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EDUCATION

- 2017** **PhD.**, Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles
Dissertation: Enforced Separations: A qualitative examination of how Latino/a youth cope with family disruption following the deportation of a parent
Committee: Laura Abrams (Co-Chair), Carola Suarez-Orozco (Co-Chair) Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, Bridget Freisthler, Lene Levy-Storms
- 2006** **MSW**, Social Work, San Francisco State University
Specialization: Child Welfare
- 2000** **BA**, Sociology/Anthropology, Saint Mary's College of California

RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST

Children and Families, Maltreatment Prevention in Latinx Immigrant Communities, Social and Structural Determinants of Health, Child Welfare and Immigration Policy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2017-** Assistant Professor, California State University, Long Beach, School of Social Work
- 2014-2017** Lecturer, California State University, Fullerton, Department of Social Work
- 2012-2016** Research Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Social Work
- 2013** Research Assistant, California Social Work Education Center, (CalSWEC), University of California, Berkeley
- 2010-2012** CalSWEC Child Welfare Project Coordinator and Lecturer, San Francisco State University, School of Social Work

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Nourazari, S., **Lovato, K.**, Weng, S. (2021). Making the case for proactive strategies to alleviate homelessness: A systems approach. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(2), 526; <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18020526>

*Ramirez, J. & **Lovato, K.** (2020). The impact of COVID-19 on Latinx immigrant children and families: A call to action. COVID-19 and *Child Welfare: Challenges and Responses CWLA* (Child Welfare League of America). Pp. 35-40.

Lovato, K., Abrams, L.S. (2020). Forced family separations: A qualitative examination of how Latinx families cope following the deportation of a parent. *Families in Society*, 1-17.

Lovato, K. (2019). Forced separations: A qualitative examination of how Latinx adolescents cope with parental deportation. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 98, 42-50.

Lovato, K., Lopez, C., Karimli, L., Abrams, L. (2018). The impact of deportation related family separations on the well-being of Latinx children and youth: A review of the literature. *Children and Youth and Services Review*, 95, 109-116.

Lovato-Hermann, K., Dellor, E., Tam, C., Curry, S. R., & Freisthler, B. (2017). Racial disparities in service referrals for families in the child welfare system. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 11(2)1-17. doi.10.1080/15548732.2016.1251372

Enano, S., Freisthler, B., Perez-Johnson, D., **Lovato-Hermann, K.** (2016). Evaluating parents in partnership: A Preliminary study of a child welfare intervention designed to increase reunification. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 1-10. doi: 10.1080/01488376.2016.1253634

Lovato-Hermann, K. (2015). Crossing the border to find home: A Gendered perspective of the separation and reunification experiences of Mexican immigrant young adults in the U.S. *Journal of International Social Work*, 59, 1-15. doi: 10.1177/0020872815611197

Dellor, E., **Lovato-Hermann, K.**, Price, J., Curry, S. Friesthler, B. (2015). Introducing technology into child welfare. *Journal of Technology in Human Services*, 33(4), 330-344. doi: 10.1080/15228835.2015.1107520

(*Indicates publication with a graduate student)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

Lovato, K. & Abrams, L.S. (Submitted: October, 2021). Social service utilization among Latinx immigrant families who have experienced a deportation-related family separation. *Child Welfare*.

Lovato, K. & Ramirez, J. (Submitted: October, 2021) The impact of the dual pandemic: systemic inequities and COVID-19 on Latinx immigrants in Los Angeles. *Child Welfare*.

Weng, S., **Lovato, K.** (Submitted: August, 2021). Spiritual coping strategies among older refugee Cambodian Americans. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work*.

Lovato, K., Abrego, L. (In-Preparation). Examining ethnic identity formation among Central American emerging adults in Los Angeles. *International Social Work*.

Orr, M., Weng, S., **Lovato, K.** (In-Preparation). In pursuit of social justice: Cambodian American social service providers' commitment to community engagement within the Cambodian American community. *Journal of Social Work*.

BOOK REVIEWS AND REPORTS

Lovato, K. (In-Press, 2021). Generations United. *Toolkit - Latino grandfamilies: helping children thrive through connection to family and culture*. www.gu.org

Lovato, K. (2019). Book Review of Beth Caldwell, *Deported Americans*. In *International Migration Review*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0197918319889010>

Lovato, K. (2018). Book Review of Caroline Bretell, *Gender and Migration*. In *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 1-2. DOI: 10.1177/0886109918778061

Freisthler, B. Dellor, E., Rivas, A., Enano, S., **Lovato-Hermann, K.** & Pei, F. (2016). *Safe Long Beach: Safe Families Enhancement Project Final Evaluation Report*. Columbus, OH

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Finno-Velasquez, **M., Lovato, K.,** Prandini, R. (June 30, 2021). The U.S. must adopt child welfare strategies for unaccompanied minors. *thehill.com*.
<https://thehill.com/opinion/immigration/560981-the-us-must-adopt-child-welfare-strategies-for-unaccompanied-minors>

FUNDED RESEARCH

2021 **Principal Investigator, Building the Capacity of Child Welfare Systems to Serve Immigrant Families during COVID-19**, CSULB Office of Research and Sponsored

Projects, Summer Student Research Assistantship, CSULB Internal Grant Award (\$6,400)

- 2020 **Principal Investigator**, *Ethics and care: addressing the health and mental health needs of Latinx families impacted by a deportation-related family separation*. Ukleja Center for Ethical Leaders, Faculty Ethics Research Award, CSULB (\$5,000).
- 2020 **Principal Investigator**, *Assessing the social services needs of Latinx families impacted by immigration enforcement*. Office of Research Sponsored Projects, Summer Student Research Assistantship, CSULB Grant Award (\$6,400).
- 2019 **Co-Principal Investigator**, Co-PIs Dr. Suzie Weng & Dr. Sara Nourazari, *Addressing homelessness in Long Beach with systems thinking*. CSULB Multidisciplinary Research Grant, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (\$15,000).
- 2016-2017 **Principal Investigator**, *Enforced separations: A qualitative examination of how Latino youth cope with family disruption following the deportation of a parent*. Regents of University of California, Los Angeles, (\$20,000 and tuition remission) Research Mentors: Laura Abrams, PhD and Carola Suarez-Orozco, PhD

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Lovato, K.** & Finno-Velasquez, M., Sepp, S. (2021, July) *Building the capacity of child welfare systems to serve immigrant populations during COVID-19*. Oral virtual paper presentation at American Professional Society of the Abuse of Children.
2. **Lovato, K.** (2021, May) Examining the social service needs of Latinx immigrant families impacted by immigration enforcement and COVID-19. Oral virtual presentation at End Abuse Long Beach.
3. **Lovato, K.** (2021, April) *Addressing the needs of Latinx immigrant communities impacted by COVID-19*. Oral virtual presentation at Research Scholarly Creative Activities: Week of Research. April 5, 2021. California State University, Long Beach.
4. **Lovato, K.,** Weng, S., Ordaz, J. (2021, January) *Increasing access and utilization of social services for Cambodian Americans: Perspectives from Cambodian American service providers*. Oral virtual paper presentation selected at the Annual Society for Social Work and Research conference.

5. **Lovato, K.** (2020, January). *The impact of deportation related family separations on Latinx families in Los Angeles*. Poster presentation selected at the Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington D.C.
6. **Lovato, K.** (2020, May- Cancelled due to COVID-19). *Accessing social service support following a deportation-related family separation*. Oral paper selected at the Latino Social Work Organization Conference, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon.
7. **Lovato, K.** (2019, November 22). *Fear and anxiety among Latinx immigrants accessing health services following a forced family separation*. Oral paper presentation selected at the 4th Binational Mexico-United States Conference on Social Work and Migration, University of Houston.
8. **Lovato, K.** (2019, March) *Examining ethnic identity formation experiences among Central American emerging adults in Los Angeles*. Oral paper selected at the Latino Social Work Organization Conference, The California Endowment, Oakland, CA.
9. **Lovato, K.** (2018, March). *Under the radar: An examination of Latino immigrant families social service needs following immigration enforcement*. Oral paper selected at the Latino Social Work Organization Conference, University of Washington, Seattle.
10. **Lovato, K.** (2018, January). *Enforced separations: A qualitative examination of the impact of parental deportation on Latinx youth and families*. Paper presentation at the Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
11. **Lovato, K.** (2018, January). *Social work in the current presidential administration: Responsibility Ethnicity, and social justice*. Panel presentation at the Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
12. **Lovato, K.,** (2018, January). *Assessing the effectiveness of city-wide trauma informed trainings*. Paper presented at the Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
13. **Lovato-Hermann, K.** (2017, May). *Enforced separations: An Examination of how today's immigration enforcement policies impact Latino youth and their undocumented families in Los Angeles*. Paper presentation at the Social Services in the Latina/o Community Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
14. **Lovato-Hermann, K.** (2017, March). *The impact of parental deportation on Latino/a youth and immigrant families in Los Angeles*. Paper presentation at the Latino Social Work Organization Conference, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
15. **Lovato-Hermann, K.** (2017, January). *Exploring child welfare service referrals by race/ethnicity using the Needs Portal intervention*. Poster presented at the Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA

16. **Lovato-Hermann, K.** (2017, January). *Welcome or not: An examination of the integration experiences among Central American immigrant emerging adults in Los Angeles*. Poster presented at the Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
17. **Lovato-Hermann, K.** (2016, January). *Crossing the border to find home: An examination of the reunification experiences of undocumented immigrant youth*. Paper presented at the Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC
18. Dellor, E., **Lovato-Hermann, K.**, Price-Wolf, J., Freisthler, B., & Curry, S.R. (2015, November). *Introducing technology in child welfare referrals for health and social services*. Paper presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
19. **Lovato-Hermann, K.** (2015, October). *Exploring family and community contexts for undocumented immigrants during emerging adulthood*. Paper presented at the biennial conference of the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood. Miami, FL
20. **Lovato-Hermann, K.** (2014, May). *Crossing the border to find home: An Examination of the migration and reunification experiences of Mexican transnational youth in the U.S.* Paper presented at the Immigrant Youth Empowerment Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
21. **Lovato-Hermann, K.** (2014, February). *Across the boundaries of labor and gender: A critical review of the literature on transnational motherhood*. Paper presented at the Annual Thinking Gender Conference. University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
22. **Lovato-Hermann, K.** (2013, January). *Familial caregivers and elder mistreatment among Chinese immigrants*. Poster presented at the Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Diego, CA

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Lovato, K. (2020, September 8th) Invited Co-Panelist: *Teach-in Series: Black Lives Matter and the Immigrant Rights Movement*, CSULB Dream Success Center, CSULB.

Lovato, K., Nourazari, S., Weng, S. (2019). Panelist: *Addressing Homelessness with Systems Thinking. Team Science Workshop*. 31st Annual Biotechnology Symposium. Hyatt Regency Orange County.

Lovato, K. (2018, November). Panelist: *Enforced Separations: An Examination of how Latinx Youth cope with parental deportation*. Invited guest lecture: Human Behavior and the Social Environment. November 5, 2018.

Lovato, K. (2018, March) Presenter: *Addressing Homelessness in Long Beach with Systems Thinking*. California State University, Long Beach, Presidential Salon.

Lovato, K. (2018). Panel Moderator: Research Methods Panel. *Research to Resistance Conference*, University of California, Los Angeles, Luskin School of Public Affairs

Lovato-Hermann, K. (2016, April). Presenter: *Social Work Practice with Latinos*. Social Work Lecture Series, California State University, Fullerton, Department of Social Work, Fullerton, CA.

Lovato-Hermann, K. (2016, February). Presenter: *Utilizing Play Therapy to Treat Trauma-Exposed Youth*. Presentation, MSW 571, Social Work Perspectives on Developmental Psychopathology and Family Context, California State University, Fullerton, Department of Social Work, Fullerton, CA.

Lovato-Hermann, K. (2015, October). *The Impact of Global Immigration on Social Work Practice*. Presentation, MSW 770, Cultural Diversity Course, California State University, Fullerton, Department of Social Work, Fullerton, CA.

Lovato-Hermann, K. (2013, July). Presentation: *Social Work Education: An Introduction to the Enhanced CalSWEC Field Initiative*. CalSWEC Title IV-E Field Initiative Summer Institute, Berkeley, CA.

Lovato-Hermann, K. (2012, November). Presentation: *Immigrant Child Well-Being*. Child and Adolescent Studies Symposium, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught at CSU Long Beach, School of Social Work

SW 698-02 Applied Projects I	Fall 2021
SW 698-04 Applied Projects I	Fall 2021
SW 699-05 Applied Projects II	Spring 2021
SW 699-05 Applied Projects II	Spring 2021
SW 698-05 Applied Projects I	Fall 2020
SW 698-06 Applied Projects I	Fall 2020
SW 698-10 Applied Projects I	Fall 2020
SW 590 SW Practice with Latinx Populations	Fall 2020
SW 570-01 Intro to Group Work	Spring 2020
SW 699-06 Applied Projects II	Spring 2020
SW 699-05 Applied Projects II	Spring 2020
SW 698-06 Applied Projects I	Fall 2019
SW 698-05 Applied Projects I	Fall 2019

SW 643-01 Practice with Child Welfare Services	Summer 2019
SW 699-05 Applied Projects II	Spring 2019
SW 699-06 Applied Projects II	Spring 2019
SW 699-05 Applied Projects I	Fall 2018
SW 699-06 Applied Projects II	Fall 2018
SW 699-05 Applied Projects II	Spring 2018
SW 699-06 Applied Projects II	Spring 2018
SW 698-05 Applied Projects I	Fall 2017
SW 698-06 Applied Projects I	Fall 2017
SW 503-03 Human Behavior and the Social Environment	Fall 2017

Courses Taught at CSU Fullerton, Department of Social Work

MSW 511-01 Social Work Practice II	Spring 2017
MSW 578-01 Social Work Practice with Latinos	Spring 2017
MSW 541-06 Advanced Social Work Field Instruction	Spring 2017
MSW 541-03 Advanced Social Work Field Instruction	Spring 2017
MSW 510-01: Social Work Practice I	Fall 2016
MSW 510-04: Social Work Practice I	Fall 2016
MSW 540-03: Social Work Field Instruction	Fall 2016
MSW 540-06: Social Work Field Instruction	Fall 2016
MSW 511-01: Social Work Practice II	Spring 2016
MSW 511-03: Social Work Practice II	Spring 2016
MSW 541-04: Advanced Social Work Field Instruction	Spring 2016
MSW 541-06: Advanced Social Work Field Instruction	Spring 2016
MSW 522-01: Child Welfare Policy and Social Work	Fall 2015
MSW 510-03: Social Work Practice I	Fall 2015
MSW 540-03: Social Work Field Instruction	Fall 2015
MSW 540-08: Social Work Field Instruction	Fall 2015
MSW 543-03: Advanced Social Work Field Instruction II	Spring 2015
MSW 543-06: Advanced Social Work Field Instruction II	Spring 2015
MSW 542-03: Advanced Social Work Field Instruction II	Fall 2014

Courses Taught at San Francisco State University, School of Social Work

SW 740: Field Work Instruction I	Fall 2011
SW 832: Social Group Work	Spring 2011
SW 741: Field Work Instruction II	Spring 2011
SW 741: Field Work Instruction II	Spring 2011
SW 740: Field Work Instruction I	Spring 2011

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2009-2010 **Bilingual Mental Health Therapist**
 Instituto Familiar de La Raza, San Francisco, CA

- 2006-2009 **Bilingual Mental Health Therapist (Part-Time)**
Circulo de Vida Cancer Support Center, San Francisco, CA
- 2006-2010 **Child Protective Services Social Worker**
Human Services Agency of San Francisco, Family and Children Services,
San Francisco, CA
- 2005-2006 **Child Protective Services Social Work Intern**
Human Services Agency of San Francisco, Family and Children Services,
San Francisco, CA
- 2004-2006 **Clinical Case Manager**
Larkin Street Youth Services, San Francisco, CA
- 2003-2004 **Vocational Coordinator**
Fred Finch Youth Center, Oakland, CA
- 2000-2002 **Case Manager**
Highbridge Community Life Center, Bronx, NY

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2020 **Ukleja Center for Ethical Leaders, Faculty Ethics Research Award, CSULB**
Ethics and care: addressing the health and mental health needs of Latinx families impacted by a deportation-related family separation. Ukleja Center for Ethical Leaders, Faculty Ethics Research Award, CSULB (\$5,000).
- 2015 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award**
Principal Investigator, Immigration related vs. forced family separations. Regents of University of California, Los Angeles, University of California, Los Angeles (\$6,000.00). Research Mentor: Carola Suarez-Orozco, PhD
- 2014 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award**
Principal Investigator, “Crossing the border to find home: A Gendered perspective of the separation and reunification experiences of Mexican immigrant young adults in the U.S.” Regents of University of California, Los Angeles (\$6,000.00). Research Mentor: Carola Suarez-Orozco, PhD
- 2014 **Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr., Social Justice Initiative Grant**
Principal Investigator, “An examination of post-migration educational experiences: perspectives from Latino immigrant young adults.” Luskin School of Public Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (\$1,500.00)

2014-2015 Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
 2013 UCLA Luskin Social Justice Initiative Grant
 2012 UCLA Luskin Senior Fellows Program, Department of Social Welfare
 2006 Phi Alpha Honor Society, San Francisco State University
 2004-2006 Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Fellowship (CalSWEC)
 2000 Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society, Saint Mary's College of CA, Moraga, CA

SERVICE

Department/College/University

2020-2021 Co-Faculty Mentor, New Faculty Learning Community, CSULB

2020-2017 Co-Faculty Advisor, Latino Student Social Work Network
 School of Social Work, California State University, Long Beach

2020 Member, Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement Committee (Spring)

2018- Member, Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work, California State University, Long Beach

2018- Member, Culminating Experience Committee, School of Social Work, California State University, Long Beach

2018- Member, Faculty and Staff Development Committee, School of Social Work California State University, Long Beach

2018-2017 Member, Human Behavior in the Social Environment Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work, California State University, Long Beach

2017-2015 Chair, Bilingual Social Work Education Curriculum Committee
 Department of Social Work, California State University, Fullerton

2015-2013 Member, Professional Development Committee
 Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles

2014 Doctoral Student Representative, Academic Search Committee
 Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles

Profession/ Academic

2021 Abstract Reviewer, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference (SSWR)

2020 Abstract Reviewer, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference (SSWR)

- 2019 Abstract Reviewer, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference (SSWR)
- 2019 Journal Reviewer, *Public Child Welfare*
- 2018 Journal Reviewer, *Child Welfare*
- 2017 Grant Reviewer, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 Journal Reviewer, *Children and Youth Services Review*
- 2015 Grant Reviewer, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Grant Reviewer, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau, Washington, D.C.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2015- Member, Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood
- 2010- Member, Society for Social Work and Research
- 2010- Member, Council on Social Work Education
- 2010- Member, Latino/as Social Work Educators

SPECIFIC SKILLS

Research: Qualitative analysis; mixed methods; process evaluation

Organizational: Program development & administration

Policy: Legislative and administrative advocacy; policy analysis

Software: SPSS, ArcGIS, ATLAS.ti, NVivo, Dedoose

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY: Fluent in written and verbal Spanish