

Curriculum Vitae
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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PRESENT ACADEMIC RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Deputy Director, UA Center for Disparities in Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism – 2023 – Present
 University of Arizona Health Sciences (UAHS), Tucson, AZ

- Banco por Salud (Biorepository Resource Study) – Co-I
- Omeone RightMed Pharmacogenomic Testing Kit Study (Genomic and Feasibility Study) Co-I
- El Rio Healthbuilders Follow-up Study (Evaluation/Impact Study) Co-I
- CDDOM Community Advisory Board Development Study (Manuscript Study) Co-I
- Comparative Analysis of Acculturation Scales among El Banco Latino/Hispanic Participants and association with Type 2 Diabetes and Associated Risk Factors - PI
- Patient-centric assessment of renal nutrition in diabetic patients: developing a new technology (Community Based and POC Study) – Co-PI

EDUCATION

Master of Public Health, Health Behavior Health Promotion/ Health Services Administration University of Arizona	2022
Master of Administration, Health Sciences Northern Arizona University	2015
Arizona State University Bachelors of Arts, Sociology	2012

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish (Native)

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Associate Director, Business and Research Development and Operations– Center for Disparities in Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism University of Arizona Health Sciences (UAHS), Tucson, AZ	2020 – 2023
Administrator, Center for Disparities in Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism University of Arizona Health Sciences (UAHS), Tucson, AZ	2016 – 2020
Grants and Contracts Administrator – Habitat for Humanity Tucson, Tucson, AZ	2015 – 2016
Research Specialist – UAHS Nursing , Family Diabetes Study (NIH Study), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	2012 – 2015
Coordinator, Venture/ Business Development – Tech Launch Arizona, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	2014 – 2015
Coordinator, Graduate Student Services – UAHS Nursing Office of Student Affairs, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	2012 – 2014
Senior Program Coordinator (Program Manager) – UAHS Public Health, Communities Putting Prevention to Work, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	2010 – 2012
Program Coordinator, Senior – UAHS Public Health, Leaders across Borders (LaB), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	2011 – 2011
Administrative Associate, UAHS Public Health, Arizona Center for Rural Health, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	2008 – 2011

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES

Student Affairs Consultant – PhD Faculty/ Curriculum Committee – College of Nursing	2012 – 2014
Recording Officer – MEZCOPH Executive Staff Committee	2009 – 2011
Member – 5-year Strategic Plan Committee, Center for Rural Health, College of Public Health	2011 – 2011
Member – Office of Rural Health designation to center workgroup committee	2010 – 2010

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS, SOCIETIES, AND MEMBERSHIPS**Professional Memberships:**

Member, UArizona Staff Council, University of Arizona Committee: Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion	2013 – Present
Member – Arizona Public Health Association	2017 – 2019

Member – Arizona Rural Health Association	2017 – 2019
Member – American Public Health Association	2017 – 2020
Member – National Council of University Research Administrators	2017 – 2018
Member – American Society for Public Administration	2015 – 2018
Member – Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration	2015 – 2016
Community:	
Member – Development Committee, DIRECT Center for Independence, Inc.	2017 – 2018
Member – Dancing with Our Stars Planning Committee, Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona, Tucson, AZ	2016 – 2017
Founding Executive Board Member – Troublemaker Foundation, Toluca Lake, CA	2014 – 2015
Board Member – Living Street Alliance, Tucson, AZ	2011 – 2012
Founding Member – CPPW Liaison to Pima County Food Alliance (PCFA), Tucson, AZ	2011 – 2012

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND REPORTS

Published Peer-Review Article 2022

Parra, O. D.†, Kohler, L. N.†, Landes, L., Soto, A., Garcia, D., Mullins, J., Molina, P., Pereira, E., Spegman, D. J., Soltani, L. & Mandarino, L. J. (2022). Biobanking in Latinos: Current Status, Principles for Conduct, and Contribution of a New Biobank, El Banco por Salud, Designed to Improve the Health of Latino Patients of Mexican Ancestry with Type 2 Diabetes. *BMJ Open Diabetes Research and Care* 2022;10:e002709. doi: 10.1136/bmjdr-2021-002709. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35504695/>

Standage-Beier, C. S., Bakhshi, B., **Parra, O. D.**, Soltani, L., Spegman, D. J., Molina, P., Pereira, E., Landes, L., Mandarino, L. J., & Kohler, L. N. (2022). Fruit, Vegetable, and Physical Activity Guideline Adherence and Metabolic Syndrome in El Banco por Salud. *Nutrients*, 14(9), 1767. <https://doi.org/10.3390/nu14091767>

Standage-Beier, C. S.†, Ziller, S. G.†, Bakhshi, B., **Parra, O. D.**, Mandarino, L. J., Kohler, L. N., & Coletta, D. K. (2022). Tools to Measure Health Literacy among Adult Hispanic Populations with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: A Review of the Literature. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public*.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9566768/>

Poster Presentations

2021

Lindsay N Kohler, Baltazar Campos, Carrie S Standage-Beier, **Oscar D. Parra**, Lisa Soltani, Lawrence J. Mandarino (2021). Food Insecurity in El Banco por Salud: A Biobank for Latinos with Type 2 Diabetes. NIH Nutrition Health Disparities Workshop.

Lindsay N. Kohler, PhD, MPH; Carrie S. Standage-Beier, MPH, RDN; **Oscar D. Parra, MA**; Lisa Soltani, MD; Douglas Spegman, MD; Patty Molina, BS; Eladio Pereira, MD; Lawrence J. Mandarino, PhD. Fruit, Vegetable

and Physical Activity Guideline Adherence and Metabolic Syndrome in El Banco por Salud. 2021. Arizona Physiology Association Annual Meeting.

CDDOM Disparities Biobank Research Initiative: Program Overview and Research Goals 2017

- Presentation

Journal Works in Progress, Division of Endocrinology, College of Medicine, Tucson, AZ

CDDOM Disparities Biobank Research Initiative: Research Collaboration with Local Community 2017

- Presentation

Arizona Diabetes Coalition, Arizona Department of Health, Tucson, AZ

Eng, Howard J., Oscar Parra, Joyce Hospodar, Mona Arora, and Kevin Driesen. "**Arizona** 2010

Rural Hospital Flexibility Program: Critical Access Hospital Financial and Quality Report."

August 2010, pp. 1-33.

Editor/Formatter, Arizona Rural Hospital Facilities and Market Study 2008, 2008

Health Solutions and Market Intelligence in collaboration with Rural Health Office,
University of Arizona, pp. 1-80