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Academic Positions

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Full-Time Lecturer, Fall 2020-Present

South Texas Community College, Part-Time Lecturer, Fall 2016 – Present

Education

Northcentral University

Ph.D., Gender Diversity Studies

Degree Conferred: November 2024

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX

M.S., Sociology

Graduation: May 2016

University of Texas Pan American, Edinburg, TX.

B.A., Sociology

Graduation: December 2012

Professional Certifications

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX.

Gender & Women's Studies Graduate Certificate: May 2022

Research Interest

Gender, Forced Sterilization, Intimate Partner Violence, Eugenics, Race, Border Studies

Publications

- Espinoza, L. E., Espinoza, L. E., Talleff, J. L., Resendiz, R., Zavala, L. N., & Anangwe, K. A. (2022). A comparative study of intimate partner violence among u.s.-born and foreign-born Hispanic women. *Social Science Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13175>
- Olivarez, M., Espinoza, L. E., Espinoza, L. E., Talleff, J. L., Romero, V. L., Zavala, L. N., & Ray Reagan, A. (2022). The parental factors that impact hispanics' post-secondary education completion. *Journal of Latinos and Education*, 23(2), 514–527. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15348431.2022.2153847>
- Espinoza, Lucas Enrique, Espinoza, L. E., Zavala, L. N., & Resendiz, R. (2023). LAS RAÍCES DE CHICANA FEMINISM: Resistance and Transformation. *Mujeres Activas En Letras y Cambio Social*, 26–53.
- Espinoza, L. E., Espinoza, L. E., Nguyen-Finn, K., & Zavala, L. N. (2025). Racial-ethnic disparities in physical and mental health of U.S. sexual and Gender Minority Adults. *Journal of Health Equity*, 2(1). <https://doi.org/10.1080/29944694.2024.2444004>
- Espinoza, Lucas Enrique, Espinoza, L. E., Talleff, J. L., Zavala, L. N., & Resendiz, R. (2025). Non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic women's pregnancy-related physical intimate partner violence and WIC program participation. *Social Science Quarterly*, 106(2). <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13494>
- Espinoza, Luis Enrique, Espinoza, L. E., Guy, S., Talleff, J. L., Zavala, L. N., & Ramirez, M. (2025). Hispanic women's experiences of pregnancy-related intimate partner violence, stressful life events, and postpartum depression. *Women's Reproductive Health*, 1–15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23293691.2025.2456261>

Teaching Experience

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Social Stratification

Southern New Hampshire University
Social Issues and Decision Making, Awareness & Online Learning

South Texas Community College
Introduction to Sociology, Marriage and Family, Social Problems

Professional Affiliations

SSSA – Southwest Social Science Association (2016 – Present)
SWS – Sociologists for Women in Society (2018 – Present)

Languages

English, Spanish (Fluent)