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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Planning, Policy and Design University of California, Irvine (UCI) Dissertation title: <i>Measuring the impact of the immigrant-serving nonprofit sector on immigrant inclusion outcomes</i> Committee Chair: Dr. Walter Nicholls	Expected 2022
Master's Social Work University of Pittsburgh Focus on Community Organizing	2012
B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies University of Missouri, Columbia	2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Immigrant-serving nonprofits, nonprofit theories, immigrant inclusion and exclusion in US cities, the effectiveness of arts-based interventions

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW/IN PROGRESS

Sorrell-Medina, Z. A strategy typology: Unearthing how immigrant-serving nonprofits contribute to immigrant inclusion outcomes. Submitted to the Journal of Refugee and Immigration Studies.

Sorrell-Medina, Z. Immigrant-serving nonprofits and exclusion: An assessment of third sector theories. In preparation for submission.

BOOKS UNDER REVIEW/IN PROGRESS

Sorrell-Medina, Z. So called crack-babies: How policy and urban context penetrated her womb. In preparation for submission.

WORKING PAPERS

Sorrell-Medina, Z. An empirical test: Evaluating the interrelations between local context, organizational behavior, and immigrant inclusion outcomes. Target submission: The Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies

Sorrell-Medina, Z., Madueke, K., Matthew, R. Measuring the effectiveness of art in peace building. Target submission: *Journal of Peace Research*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Nicholls, W. & Sorrell-Medina, Z. (In Press). Undocumented Immigrant Activism: The Struggle for Recognition and Rights in Hostile Nations. Invited chapter in *Critical Handbook on Irregular Migration*.

REPORTS

Sorrell-Medina, Z., Gonzales, L., Townley, H., Caballero, M., Quijano, M., Collins, S. (2021). *A Report on the state of Immigrant inclusion in Florida*. Welcoming Gainesville & Alachua Co.

RESEARCH GRANTS

AAUW Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)	2021
Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Research Award (\$3,500)	2021
Urban Planning & Public Policy Summer Method Award (\$1,000)	2021
Chancellor's Club Fellowship Award (\$3,000)	2020
Public Impact Fellow (\$1,000)	2020
Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation Award (\$2,900)	2020
Urban Planning & Public Policy Summer Research Funding (\$700)	2020
Urban Planning & Public Policy Summer Research Funding (\$500)	2019
Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation Small Change Better World Grant (\$3,000)	2018

AWARDS

Lánzate Premio Universitario de Southwest Airlines (4 round trip airline passes)	2021
Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation (DTEI) Fellowship (\$5,000)	2020
National Urban League Caring Adult Award	2017
United Way Be a Middle School Mentor Appreciation Award	2016
National Urban League Whitney M. Young Award	2015
University of Pittsburgh Rising Star Alumni Award	2014
University of Missouri Hesburgh Award for Outstanding Achievement	2010
Hispanic Scholarship Alliance of St. Louis (\$3,000)	2010
The Edith G. Colantuono and Amelia and Henry De Angelis Scholarship (\$1,000)	2011
Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholar	2008
Princeton University Prize in Race Relations	2006
National Horatio Association of Distinguished American Scholar Award (\$10,000)	2006
The President's Volunteer Service Award	2005

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Measuring nonprofit strategies in inclusive and exclusive US cities." *Associate of Collegiate Schools of Planning*. Online. October 2021.

"An evaluation of immigrant inclusion in US cities." Center for Global and Conflict Studies (GPACS). January 2020.

“US and Dutch Sample: The goals and strategies of immigrant-serving third sector” *Network for European U.S. Regional and Urban Studies*. September 2020

“Measuring the impact of the immigrant nonprofit sector.” *Network for European U.S. Regional and Urban Studies*. September 2019

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Sorrell-Medina, Z. (2021, June). *What is inclusion? A framework for policy and practice*. State of Immigrant Inclusion in Florida Expo. Online. June 2021.

Sorrell-Medina, Z. (2021, June). *Is Florida Inclusive? An empirical evaluation*. State of Immigrant Inclusion in Florida Expo. Online.

Sorrell-Medina, Z. (2021, June). What are the goals of the US immigrant-serving nonprofit sector? Areas for future innovation, strategic planning and development. State of Immigrant Inclusion in Florida Expo. Online.

Sorrell-Medina, Z. (2020, February). *Immigrant Inclusion in US Cities*. UCI Urbanization and Social Change Class. Irvine, California.

Sorrell-Medina, Z. (2019, May). *Environmental Justice and City Planning*. UCI Sustainability II Class. Irvine, California. May 2019

Sorrell-Medina, Z. (2019, May). *From Youth Homelessness to Academia*. UCI Second Annual Foster Youth Leadership Summit. Irvine, California.

Sorrell-Medina, Z. (2019, May). *The Role of Nonprofits in Contributing to Immigrant Inclusion Outcomes*. UCI Contentious Cities Workshop. Irvine, California.

Sorrell-Medina, Z. (2018, April). *Integrating the Arts to Achieve Sustainability*. UCI Sustainability I Class. Irvine, California.

Sorrell-Medina, Z. (2015, April). Social Work and Social Policy. University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. Pittsburgh, PA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant | University of California Irvine, 2017-2021

- Urban Studies, Spring 2021
- Quantitative Analysis for Planners, Winter 2020
- Environmental Analysis and Design, Fall 2020
- Sustainability I, Spring 2020
- Cities and Social Change, Winter 2019
- Urban America, Fall 2019
- Research Design, Summer 2019
- Sustainability II, Spring 2018
- Sustainability I, Winter 2018

- Sustainability I, Fall 2018
- Introduction to Urban Studies, Fall 2017

EMPLOYMENT

Program Manager | *Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh*, 2012-2017

- Designed and oversaw a multi-year mentoring program for middle and high school students in Pittsburgh public schools to foster academic inequity among African American students

Program Coordinator | *Hill House Association, Pittsburgh*, 2011-2012

- Worked collaboratively with PhD students and artists to design and implement a group counseling program for African American children of families with drug and alcohol addiction that utilizes art to facilitate positive self-expression, emotion regulation and coping and communication skills

Community Organizer | *Oakland Planning Development Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA*, 2011-2012

- Engaged Latino residents to participate in city planning efforts to ensure inclusive representation in the city's 2025 community plan

SERVICE

Researcher | *Forward Together Program*, 2021-Present

- Conduct research on the degree to which cities in Florida are inclusive and write report on findings as a part of a local initiative to advance the state of inclusion for immigrants and their descendants in Florida

Artistic Director | *Yemaya Productions, LLC*, 2012-Present

- Develop and implement community interventions and artistic productions in the US and abroad that integrates art and research in effort to promote social and environmental awareness and peace

Co-Director | *From the Margins Peace Program in Jos, Nigeria*, 2020-2021

- Co-develop peace program that uses artistic approaches to address violent conflict among Christian and Muslim youth in Jos, Nigeria

Social Work Field Instructor | *University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Pittsburgh, PA*, 2013-2016

- Supervised and provide mentorship to six master's level social work students as a part of their field training

Refugee Resettlement Volunteer | *Refugee Center, Columbia, MO*, 2008-2009

- Helped resettle Cuban refugees by providing support related to transportation, translation, and job searches

AFFILIATIONS

Fellow with Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse Syracuse University	2020
African American Achievement Trust Collective Focus Advisory Board	2015-2016
One Young World Pittsburgh Delegate	2016
Yemanja The Film Advisory Committee Board	2015-2016
University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work Alumni Committee Board	2014-2015
Urban League Young Professionals of Pittsburgh, Member	2013-2014
Latin American Cultural Union Organization, Board of Directors	2012

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), and French (semi-fluent)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator, Excel, Stata, Dedoose, Yuja Enterprise Video Platform, Canvas, Microsoft Office Suite

REFERENCES

Dr. Walter Nicholls
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Assistant Professor of Political Science
University of California, Irvine
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