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**DEGREE INFORMATION**

2021 Doctor of Social Work (Student) University of Southern California (USC) Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

2001 Master of Arts in Social Welfare University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Public Policy and Social Research

2001 Master of Arts in Asian American Studies University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) College of Letters and Science

1997 Bachelor of Arts in Asian American Studies University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) College of Letters and Science

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2016-present University of Southern California (USC) Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work *Adjunct Assistant Professor*

2011-2015 University of Southern California (USC) School of Social Work *Adjunct Lecturer*

2008 University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Department of Asian American Studies *Lecturer*

1997-1998 University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Department of Applied Linguistics

*Teaching Assistant*

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Spring 2019 VAC Experience Task Force, Model and Theory Workgroup

AY 2018-19 Adjunct and Part-time Teaching Faculty APR Workgroup

**PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE**

2017-present Ventura County Behavioral Health, Prevention Services, Oxnard, CA. *Research Consultant/Principal Investogator*

2017-present Young Moon, Oxnard, CA. *Co-Founder/Director of Strategy*

2009-present SSG/CYPHER X, Los Angeles, CA. *Founder/Director*

2008-2010 Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers, Irvine, CA. *Director, Health Policy & Development*

2007-2010 Health Ex-Change Academy, Center for Healthy Communities/The

California Endowment , National Community Development Institute,

Richmond, CA. *Policy Trainer/Curriculum Developer*

2005-2008 AltaMed Health Services/Community Care Health Centers, LA, CA. *Development Associate*/*Corporate & Foundation Relations Officer*

1999-2008 Filipino American Service Group Incorporated, Los Angeles, CA. *Deputy Director/Consultant*

**INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2017- *present* Asia Low Emission Development Strategies Partnership (Asia LEDS Partnership), Manila, Philippines. *Member*.

2017 United Nations Foundation, Digital Ambassador Program, First Annual Global People Summit, 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly. *Global Engagement Fellow*.

2011-2013 SAVE Act Campaign. Commercial Section of the Consulate General of the Philippines in San Francisco, Representative Office of the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry for the US Pacific Northwest and Western Canada. San Francisco, CA. *Organizing Team-California.*

**ACADEMIC, COMMUNITY, & SCIENTIFIC MEMBERSHIPS**

***Federal Grant Reviewing/Evaluation***

2019 Cooperative Agreement to Support Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and CHIP Services’ Connecting Kids to Coverage: HEALTHY KIDS 2019 Outreach and Enrollment Cooperative Agreements. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. *Member, Objective Review Committee.*

2018 2018 Annual Program Meeting (APM). Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). *Member, Objective Review Committee-Phase 1.*

**ACADEMIC, COMMUNITY, & SCIENTIFIC MEMBERSHIPS, Cont.**

2016 Cooperative Agreement to Support Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services’ Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. *Member, Objective Review Committee.*

2015 Cooperative Agreement to Support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces (15NAV). *Member, Objective Review Committee.*

2014 Cooperative Agreement to Support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces. *Member, Objective Review Committee.*

2013 The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight. *Member,*

*Objective Review Committee.*

***Policy Advocacy***

2015- The Climate Reality Project, Washington, D.C. *Leadership Corps Member*

2014- SB 535 Coalition. APEN, Sacramento, CA. *Member, Energy Committee*.

2012-2015 California Mental Health Services Act Multicultural Coalition, California Reducing Disparities Project, California Department of Public Health, Sacramento, CA. *Co-Chair.*

2011-2015 California Mental Health Services Act Multicultural Coalition, California Reducing Disparities Project, California Department of Public Health, Sacramento, CA. *Member*.

2011-2013 SAVE Act Campaign. Commercial Section of the Consulate General of the Philippines in San Francisco, Representative Office of the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry for the US Pacific Northwest and Western Canada. San Francisco, CA. *Organizing Team-California*.

2011-2013 Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition, Sacramento,

California. *Member.*

2011-2012 Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, Sacramento, California. *Member, Mental Health Funding and Policy Committee and Cultural and Linguistic Competence Committee.*

2010-2013 Pilipino Workers Center of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. *Member of the Board of Directors*.

2009-2010 County of Orange Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services, Prevention & Early Intervention Community Forum, Santa Ana, CA. *Planning Committee Member.*

2009-2010 County of Orange Health Care Council, Santa Ana, CA. *Member, Board of Directors.*

2009 Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (D-47), Santa Ana, California. *Member, Health Reform Advisory Task Force*.

**PUBLICATIONS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS**

Vergara, R. B. (2019). Pivot to Decarbonization: A Pathway to Locally-Engaged Climate Mitigation

in Social Work. Manuscript in preparation.

Vergara, R. B. (2019). Pivot to Tech: A Pathway to a Technology Practice in Social Work.

Manuscript in preparation.

***Agency-Level Publications and Technical Reports***

**Vergara, R.,** Taruc, M. (2014). Constituency-specific information on how climate change

impacts Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, & Pacific Islanders, CYPHER, LA, CA.

Vergara, R. (2012). What’s at Stake?: $60 Million in PEI Earmarks for Disparity Elimination,

California MHSA Multicultural Coalition, Sacramento, CA: Racial and Ethnic Mental

Health Disparities Coalition.

*Ibid.* (2012). What’s at Stake?: Proposed Bifurcation of the Office of Multicultural Services,

California MHSA Multicultural Coalition, Sacramento, CA: Racial and Ethnic Mental

Health Disparities Coalition.

*Ibid.* (2007). Health Facts of Orange: A Backgrounder on Health Care in Orange County.

Huntington Beach, CA: Community Care Health Centers.

Vergara, R. (2005). Health Care in Orange County: A Look at Barriers to Health Access -- A

Focus Group Evaluation Report on Health Care Barriers in Selected Communities of

Orange County. Huntington Beach, CA: Community Care Health Centers.

*Ibid.* (2003). Housing Issues in Community Development: A Neighborhood Profile Based on

Census 2000 Data. Los Angeles, CA: Community Economic Development Department,

Search to Involve Pilipino Americans.

Kageyama, N., Maruyama, T., **Vergara, R. B.,** and Zagurski, T. (2002). Census 2000 Population

by Race – All Races (Data Series P-1-A): Tables and Maps of Groups in the Southern

California Region. Los Angeles, CA: Census Data and GIS, Special Service for Groups.

*Ibid.* (2002). Census 2000 Population by Race – Asian Groups (Data Series P-1-B): Tables and

Maps of Groups in the Southern California Region. Los Angeles, CA: Census Data and

GIS, Special Service for Groups.

*Ibid.* (2002). Census 2000 Population by Race – Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Groups

(Data Series P-1-C): Tables and Maps of Groups in the Southern California Region. Los

Angeles, CA: Census Data and GIS, Special Service for Groups.

*Ibid.* (2002). Census 2000 Population by Race – Hispanic Groups (Data Series P-2-B): Tables and

Maps of Groups in the Southern California Region. Los Angeles, CA: Census Data and GIS,

Special Service for Groups.

**PUBLICATIONS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS, Cont.**

Kageyama, N., Maruyama, T., **Vergara, R. B.,** and Zagurski, T. (2002). Census 2000 Population by

Race – Non-Hispanic Population by Race (Data Series P-2-A): Tables and Maps of Groups in

the Southern California Region. Los Angeles, CA: Census Data and GIS, Special Service for

Groups.

Vergara, R. B. (2000). What’s at Stake?: Picking the Next Supreme Court Judge: The Impact of

a Right-Wing Supreme Court on Asian Pacific American Civil Rights (in English, Chinese,

Vietnamese, Korean, Hmong, Laotian, and Cambodian), APALAVOTE 2000.

*Ibid.*, (2000). Gore vs. Bush: Presidential Candidate Position on Asian Pacific American

Issues (in English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Hmong, Laotian, and Cambodian), Asian

Pacific American Labor Alliance 2000.

*Ibid.*, ed. (2000). FILVOTE 1998: A Survey of Filipino American Voter Behavior, Filipino

American Service Group Inc. Los Angeles, CA: FILVOTE 2000.

Ebio, R, Ejanda, T., Dormitorio, E., Dumlao, K., and **Vergara, R.B.** comps. (1998). Pilipino

America at the Crossroads: 100 Years of United States-Philippine Relations, UCLA: Asian

American Studies Center Reading Room.

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Vergara, R. B.,** and Wakatsuki, G. (2018, June). Addressing Solutions to the Food-Energy-Water

Nexus: Cities as Test-Beds for SDG Implementation Tools and Solutions. A panel for

practitioners, scholars, and policy advocates at the Third Annual United Nations Multi-

stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development

Goals (STI Forum), United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY.

**Vergara, R. B.,** Nair, M. and Wakatsuki, G. (2018, June). TACK TO TECH: Framing a ‘technology

practice’ in city-level decarbonization. Panel session presented at #NSWM29, Disruptive

Leadership: Maximizing Inclusion, Invention and Innovation, Network of Social Work

Management, San Diego State University, School of Social Work, San Diego, CA.

Vergara, R. B. (2018, May). Stress, Racism, and Social Determinants of Health. A panel presentation

at Healthy Communities: Promoting Wellness and Achieving Health & Mental Health Equity,

Ventura County Behavioral Health Department, Ventura County Health Care Agency,

Camarillo, CA.

**Vergara, R. B.,** and Wakatsuki, G. (2018, April). Innovation at the Nexus of Food, Water, and

Energy (INFEWS) and Smart City Development. A colloquium for practitioners, local policy,

and economic stakeholders at the Nexus 2018: Water, Food, Energy and Climate Conference,

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC.

Vergara, R. B. (2018, April). Nexus 2018: Water, Food, Energy and Climate Conference, University

of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC.

Vergara, R. B. (2017, August). Harnessing Technology for Social Good. Presentation at Making

a Difference Thru T2: 2017 FLC Far West & Mid-Continent Regional, Pasadena, CA.

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, Cont.**

Vergara, R. B. (2016, August). ‘Digital SOWK’: Innovation at the nexus of food, energy, and

water systems (INFEWS) as framework for integrating social innovation and social

enterprise in social work. A colloquium at University at Buffalo School of Social Work,

Buffalo, New York.

Vergara, R. B. (2015, August). 7 billion conversations: Preserving the Planet for Future

Generations, Becky Moores Center for Visual Learning, Museum of Photographic Arts, San

Diego, CA.

**Vergara, R. B.** and Mandayam, G. (2015, July). Small-Scale Climate Resilience and Social

Entrepreneurship. Poster session presented at the 19th International Symposium of the

International Consortium for Social Development, “Transforming Society: Trends and

Models in Community Leadership and Social Development,” Singapore (abstract accepted).

Vergara, R. B. (2015, March). Removing the Blindfold: Supporting student success through self-

efficacy and professional development with high impact practices that advance innovation

and equity for high risk youth. Poster session presented at the 7th Annual HSI/Title V Best

Practices Conference, Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators, University of

Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX.

Vergara, R. B. (2014, June). Small-Scale Climate Resilience: Social Work Practice in the Age of

Climate Change. Poster session presented at the 25th Management Conference in the Age of

Innovation, Network of Social Work Management, Simmons College, School of Social Work,

Boston, MA.

Vergara, R. B. (2010, November). Political Voice in Beats & Rhymes: Aligning Un-Aligned

Efforts in Community Building. Poster presentation at the 9th National Federation of Filipino

American Associations Empowerment Conference, Burlingame, CA.

Vergara, R. B. (2010, April). Earth Day Briefing, Federation of Filipino American Associations,

Long Beach Water Treatment Plant, Long Beach, California.

Vergara, R. B. (2003, May). Race and Ethnic Data in Social Work: Its Role in the API

Community, Subcommittee on Populations, National Committee on Vital and Health

Statistics, Subcommittee Hearing on Use of Race and Ethnic Data in Health Policy,

Planning, and Service Provision in the Asian Pacific Islander Community, UCLA.

Vergara, R. B. (2003, May). Asian Pacific Americans and Macro-Social Work in LA County,

Southern California Asian Pacific Islander Social Workers Caucus, Fifth Annual API

Community Conference, UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research, LA, CA.

Vergara, R. B. (2003, April). The Role of Data in African American Faith-Based Community

and Policy Advocacy, Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches (LAM), National Community

Organizing Training, Grand Vista Hotel, Simi Valley, California.

Vergara, R. B. (2003, March). Social Work Bound Community Intervention in Low-Income

African American and Latino Communities of Los Angeles, Inaugural Class of the Institute

for Public Health and Faith Collaborations, Santa Barbara, California.

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, Cont.**

Vergara, R. B. (2003, February). Effectiveness-Based Non-Profit Management, Asian Pacific

American Community Research Roundtable, 18th Annual Asian and Pacific Islander

Community Roundtable, UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research, LA, CA.

**AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

2016 Momentum for Change Award. United Nations Climate Change Secretariat, Bonn, Germany. (Nominated)

2016 Social Worker Manager Recognition. Network for Social Work Management, LA, CA.

2015 Dedicated & Deserving Social Worker Award. Social Work Today Magazine, Great Valley Publishing Co., Inc., Spring City, PA.

2015 Executive Circle Program. Network Social Work Management, Los Angeles, CA.

2015 APA Health Equity Ambassador. Health Disparities Initiative, Public Interest Directorate, American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

2014 ACOSA Outstanding Practitioner Award Nomination. Nominated by Dr. Haluk Soydan, Dean of Research, USC Hamovitch Center for Science in Human Services.

2014 Royal Morales Community Leadership Award. Historic Filipinotown Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles, CA.

2014 Certificate of Recognition: Community Leadership Award. U.S. House of Representatives, Hon. Alan Lowenthal, Member of Congress.

2014 County of Los Angeles Commendation. LA County Board of Supervisors, LA, CA.

2014 Certificate of Recognition: Paul C. Blanco Leadership Award. City of Long Beach, Hon. Roberto Uranga, Councilmember, Seventh District, Long Beach, CA.

2013 Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation. USC School of Social Work Rainbow Alliance Social Work Caucus.

2010 Clinic Leadership Institute Fellowship. Blue Shield of California Foundation, CA. (Withdrew Nov 2010 due to professional obligations)

2002 Assembly Certificate of Recognition: Community Leadership. California Legislature, Hon. Jenny Oropeza, Assembly Member, 55th District, June 20, 2002.

2002 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition: Community Leadership. Hon. Juanita Millender-McDonald, Member of U.S. Congress, June 1, 2002.

2001 Certificate of Recognition: Community Leadership. U.S. House of Representatives, Hon. Xavier Becerra, Member of Congress, 30th Congressional District, May 30, 2001.

2001 Certificate of Honor for Community Involvement. United States House of Representatives.

**GRANTS RECEIVED/SECURED (Selected List)**

2012 Indigent healthcare contract, OC Health Care Agency Grant. Award: $2,000,000

2010 Equipment and training grant, Kaiser Permanente Foundation Grant. Award: $410,000

2009 Immunization grant, California Department of Public Health Grant. Award: $99,000

2008 EHR Adoption grant, Health Resources and Services Adm Grant. Award: $1,200,000

2008 ‘Healthy Path’ grant, Unihealth Foundation Grant. Award: $400,000

2008 ‘Healthy Path’ grant, Irvine Health Foundation Grant. Award: $250,000

2007 ‘Healthy Path’ grant, Huntington Beach Hospital Grant. Award: $100,000

2007 ‘Healthy Path’ grant, Irvine Health Foundation Grant. Award: $100,000

2006 ‘First Steps’ pediatric care grant, Children & Families Commission. Award: $255,000

2006 Women’s health outreach grant, OC Community Fdn Grant. Award: $255,000

2006 Children’s health program grant, Annenberg Foundation Grant. Award: $151,713

2006 Health IT expansion grant (HBCC), WellPoint Anthem Grant. Award: $250,000

2006 Renovate ‘First Steps’/Health IT grant, Weingart Foundation Grant. Award: $350,000

2006 Family planning grant, Title X/Teen Hot Spot (CFHC) Grant. Award: $202,760

2006 Core operating grant, Expanded Access to Primary Care Grant. Award: $300,198

2006-2007 General operating grant, Tobacco Settlement Revenue Grant. Award: $315,000

2006-2007 Women’s health grant, Susan G. Komen Foundation Grant. Award: $150,000

2001-2003 API collaborative grant, LA Co. Tobacco Control Grant. Award: $350,000