel Region
Completed needs assessment including a survey and focus groups with community members to inform the development of a program that aims to promote the well-being of Latino families, in East Los Angeles. Developing and implementing an evaluation component for the program.
In the process of designing a comprehensive needs assessment for a new preventative mental health program for low income families in non-traditional settings.

- April 2004 **Statistical Consultant**
May 2007 RBUSD Evaluation of the Elementary School Counseling Program
California State University, Long Beach
Completed statistical analyses for a longitudinal evaluation of a school based counseling program focused on mental health outcomes.
- March 2003 **Field Organizer**
Sept. 2004 Catholic Charities, San Gabriel Region
Developed and implemented a program addressing environmental stewardship and health issues.
- Summer 2003 **Program Evaluator**
National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ)
Conducted a socio-demographic scan of Orange County including an analysis of demographics, government (local and state), educational patterns, and police systems. Completed an evaluation of the Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP) employing multiple methods. Collected data from over 200 NLP graduates, analyzed data, and wrote a comprehensive report. The evaluation consisted of: (1) pre and post test assessment; (2) follow up assessment, and (3) qualitative interviews.
- August 2002 **Intern Therapist**
June 2003 Catholic Charities, Psychological Services, Los Angeles, CA
Provide therapeutic services to families involved with the public child welfare system. Provide counseling services to children in school setting.
Completed a needs assessment and developed a program for senior citizens.
Facilitated weekly sessions for senior support group/social club.
- Sept. 2000 **Intern Counselor**
June 2002 Outreach Concern, Inc., Santa Ana, CA
Individual and group counseling with primary aged children (K-8th grade) and secondary aged adolescents. Participated in weekly supervision with clinical psychologist.
- August 2001 **Counselor**
June 2002 Bishop Mora Salesian High School, Los Angeles, CA
Individual counseling with secondary aged adolescents (9-12th grade). Academic advising and college counseling.

Honors and Awards

- Nominated, *Outstanding Practicum Instructor*, School of Social Work, University of Washington, 2008
- Doctoral Dissertation Support Award*, School of Social Work, University of Washington, 2008
- Underrepresented Mental Health Minority Research Fellow*, Counsel of Social Work Education/National Institute for Mental Health, 2005-2008
- Top Scholar Award*, Graduate School, University of Washington, 2004-2005
- Graduate Opportunity Minority Research Fellowship*, University of Washington, 2004-05
- Graduate Deans List*, College of Health and Human Services, California State University Long Beach, 2004
- Best Thesis Award*, Department of Social Work, California State University Long Beach, 2004
- Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar*, The California State University, 2003-2004
- Outreach Award*, Outreach Concern, Inc., 2001

Academic Appointments

- Aug. 2008 **Assistant Professor**
Present Arizona State University, School of Social Work
- Sept. 2007 **Practicum Instructor**
June 2008 University of Washington, School of Social Work
Supervised six MSW students completing their practicum requirements – group supervision and individual supervision. Recruited and developed multiple placements with Latino serving agencies in Seattle.
- Fall 2006 **Instructor**
University of Washington, School of Social Work
Child and Family Inequalities -Child and Family Policy and Services
(SW 521) Fall 2006, Co-taught with Dr. Peter Pecora

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

Ayón, C. & Marcenko, M.O. (*in press*). Depression among Latino children in the child welfare system. *Children and Youth Services Review*.

Aisenberg, E., Ayón, C., & Orozco-Figueroa, A. (2008). The Role of Young Adolescents' Perception in Understanding Severity of Impact of Exposure to Community Violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Aisenberg, E., Garcia, A., Ayón, C., Trickett, P., & Mennen, F. (2008). The Co-occurrence of Community Violence and Child Maltreatment among Racially Diverse Adolescents: Assessing Risk for Mental health and Behavioral Problems. *Protecting Children. Special Issue. American Humane Association*, 22 (3-4), 20-31.

Lee, C. D. & Ayón, C. (2007). Family preservation: The parents' perceptions. *Family Preservation Journal, 10*, 42-61.

Ayón, C. & Lee, C. D. (2005). A Comparative Analysis of Child Welfare Services through the Eyes of African American, Latino, and Caucasian Parents. *Research on Social Work Practice, 15*, 257-266.

Lee, C. D. & Ayón, C. (2005). The power of groups for older adults: a comparison of Latino and European American senior mutual aid groups. *Social Work with Groups, 28*(2), 23- 39.

Lee, C. D. & Ayón, C. (2004). Is the Client-Worker Relationship Associated with Better Outcomes in Mandated Child Abuse Cases? *Research on Social Work Practice, 14* (5), 351-357.

Under Review/In Progress

Aisenberg, E., Ayón, C., Garcia, A., Trickett, P., & Mennen, F. (under review). Maltreatment and Mental Health and Behavioral Outcomes among Adolescents: Is Community Violence a Mediator? *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*

Ayón, C. (in progress). Shorter time-lines, yet higher hurdles: Mexican families access to child welfare mandated services

Ayón, C., & Aisenberg, E. (in progress). Mexican origin families' interactions with the public child welfare system: Integrating culture, context, and histories of immigration in the development of services. To be submitted to *Families in Society*

Ayón, C., Marcenko, M.O., & Aisenberg, E. (in progress). Kinship care and the Mexican family. To be submitted to *Child Welfare*

Paper Presentations

Aisenbert, E., Garcia, A., Ayón, C. Examining the well-being of maltreated racially diverse adolescents exposed to community violence. Paper presentation at *Annual Program Meeting, Council of Social Work Education*. Philadelphia, PN. November 1, 2008.

Ayón, C. & Marcenko, M. O. Depression among Latino children in the child welfare system. Presented at *Building on Family Strengths Conference*. Portland: OR. June 1, 2007.

Lee, C. D., Ayón, C., Green, Y., & Lewis, G. Utilizing evidenced based research for school social work(er) training, funding and practice. Presented at: *Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*. Chicago: Illinois. February 18, 2006.

Lee, C. D. & Ayón, C. The power of groups for older adults: A comparison of Latinos and European American seniors' mutual aid groups. Presented at: *Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups 25 Annual International Symposium*. Boston: Massachusetts. October 17, 2003

Research and Evaluation Experience

- June 2007 Present Integrating the lived experiences of Mexican families in the development and delivery of child welfare services. *Principal Investigator*.
- June 2005 June 2008 An Analysis of Latino Families in the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being, University of Washington, School of Social Work. *Co-Principal Investigator* Dr. Maureen Marcenko. Secondary analyses of the NSCAW dataset examining Latino families' experiences while in the public child welfare system with a focus on mental health outcomes.
- Oct. 2004 Oct. 2005 Constructing a Social Justice Framework for Youth and Community Service, University of Washington, School of Architecture and School of Social Work. *Research Associate*. Translated information handouts and interviews guides from English to Spanish. Completed multiple interviews with youth and parents. Completed statistical analyses.
- Sept. 2004 June 2005 GO-MAP/School of Social Work, University of Washington. *Research Assistant*. Under the supervision of Dr. Eugene Aisenberg. Completed statistical analysis for a study employing quantitative and qualitative data regarding middle school students' lifetime exposure to community violence. Worked on a pilot study to translate a research measure of youth self-reported exposure to community violence into clinical use.
- Summer 2004 The Young Adolescent Project, University of Southern California, School of Social Work, Dr. Trickett and Dr. Mennen (PIs). *Summer Intern*. Involved in participant recruitment/retention and completed anxiety ratings for youth who were interviewed. This internship was supported by the CSU Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral fellowship.
- August 2002 Nov. 2002 Los Angeles County Family Preservation Grant, California State University Long Beach, Department of Social Work. *Research Assistant*. Completed interviews in Spanish and English, analyzed data, and participated in writing final report. Presented findings to L.A. County DCFS staff and L.A. County Board of Supervisors.

Professional Services

- Sept. 2007 **Student Representative**
Present Faculty Recruitment Committee
School of Social Work, University of Washington
- Feb. 2005 **Graduate Diversity Recruiter**
June 2008 Graduate Opportunities & Minority Achievement Program (GO-MAP)
University of Washington
- July 2003 **Vice Chair/Board Member**
June 2004 National Association for Social Workers (NASW) Long Beach Unit
California State University, Long Beach
- August 2003 **Secretary/Member**
June 2004 Child Welfare Statewide Advisory Committee (NASW)
- January 2003 **Student Representative**
June 2003 Department of Social Work's Admissions Committee
California State University, Long Beach

Professional Affiliation

- Member, Council for Social Work Education (CSWE)
- Member, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)
- Member, National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies (NACCS)
- Member, Association for Latino Social Work Educators (ALSWE)
- Member, Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups (AASWG)