

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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### EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Puerto Rico – Rio Piedras Campus	BS	2002	Natural Sciences
University of Puerto Rico – School of Public Health	MPHE	2004	Public Health Education
Walden University – College of Health Sciences	PhD	2010	Public Health, Health Promotion and Education
University of Puerto Rico – School of Public Health	Post-Doctoral Training	2010-2012	HIV and Global Health Research

### A. Personal Statement

I am a health promotion and health education scientist, with formal training in public health and substantive experience in sexual health research and in the development of health promotion interventions. Over the course of the last 12 years I have been working among multiple at-risk populations including Latino/Hispanic populations in the United States, prison populations, transgender groups, gay men, and other men who have sex with men (MSM), among others. Most of my research activities have been framed within community-based and participatory approaches. For over 10 year I have worked with gay men and other men who have sex with men, including the development and management of health promotion and health education services.

My extensive record of involvement with the Latino/Hispanic population in the U.S., the Caribbean region, and the HIV-field in PR is evidenced by my active participation in multiple committees and advisory groups including the membership to the Planning Committee Council of the San Juan Statistical Metropolitan Area (under the Ryan White Care Act), the Board of Directors of community-based organizations providing HIV prevention services, among others.

I am currently an Assistant Professor in the UPR-School of Public Health and Coordinator of the Doctoral Program in Public Health with specialty in Social Determinants of Health. Building on my training in health promotion, I am currently conducting a CDC-funded stigma-management intervention study targeted to HIV+ MSM in PR. I also serve as Principal Investigator/Co-I in projects funded by NIH, HRSA and local partners. My current projects include ongoing research partnerships with the PR Department of Health and community-based organizations. I also collaborate in the implementation of an HIV prevention curriculum for medical students as well as other research activities in the Caribbean Region.

In the proposed project I will contribute with my experience measuring and assessing stigma and social determination indicators among populations made vulnerable. In collaboration with the mentor, I will lead the research activities proposed and will support the development and assessment of the proposed intervention.

### B. Positions and Honors

#### Positions

2000-2002	Research Assistant, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
2001	Health Education and Disease Prevention Assistant, Latino Family Services - Detroit, MI
2002-2004	Research Assistant, University of Puerto Rico, School of Public Health
2002	Behavioral Research Analyst, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – HIV Prevention
2003-2004	Public Health Educator, Puerto Rico Department of Health, Correctional Health Program

2004-2007 Manager of Health Education and Health Prom. Serv., Correctional Health Services Corp.  
 2007-2009 Instructor, Public Health Education Program, UPR - School of Public Health (SPH)  
 2008-2012 Member, Human Research Subject Protection Office (IRB)  
 2008-present Faculty, Florida/Caribbean AIDS Education and Training Center  
 2009-2010 Research Fellow, UPR- SPH  
 2010-2012 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, UPR- SPH  
 2012-present Assistant Professor, UPR-SPH  
 2012-present Coordinator, Doctoral Program in Social Determinants of Health, UPR- SPH

### Honors

2004 Cato Lube Award for outstanding academic performance, presented by Association of Health Educators of Puerto Rico  
 2007 Recognized as emergent professional in the sexuality education, counseling/therapy, health care and research by the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality and the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality  
 2007 Fellow of the Pan-American Health Organization on Applying Epidemiological Methods in the Hispanic Community Health Study – Study of Latinos (HCHS/SOL) Workshop at American College of Epidemiology 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
 2010 Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award. American Public Health Association  
 2012 Selected as Co-Chair of the Task Force for a Caribbean HIV Conference  
 2013 Outstanding abstract submitted by a new investigator, HIV Section, American Public Health Association.

### C. Selected Peer-reviewed Publications

1. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Rivera-Negrón, R., Clatts, M.C., & Myers, J. (2014). Health care practices and associated service needs in a sample of HIV-positive incarcerated men in Puerto Rico: Implications for retention in care. *Journal of the Association of Providers of AIDS Care*, 13(6), 492-496. DOI:10.1177/2325957414521300
2. Grov, C., Restar, A., Gussmann, P., Schlemmer, K., & Rodriguez-Diaz, C. E. (2014). Providers' perspectives on the best practices for HIV prevention for men who have sex with men in Berlin, Germany: Lessons for policy and prevention. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 26, (6), 485-499.
3. Grov, C., Rodriguez-Diaz, C. E., Jovet-Toledo, G. G., & Parsons, J. T. (2014). Comparing male escorts' sexual behavior with their last male client versus non-commercial male partner. *Culture, Health, and Sexuality*. Available online. DOI: 10.1080/13691058.2014.961035
4. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Collazo, E., Román-Rivera, A., Candelaria-Rosa, E., Colón, M., Dodge, B., & Herbenick, D. (2014). "Sexplorando": Results from an Internet-based study of male and female sexual behavior and condom use in Puerto Rico. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 11, 2385-2395. DOI: 10.1111/jsm.12642
5. Grov, C., Rodriguez-Diaz, C. E., Ditmore, M. H., Restar, A., & Parsons, J. T. (2014). What kinds of services do Internet-based male escorts want? Implications for prevention and health promotion. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 11(2), 176-185. DOI: 10.1007/s13178-014-0151-z.
6. Jovet-Toledo, G. G., Clatts, M. C., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Vargas-Molina, R. L., & Goldsamt, L. (2014). Prevalence of suicide attempts in a clinic-based sample of people living with HIV in Puerto Rico. *AIDS Care*, 26(8), 1032-5. DOI: 10.1080/09540121.2014.894618.
7. Colón-López, V. Soto-Salgado, M., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Suárez, E., & Pérez, C. M. (2013). Addressing health disparities among men: Demographic, behavioral, and clinical characteristics of men who have sex with men. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 10(3), 193-199. DOI: 10.1007/s13178013-0130-9.
8. Colón-López, V. Soto-Salgado, M., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Suárez, E., & Pérez, C. M. (2013). Demographic, behavioral, and clinical characteristics of MSM in Puerto Rico: Results from a population-based study. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. Publication ahead of print DOI: 10.1007/s13178-013-0130-9
9. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E. (2013). Social determinants of health and HIV: The experience of prisoners and other populations made vulnerable. *Journal of the International AIDS Society*, 16(Suppl 1), 9.

10. Rivera, J. M., Copper, H., & Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E. Exploring the reasons and ways Puerto Rican college students search for safer sex information. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 10(3), 208-220. DOI: 10.1007/s13178-013-0121-x
11. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E. (2013). Sexual health promotion and the attention of the social determinants of health in the Caribbean. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 10(3), 161-164. DOI: 10.1007/s13178-013-0132-7.
12. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Clatts, M. C., Vargas-Molina, R. L., Jovet-Toledo, G. G., Goldsamt, L. & García, H. (2012). More than foreskin: Circumcision status, history of HIV/STI, and sexual risk in a clinic-based sample of men in Puerto Rico. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 9(11), 2933-2937.
13. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E. (2012). Turning the tide in the Caribbean: A call to strengthen the evidence for a sustainable response to HIV/AIDS. *Puerto Rico Health Sciences Journal*, 31(3), 152-153.
14. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., & Andrinopoulos, K. (2012). HIV and incarceration in the Caribbean: The experiences of Puerto Rico and Jamaica. *Puerto Rico Health Sciences Journal*, 31(3), 161-169.
15. Clatts, M. C., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., García, H., Vargas-Molina, R. L., Jovet-Toledo, G. G. & Goldsamt, L. (2012). A preliminary profile of sexual risk in a clinic-based sample of men who have sex with men in Puerto Rico: Implications for sexual health promotion interventions. *Puerto Rico Health Sciences Journal*, 31(3), 154-160.
16. Clatts, M. C., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., García, H., Vargas-Molina, R. L., Jovet-Toledo, G. G. & Goldsamt, L. (2011). Preliminary evidence of significant gaps in continuity of HIV care among incarcerated populations in Puerto Rico. *Journal of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care*, 10(6), 339-341. PMID: 21865604
17. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Reece, M., Rivera-Alonso, B., Laureano-Landrón, I., Dodge, B., & Malow, R. (2011). Behind the bars of paradise: HIV and substance use among incarcerated populations in Puerto Rico. *Journal of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care*, 10(2), 64-70. PMID: 21460352
18. Clatts, M. C., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., García, H., Colón-López, V., Vargas-Molina, R. L., Pérez-Ríos, N., et al. (2011). The use of STI clinics in Puerto Rico as strategic venues for accessing high risk populations for targeted HIV research and intervention. *Puerto Rico Health Sciences Journal*, 30(3), 101-107. PMID: 21932709
19. Colón-López, V., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Ortiz, A. P., Soto-Salgado, M., Suárez, E., & Pérez, C. M. (2011). Epidemiological profile of HIV-related risks among MSM in Puerto Rico: An overview of substance use and sexual risk practices. *Puerto Rico Health Sciences Journal*, 30(2), 65-68. PMID: 21682148
20. Santos-Ortiz, M. C., Mendoza-Rosario, D. N., & Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E. (2003). Mujeres de Edad Avanzada y VIH/SIDA [Older Women and HIV/AIDS]. *Ciencias de la Conducta*, 18(1), 122 – 145.

**Additional peer-reviewed publications relevant to the proposed project (Selected sample)**

1. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Jovet-Toledo, G., Ortiz-Sánchez, E., Santiago-Rodríguez, E., & Vargas-Molina, R. (2014). *The role of socioeconomic factors in the sexual health of HIV-positive gay men and other men who have sex with men in Puerto Rico*. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Omaha, Nebraska.
2. Santiago-Rodríguez, E., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Ortiz-Sánchez, E., Jovet-Toledo, G., Vargas-Molina, R., & Trinidad-Sánchez, I. (2014). *Experience of sexuality education and sexual health knowledge among HIV-positive gay men and other men who have sex with men in Puerto Rico*. 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. New Orleans, LA. DOI: 10.13140/2/1/4836.0006
3. Santiago-Rodríguez, E., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Vargas-Molina, R., Jovet-Toledo, G., & Ortiz-Sánchez, E. (2014). *Trends in emerging prevention practices in a sample of HIV-positive gay men and other men who have sex with men in Puerto Rico*. 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. New Orleans, LA. DOI: 10.13140/2.1.1428.1281
4. Vargas-Molina, R., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Jovet-Toledo, G. G., & Trinidad, I. (2014). *Experiences of discrimination in a sample of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans in Puerto Rico*. 34th Annual Research and Education Forum. UPR-MS. San Juan, PR.
5. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Ortiz-Sánchez, E., Jovet-Toledo, G. G., Santiago-Rodríguez, E., & Vargas-Molina, R. (2014). *More than HIV: Priorities and health care needs in a sample of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans in Puerto Rico*. 34th Annual Research and Education Forum. UPR-MS. San Juan, PR.

6. Ortiz-Sánchez, E., & Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E. (2014). *Stigma as a social determinant of health among HIV-positive gay men and other MSM in Puerto Rico*. 34th Annual Research and Education Forum. UPR-MS. San Juan, PR.
7. Jovet-Toledo, G. G., & Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Santiago-Rodríguez, E., Vargas-Molina, R., & Ortiz-Sánchez, E. (2014). *Stigma, mental health, and quality of life of HIV-positive gay men and other MSM in Puerto Rico*. 34th Annual Research and Education Forum. UPR-MS. San Juan, PR.
8. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Ortiz-Sánchez, E., Vargas-Molina, R., & Santiago-Rodríguez, E. (2013). *The challenges of developing research on stigma among HIV+ gay men and other men who have sex with men in Puerto Rico*. 141st Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Boston, MA.
9. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E. (2013). *Social determinants of health, HIV, and stigma in Puerto Rico: Implications for health promotion among gay men and other men who have sex with men*. 21<sup>st</sup> World Conference on Health Promotion. Pattaya, Thailand.
10. Colón-Colón, M., Román-Rivera, A. Candelario-Rosa, E., & Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E. (2013). *Sexual health preventive practices in a sample of Puerto Ricans*. Fourth Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health. San Juan, PR.
11. Jovet-Toledo, G. G., Clatts, M. C., Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Vargas-Molina, R. L., García, H., & Goldsamt, L. (2012). *Prevalence of suicide attempts in a clinic-based sample of people living With HIV in Puerto Rico*. XIX International AIDS Conference. Washington, DC.
12. Vélez-Vega, C. M., & Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E. (2011). *Social policies as impacting social determinants of health for HIV prevention and care*. 2011 Caribbean HIV Conference. Nassau, The Bahamas.
13. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Reece, M., Dodge, B. M., & Herbenick, D. (2009). *Cross-cultural adaptations of a scale to assess condom fit and feel: An exploratory study among Spanish-speaking samples*. 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA.
14. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Torres-Avillán, I., Pérez-Marcial, Y., Rivera-Alonso, B., Laureano-Landrón, I., & Torres-Mojica, I. (2008). *Health status of incarcerated populations in Puerto Rico: Challenges and Opportunities*. National Conference on Correctional Health Care. Chicago, IL.
15. Rodríguez-Díaz, C. E., Vélez-Vega, C. M., & Santos-Ortiz, M. C. (2008). *Spanish and Español is not the same: Cultural differences as opportunities in sexual health promotion research*. 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. San Juan, PR.

#### D. Research Support

##### Ongoing Research Support

U01PS003310

Rodríguez-Díaz (PI)

01/2012 – 12/2015

Stigma among HIV+ MSM in Puerto Rico

This research study focuses on the development and pilot testing of an intervention to enhance the ability of HIV-positive MSM in Puerto Rico to manage self-perceived stigma.

Role: PI

U90HA26507

Myers (PI)

09/2013 – 10/2018

Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center - Culturally Appropriate Interventions of Outreach, Access and Retention among Latino/Populations.

Role: Co-Investigator