

**VERONICA M. HERRERA, Ph.D.**  
Comprehensive Curriculum Vitae

Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice  
California State University, Fullerton  
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**EDUCATION**

2001 Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
1997 Masters of Arts in Psychology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ  
1994 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and English, Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

September 2021 to present: *ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR*, Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice, California State University, Fullerton.

August 2016 to August 2021: *ASSISTANT PROFESSOR*, Division of Politics, Administration, and Justice, California State University, Fullerton.

August 2011 to July 2016: *ADJUNCT FACULTY*, Department of Justice Studies, San Jose State University

August 2010 to July 2011: *VISITING FACULTY*, Department of Justice Studies, San Jose State University

August 2003 to May 2010: *ASSISTANT PROFESSOR*, Department of Criminal Justice, Indiana University

**COURSES TAUGHT**

*Undergraduate*: Gender and Crime; Women and the Criminal Justice System; Juvenile Delinquency; Juvenile Justice; Girls, Violence & Antisocial Behavior; Family & Formal Control Systems; Victims of Crime; Family & Community Violence; Gender, Race, Inequality & the Law; Theories of Crime & Delinquency

*Graduate*: Girls, Violence & Antisocial Behavior; Family & Formal Control Systems; Women & Crime; Juvenile Justice

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Labor Trafficking, Immigration, Violence Against Women and Girls, Pathways to Youth Risk Behavior

**RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS**

August 2021 to present: Co-director Social Equity Research and Policy Lab. Website: [www.serplab.org](http://www.serplab.org)

January 2021 to present: Senior Researcher, "Assessing the Relationship between Immigration Status, Crime, Gang Affiliation, and Victimization." PI: Lidia E. Nuño. Award No. 2020-R2-CX-0028, National Institute of Justice.

August 2002 to June 2003: Co-Director, "Clinical Interventions and Research on Depression Among College Students Project". Wellesley College, Wellesley Center for Women.

Oct 2001 to August 2003: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Wellesley College, Wellesley Center for Women. Award No. N00140-01-c-N662 / "Navy Family Study: Comparison Component". U.S. Department of the Navy.

Oct 2001 to August 2003: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Wellesley College, Wellesley Center for Women. Award No. U49/CCU415877 / “National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center”. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Under sub-contract from Medical University of South Carolina.

August 1995 to October 2001: Graduate Research Assistant, University of Arizona. Award No. RO1-MH51428-02 / “Mechanisms in the intergenerational transmission of aggression: A longitudinal study of children and adolescents from violent homes.” National Institute of Mental Health.

## **FUNDED PROJECTS**

Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Policies

**Principal Investigator: Veronica Herrera**, Co-Principal Investigator: Lidia E. Nuño.

Funded by the Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (RSCA), California State University, Fullerton (2022-23).

Amount Awarded: \$14,999.

Assessing Vulnerabilities, Experiences and Survivorship of Labor Trafficking Victims in Orange County.

**Principal Investigator: Veronica Herrera**, Co-Principal Investigator: Lidia E. Nuño.

Funded by the Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (RSCA), California State University, Fullerton (2019-20).

Amount Awarded: \$15,000.

Labor Trafficking: An Assessment of Prevalence and Incidence of Trafficking in Persons in Southern California.

Principal Investigator: Lidia E. Nuño, **Co-Principal Investigator: Veronica Herrera**.

Funded by the Royce Research Fellowship for Research on International Human Trafficking (2018).

Amount Awarded: \$5,000.

Clean Slate Gang Tattoo Removal Program Evaluation.

**Principal Investigator: Veronica Herrera**.

Funded by the College of Applied Sciences and Arts’ Summer Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (RSCA), San Jose State University (2015).

Amount Awarded: \$3,500.

Determinants of Girls’ Delinquency.

**Graduate Research Investigator: Veronica Herrera**.

Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health research supplement for underrepresented minorities (1997).

Amount Awarded: \$58,000.

## **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

**Herrera, V.M.** & Nuño, L.E. (2024) Challenges to identifying labor trafficking at the local level: A qualitative study of service providers and stakeholders in California. *Journal of Human Trafficking*, DOI: [10.1080/23322705.2023.2301216](https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2023.2301216)

Nuño, L.E., **Herrera, V.**, & Soto, B. (2022). First Do No Harm: Why Anti-Immigrant Policies are a Public Health Concern. *Journal of Public Health Policy*. DOI 10.1057/s41271-022-00364-8.

Freemon, K., **Herrera, V.M.**, & Katz, C.M. (2022). Family structure and delinquency in the English-speaking Caribbean: The moderating role of parental attachment, supervision, and peer influence. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*. DOI: 10.1177/15412040221132192.

Nuño, L.E. & **Herrera, V.M.** (2020) Risk and protective factors related to alcohol and drug use amongst American Indian youth: An application of the social development model, *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, 21(3), 939-958.

- Nuño, L.E., **Herrera, V.M.**, Choate, D.E. & Koontz, M. (2019). Hispanic youth and illicit drug use: Assessing the relevance of risk and protective factors. *Crime and Delinquency*, 65, 1422-1454.
- Herrera, V. M.** & Mayba Y. (2018). Perceptions of stigma, internal motivation, and future goals of youth participating in a gang tattoo removal program. *Journal of Gang Research*, 25, 65-76.
- Herrera, V.M.** & Stuewig, J. (2017). Gender differences in pathways to delinquency: The impact of family relationships and adolescent depression. *Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology*, 3, 221-240.
- Herrera, V.M.** & Donaldson, R. (2012). Safe Place as an effective youth outreach and awareness program. *The Atrium: A Journal of Academic Voices*.
- Herrera, V.M.**, Wiersma, J., Cleveland, H.H. (2011) Antisocial behavior and relationships: Influences of romantic partners on continuity of male and female delinquency. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 21, 608-618.
- Wiersma, J., Cleveland, H.H., **Herrera, V.M.**, & Fischer, J.L. (2010). Intimate Partner Violence in Dating, Cohabiting, and Married Drinking Partnerships. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 72, 360 – 374.
- Herrera, V.M.**, Wiersma, J.D. & Cleveland, H.H., (2008). The influence of individual and partner characteristics on the perpetration of intimate partner violence in young adult relationships. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 37, 284-296.
- Becker, K., Stuewig, J., **Herrera, V.M.**, & McCloskey, L.A. (2004). A prospective study of fire-setting and animal cruelty in children: Family influences and adolescent trajectories. *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*, 47, 905-912.
- Cleveland, H.H., **Herrera, V.M.**, & Stuewig, J. (2003). Abusive males and abused females in adolescent relationships: Risk factor similarity and dissimilarity and the role of relationship seriousness. *Journal of Family Violence*, 18, 325-339.
- Herrera, V.M.** & McCloskey, L.A. (2003). Sexual abuse, family violence and female delinquency: Findings from a longitudinal study. *Violence and Victims*, 18, 319-334
- Koss, M.P., Bailey, J., Yuan, N.P., **Herrera, V.M.**, & Lichter, E. (2003). Depression, PTSD, and health problems in survivors of male violence: Research and training initiatives to facilitate recovery. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 27, 130-142.
- Herrera, V.M.** & McCloskey, L.A. (2001). Gender differences in the risk for delinquency among youth exposed to family violence. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 25, 1037-1051.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS**

- Nuño, L.E. & **Herrera, V.M.** Immigration Status and Crime: A Comparison between Undocumented Immigrants and U.S. Citizens. *Under Review*
- Herrera, V.M.** & Nuño, L.E. What is justice for victims? Barriers and successes of working with immigrant survivors of labor trafficking. *In progress (Invited book chapter)*
- Nuño, L.E. & **Herrera, V.M.**, **Descartes, E.** & **Soto, B.** Prevalence of Substance Use amongst Latinas in Jail: Differences by Immigration Status. *In Progress*
- Herrera, V.M.**, Storll, M., Nuño, L.E. & Soto, B. Correlates of mental health issues among older jail inmates. *In Progress*
- Nuño, L.E., Soto, B. & **Herrera, V.M.** Undocumented status and experiences of violent victimization. *In progress*

## **BOOK CHAPTERS, INVITED PAPERS, REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- Herrera, V.M.**, Brown, G. & Castro, R. (2018). Demographics of Crime in California. In C.L. Gardiner & P. Fiber-Ostrow (Eds.), *California's Criminal Justice System*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.
- Mallicoat, S.L., Gardiner, C.L., **Herrera, V.M.**, & Miller, M. (2018). Victims' rights in California. In C.L. Gardiner & P. Fiber-Ostrow (Eds.), *California's Criminal Justice System*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.
- Herrera, V.M.**, Mayba, Y., Rodriguez, E. & Martinez, N. (2016). "Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Evaluation: Final Report" Final report presented to the Clean Slate Tattoo Removal Program, San Jose, CA.
- Herrera, V.M.** & Stuewig, J. (2011). Impact of child maltreatment and domestic violence. In C. Barter & C. Berridge (Eds.) *Children Behaving Badly? Exploring Peer Violence Between Children and Young People*. (pp. 155-166). West Sussex, UK: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.
- Williams, L.M. & **Herrera, V.H.** (2007). Child Maltreatment and Adolescent Violence: Understanding Complex Connections. *Child Maltreatment*, 12, 203-207.
- Herrera, V.M.**, Koss, M.P., Bailey, J., Yuan, N.P., & Lichter, E. (2005). Survivors of male violence: Research and training initiatives to facilitate recovery of depression and PTSD. In *Handbook on Girls' and Women's Psychological Health*. Oxford University Press.
- Herrera, V.M.** & Porter-Honnet, E. (2003). "Stone Center Depression Research Project: Final Report." Final report presented to the Wellesley College Counseling Services, Wellesley College, MA.
- Herrera, V.M.** & Frias-Armenta, M. (1996). "Participation predictors of social club activities in Hispanic girls." Evaluation report presented to the Saguro Girl Scout Council, Tucson, AZ.

## **SELECTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2023 Lidia E. Nuño & **Veronica M. Herrera** "Experiences of Violent Victimization among the Undocumented Community: Findings from a Mixed-Methodological Study". Presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 Lidia E. Nuño, **Veronica M. Herrera** & Benjamin Soto. "Experiences of Violent Victimization among the Undocumented Community: Preliminary Findings from a Mixed-Methodological Study". Presented at the National Institute of Justice Conference, Arlington, VA.
- 2022 Lidia E. Nuño, **Veronica M. Herrera** & Benjamin Soto. "Experiences of Violent Victimization among the Undocumented Community: Preliminary Findings". Presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 **Veronica M. Herrera** (Discussant). Roundtable: Latinas in Criminology/Criminal Justice: Navigating the Academy and its Members," Presented at the American Society of Criminology meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 **Veronica M. Herrera**, Lidia E. Nuño & Madalyn Hernandez. Punishing Marginalized Women: Undocumented and Immigrant Women in County Jail. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meetings, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2021 **Veronica M. Herrera** (Critic), Author Meets Critic "Latinas in the Criminal Justice System: Victims, Targets, and Offenders. Presented at the American Society of Criminology meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2021 Lidia E. Nuño & **Veronica M. Herrera**. "Immigration status and crime". Presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Chicago, IL.

- 2021 **Veronica M. Herrera**, Lidia E. Nuño & Charles Katz. “Gender differences in gang participation trajectory”. Presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 2020 **Veronica M. Herrera** & Lidia E. Nuño. American Indian Youth and Substance Use: Multilevel Analysis of School Related Factors. Selected to be presented during a special event titled: Adolescence in the Context of Domestic and Global Diversity, Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference, San Diego, CA. (Conference Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Lidia E. Nuño & **Veronica M. Herrera**. “Labor Trafficking in Southern California”. Presented at Western Society of Criminology meetings, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2019 **Veronica M. Herrera** & Lidia E. Nuño. “Risk and protective factors associated with substance use in Native youth”. Presented at Western Society of Criminology meetings, Honolulu, HI
- 2018 **Veronica M. Herrera** & Lidia E. Nuño. “The risk and protective influence of school on Native youth substance use”. Presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Atlanta, GA.

**FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- 2023 Recipient of the Politics, Administration and Justice Charles Bell Faculty Research Award (Awarded \$500)
- 2022 Recipient of the Spring 2022 Grant for Faculty Support on Scholarly or Creative Productivity (Awarded \$5,000)
- 2021 Recipient of the Summer 2021 Grant for Faculty Support on Scholarly or Creative Productivity (Awarded \$5,000)
- 2019 Faculty Recognition for Teaching, California State University, Fullerton, Faculty Development Center
- 2019 Faculty Advisor of Distinction, California State University, Fullerton, Academic Advising Professional Development Committee
- 2018 Summer Pedagogical Innovations Stipend. California State University, Fullerton, Humanities & Social Sciences (Awarded \$5,000)
- 2015 Alpha Phi Sigma Faculty Advisor of the Year
- 2012 San Jose State University: 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chicano Commencement Madrina
- 2008 Indiana University: Trustees Teaching Award for the Department of Criminal Justice (Awarded \$8,000)
- 2005 Indiana University: Trustees Teaching Award for the Department of Criminal Justice (Awarded \$8,000)
- 2000 University of Arizona Graduate College Minority Fellowship Recipient (Awarded \$5,000)
- 1999 Society of Research in Child Development, Millennium Fellow Junior Mentor
- 1998 University of Arizona Graduate College Minority Fellowship Recipient (Awarded \$6,000)
- 1997 American Society of Criminology, Division on Women and Crime Student Paper Award Recipient
- 1996 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Institute of Mental Health (Awarded \$58,000)

## **SELECTED INVITED TALKS**

- 2019 “Rediscovering what is meaningful to me.” Presented at Greater Orange County of Parents of Murdered Children 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil and Named Dedication Ceremony
- 2018 “Crimmigration, Forcible Separations & Family Detentions”. Panel Co-Organizer and Moderator. Division of Politics, Administration & Justice, California State University, Fullerton
- 2018 “Criminalizing Sex Work: Unpacking the Debate”. Panel Organizer and Moderator. WoMen’s and Adult Reentry Center Women’s History Month Panel Discussion Series, California State University, Fullerton
- 2017 “Bringing the voices of victims into my teaching and research.” Presenter at Greater Orange County of Parents of Murdered Children October meeting.
- 2016 “Myths and Misconceptions about Violence Against Women” Presenter at the WoMen’s and Adult Reentry Center 17th Annual Violence Prevention Conference, California State University, Fullerton.
- 2009 “Children’s Exposure to Violence: Consequences and Responses”. Presenter at the Rutgers University-Camden, Camden NJ Urban Youth Symposium
- 2009 “Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation”. Presenter at the Campus Coalition Against Trafficking. Indiana University Bloomington
- 2007 “Understanding girls’ aggression: Examining the role of child maltreatment in self-reported violence against parents and peers”. Invited Guest Lecturer as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month. University of Massachusetts Lowell

## **CSUF STUDENT ADVISING**

### **Independent Research & Creative Projects, California State University Fullerton**

#### *Graduate*

- 2023 Alondra Espinoza, Faculty Supervisor, (Master of Sociology, 2023)
- 2023 Marisa Rodriguez, Faculty Supervisor, (Master of Sociology, 2023)
- 2021-22 Mary Storll, Faculty Supervisor, (Master of Social Work, 2023)
- 2021-22 Benjamin Soto, Faculty Supervisor, (Master of Public Administration, 2022)
- 2021-22 Cierra Chahyaddie, Faculty Supervisor, (Master of Public Administration, 2023)

#### *Undergraduate*

- 2021 Madeline Hernandez, Faculty Supervisor (Psychology, 2023)
- 2021 Kate Kairit, Faculty Supervisor (Criminal Justice, 2022)
- 2021 Carolyn Contreras, Internship Faculty Supervisor (Psychology, 2022)
- 2020-21 Ariana Shojie, Faculty Supervisor (Psychology, 2021)
- 2020 Kaitlon Stewart, Faculty Supervisor (Criminal Justice, 2020)
- 2020 Katherine Garcia, Internship Faculty Supervisor (Psychology, 2020)
- 2018-19 Ginny Oshiro, Faculty Supervisor (Criminal Justice, 2020)
- 2018 Jasmine Gitchel, Internship Faculty Supervisor (Psychology, 2018)
- 2017 Meagan Koontz, Faculty Supervisor (Criminal Justice, 2018)

## **CSUF STUDENT THESIS COMMITTEES**

### **California State University, Fullerton**

- 2021-23 McNair Scholar Thesis: Madalyn Hernandez “Help seeking behaviors of Latina child sexual abuse survivors” (Faculty Advisor)
- 2021-22 Honors Senior Thesis: Alessandra Vazquez “OnlyFans: Exploring Social Perceptions and Victimization” (Faculty Advisor)
- 2019 Master’s Thesis: Cynthia Cuevas “The Pushes And Pulls Toward Desistance From Gangs: As Told By The Lived Experiences Of Ten Former Gang Members”

### **San Jose State University**

- 2016 Master’s Project: Yevgeniy Mayba “Gang Affiliated Tattoo Removal: Examination of Perceptions, Reasons, and Internalized Values” (Committee Chair)

### **Indiana University**

- 2010 Dissertation Thesis: Timothy Lauger “Known in ‘Naptown’: Legitimacy and violence in the intergang environment”
- 2009 Dissertation Thesis: Cindy Stewart “Police intervention in mental health crisis: A case study of Bloomington Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program”
- 2007 Dissertation Thesis: Viviane Saleh-Hanna “Black Criminology: The cross-Atlantic musical trade in conceptions of crime from Africa, the Caribbean, and the United States”
- 2006 Dissertation Thesis: Gregory Linsteadt “You play you stay: The effect of institutional misconduct on release decisions for indeterminately sentenced youth in juvenile corrections”
- 2005 Master’s Thesis: Karen Li “Why didn’t you call the police?” A study of sexual victims’ police reporting practices” (Committee Chair)
- 2009 Honors Senior Thesis: Danielle Rosner “Child Sexual Exploitation Online” (Faculty Advisor)

## **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

### **California State University, Fullerton**

- 2017-present Faculty Advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society, Gamma Rho Chapter
- 2021-2022 Criminal Justice Program Performance Review (PPR) Committee
- 2020-2021 Department of Criminal Justice Curriculum Committee
- 2020 Division of Politics, Administration and Justice Awards Committee
- 2018-2020 College of Humanities & Social Sciences Technology Committee (Chair)
- 2018-2020 Department of Criminal Justice Awards Committee
- 2017-2018 Division of Politics Administration and Justice Executive Committee
- 2017 Division of Politics Administration and Justice Commencement Committee

### **San Jose State University**

- 2013-2014 Graduate Affairs Committee
- 2012-2016 Faculty Advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society, Iota Chapter
- 2012-2016 Justice Studies Student Task Force, Faculty Representative

### **Indiana University**

Nature of Crime Committee (Chair 2005-2006), Graduate Affairs Committee, Colloquium Committee

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

- 2024-2027 National Alpha Phi Sigma, Executive Advisory Board Member
- 2022-present Editorial board member: *Feminist Criminology*
- 2020-present Los Angeles Labor Trafficking Subcommittee participant member
- 2022-2023 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Student Affairs Committee, Chair
- 2021-2022 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Student Affairs Committee, Deputy Chair
- 2021-2024 Western Society of Criminology Board Member, Executive Counselor
- 2019-2021 Western Society of Criminology Board Member, Counselor-at-Large
- 2019- 2020 Fullerton Human Trafficking Collaborative member, Fullerton CA.
- 2019- 2020 Collaborated with Higher Ground Youth and Family Services on developing Human Trafficking Awareness curriculum for Junior High schools in the Anaheim, CA school district.
- 2018-2019 Collaborated with the Orange County Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children on an awareness raising outreach project.
- 2015 Collaborated with Alpha Phi Sigma students to create and teach a 7-week academic orientation course for the Prison Education Program at the Santa Clara County Reentry Resource Center.
- 2013 Adapted and taught a 6-session course at Snell Community School (San Jose, CA). This school is an alternative high school for youth that have been suspended or expelled from their local high school. The class was designed to provide adapted college lectures to students interested in pursuing a college education.
- 2008-2010 Collaborated with the Program Development and Research Director of National Safe Place (NSP) to design the most appropriate methods for evaluating program effectiveness from the data that has already been collected and will continue to be collected from NSP local partner programs across the nation. Conducted preliminary analyses on the NSP youth evaluation and the NSP youth survey data.
- 2007 Co-guest editor of a special issue in the journal *Child Maltreatment: "Child maltreatment and adolescent violence: Understanding complex connections"*, 2007, Volume 12 (3).
- 2003 – 2008 Editorial Board Member: *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*
- 2003 – 2004 Conference Planning Committee: Wellesley Centers for Women 2004 International Research and Action Conference: Innovations in Understanding Violence Against Women.

2002                    Contributing scholarly material to an amicus brief. Commonwealth v. Pelosi. MA Supreme Court. [55 Mass. App. Ct. 390 (2002)]. Involves a case where defense counsel has sought disclosure of a sexual assault victim's private counseling records.

**Manuscript Reviewer:** *Child Abuse and Neglect, Journal of Early Adolescence, Child Maltreatment, Violence Against Women, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Journal of Research on Adolescence, Feminist Criminology, Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Sexual Aggression, Youth and Society, Journal of Correctional Health Care*

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
American Society of Criminology  
    Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology  
    Division of People of Color & Crime  
    Division of Feminist Criminology  
    Division of Victimology  
Society for Research on Adolescence  
Western Society of Criminology