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### EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Planning, Policy and Design, University of California, Irvine (UCI)	Current
Master's Social Work, Concentration Community Organizing, University of Pittsburgh	2012
B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia	2010

Current GPA: 3.9

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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measuring immigrant-serving nonprofit outcomes, inclusion and exclusion in the city, program evaluation, the effectiveness arts-based interventions to environmental justice and peace

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

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Sorrell-Medina, Z. A robustness check: An evaluation of nonprofit theories on immigrant-serving nonprofits. In preparation for submission to the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly.

Sorrell-Medina, Z. A typology of US immigrant-serving nonprofit strategies. In preparation for submission to the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies.

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

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

### REPORTS

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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.

### FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Research Award (\$3,500)	2021
Urban Planning & Public Policy Summer Method Award (\$1,000)	2021
AAUW Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)	2021
Fellow with Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse Syracuse University	2020
Chancellor's Club Fellowship Award (\$3,000)	2020
Public Impact Fellow (\$1,000)	2020
Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation (DTEI) Fellowship (\$5,000)	2020

Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation Award (\$2,900)	2020
Urban Planning & Public Policy Summer Research Funding (\$700)	2020
Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation Small Change Better World Grant (\$3,000)	2018
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
National Scholar Horatio Alger (\$10,000)	2006
Hacemos Scholarship (\$2,500)	2006
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

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“Measuring Immigrant Inclusion in Florida.” *The State of Immigrant Inclusion Expo*. Online. May 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

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“Immigrant Inclusion in US Cities.” *UCI Urbanization and Social Change Class*. Irvine, California. February 2020

“Environmental Justice and City Planning.” *UCI Sustainability II Class*. Irvine, California. May 2019

“From Youth Homelessness to Academia.” *UCI Second Annual Foster Youth Leadership Summit*. Irvine, California. May 2019

“The Role of Nonprofits in Contributing to Immigrant Inclusion Outcomes.” *UCI Contentious Cities Workshop*. Irvine, California. May 2019

“Achieving Sustainability Through Art.” *UCI Sustainability I Class*. Irvine, California. April 2018

“Compassionate Communication for Youth.” National Urban League Youth Conference. Fort Lauderdale, FL. July 2015

“Social Work and Social Policy.” *University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work*. Pittsburgh, PA. April 2015

“The Future of US Cuban Relations.” *45<sup>th</sup> Annual World Affairs Council Institute*. Pittsburgh, PA. November 2015

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE AT UCI**

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- 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**

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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 local artists in the implementation of an art program targeted to children ages six to ten promoting positive emotional and behavioral development

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

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

## **SERVICE**

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Founder and 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

Unit Chair and Head Stewart | *United Auto Workers Local 2865*, 2018-2019

- Spearheaded University-wide policy advocacy effort that aimed to ensure inclusion and equitable treatment of international students in University policy

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**

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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**

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English, Spanish, and French

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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Adobe Illustrator, Excel, Stata, Dedoose