

# Cristina Gomez-Vidal, MSW

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## EDUCATION

- 2022 **University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare**  
(expected) Ph.D.  
*Dissertation Title:* The Legal Reproduction of Infant Health Inequities in Unincorporated Communities  
*Committee:* Dr. Anu Manchikanti Gómez (chair), Dr. Tina Sacks, Dr. Rachel Morello-Frosch
- 2018 **University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare**  
MSW  
Concentration: Management & Planning – Macro Practice
- 2015 **University of California, Berkeley, College of Letters and Science**  
B.A.: Interdisciplinary Studies Field- Sociology, Economics, and Policy  
Minor: Public Policy

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Health equity and social determinants of health
- Political and social exclusion
- Democratic governance and community participation
- Race, place, space and the rural-urban nexus
- Mixed methods and small population science

## AWARDS & HONORS

- 2021-2022 University of California Dissertation Year Fellowship  
(\$27,000)
- 2020-2021 Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Graduate Fellowship (BELS),  
Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley  
(\$1,000)
- 2019-2020 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, School of Social Welfare,  
University of California, Berkeley
- 2018-2022 Health Policy Research Scholars, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
(\$120,000)
- 2017-2018 Latinx Center of Excellence Stipend Program Award, School of Social Welfare,  
University of California, Berkeley  
(\$10,000)
- 2015-  
Present Phi Beta Kappa
- 2014-2015 Robert and Colleen Haas Scholars Research Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley  
(\$12,600)

## RESEARCH GRANTS & FUNDING

- 2021-2022 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, Research Grants  
University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute  
*Measuring County Incorporation Status for Examination of Racial and Spatial Health Inequities*  
Role: Co-Investigator  
(\$100,000)
- 2020-2021 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Dissertation Grant  
*The Legal Reproduction of Infant Health Inequities in Unincorporated Communities*  
Role: Principal Investigator  
(\$9,600)
- 2015-2016 Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Grant, University of California, Berkeley  
*Underrepresented Student Research Ambassador Program*  
Role: Co-Project Lead  
(\$11,500)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021-  
Present **Co-Investigator**  
County Health Rankings and Roadmap Program, Research Grant  
*Measuring County Incorporation Status for Examination of Racial and Spatial Health Inequities*
- Develop a spatial measure of incorporation status at the county level that may be used to examine racial and spatial health inequities within counties in two states: California & Texas.
  - Co-lead the formation of an advisory committee of national, state, and county stakeholders who will guide the development process of measure development.
  - Prepare white paper on measure development and scalability for all U.S. states for 2022-2023.
- 2020-  
Present **Principal Investigator**  
Dissertation Research  
*The Legal Reproduction of Infant Health Inequities in Unincorporated Communities*
- Conduct descriptive, multiple regression, and propensity score matching analysis to examine birth data by incorporation status in California's Central Valley.
  - Using constructivist grounded theory methods, conduct in-depth interviews and examine the impacts that incorporation status has on a community's ability to navigate a health crisis in Kings County, California.
- 2021-  
Present **Research Assistant**  
Sexual Health and Reproductive Equity Program, University of California, Berkeley  
*Low Wage Work, Family Planning, and Stratified reproduction in the Time of COVID-19*  
Principal Investigator: Gómez, A.M.
- Conduct In-depth Interviews.
  - Develop code book and conduct analysis.
  - Assist with manuscript preparation.

- 2019-2020 **Research Assistant**  
 Sexual Health and Reproductive Equity Program, University of California, Berkeley  
*The Affordable Care Act and Access to Family Planning and Abortion in California's Central Valley: A Community-Based Participatory Research Study*  
 Principal Investigator: Gómez, A.M.
- Trained community researchers on ethics and data collection
- 2019 – Present **Graduate Student Researcher**  
 Sexual Health and Reproductive Equity Program, University of California, Berkeley  
*Latinas Preterm Birth Research Project, California Preterm Birth Initiative*  
 Principal Investigator: Gómez, A. M.
- Coordinate project, assist with conceptualization and description of data findings and prepare manuscript
- 2018 - 2020 **Research Therapist**  
 Golden Bear Sleep and Mood Research Clinic – University of California, Berkeley  
*Parent Behavior Change Intervention*  
 Principal Investigator: Harvey, A.
- Piloted research therapy intervention with parents using Cognitive Behavior Therapy and Behavioral Change Techniques
  - Worked with research team on development of intervention
- 2016 - 2018 **Graduate Student Researcher**  
 Mack Center for Nonprofit & Public Sector Management – University of California, Berkeley  
*County Contracts and Family Stabilization Project*  
 Primary Investigator: Carnochan, S., Das, A., & Austin, M. J.
- Conducted In Depth Interviewing
  - Assisted with research design
  - Coded and analyzed data
  - Conducted literature review and concept mapping
- 2014 - 2015 **Haas Scholar Researcher**  
 Haas Scholar Independent Research Project – University of California, Berkeley  
*“Framing” China- Congressional Commissions’ Impact on U.S. Foreign Policy.”*  
 Advisor: Gold, T.
- Conducted topic modeling computation in R.
  - Analyzed text and code data.
  - Conducted organizational interviews.
- 2014 **Research Assistant**  
 Political Science Department, University of California, Berkeley  
*“Things Fall Apart: Prosperity, Faith, and Division within the African American Community”*  
 Principal Investigators: Stoker, L. and Bass, J.
- Determined the technology needs for research project utilizing Atlas.ti
  - Reviewed and evaluated code book for use on sermon transcripts
- 2013 **Research Assistant**

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies Field, University of California, Berkeley  
"Human Rights Before the State: On Vico's Theory of Global Justice"

Principal Investigator: Holub, R.

- Led team of three research assistants on bibliographic research project
- Conducted library search for resources in Spanish, French, Italian and English pertaining to Vico
- Provided feedback on manuscript drafts

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Gomez-Vidal, C., & Gómez, A. M.** (2021). Invisible and unequal: Unincorporated community status as a structural determinant of health. *Social Science & Medicine*, 114292.

Higgs, E., **Gomez-Vidal, C.**, & Austin, M. J. (2018). Low-income nonresident fatherhood: A literature review with implications for practice and research. *Families in Society*, 99(2), 110-120.

## REPORTS

Lee, D.M., Lizardo, R, St Onge, P. **Gomez-Vidal, C.**, & Banh, T. (2008). "Naa Xini: Participacion Civica en Pro de la Salud Comunitaria de los Indigenas Migrante Currículo Desarrollo por El Instituto Nacional para el Desarrollo de la Comunidad.". *National Community Development Institute*

**Gomez-Vidal, C.**, Hildebrand, C. et al. (2009). "Raising our voices strengthening our communities: Advocacy training to build skills and confidence case studies project", Funded by The California Endowment and prepared by the *National Community Development Institute*

## PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

**Gomez-Vidal, C.** Filling in the gap: The role of rural nonprofits in the absence of local government during a health crisis.

**Gomez-Vidal, C.** The government you don't need to know is the government you want: Expecting drinkable water to come out of your faucet and other municipal privileges.

**Gomez-Vidal, C.**, Ren, C. Deconstructing insignificance: The Disaggregation of birth data to unincorporated communities.

**Gomez-Vidal, C.** Infant health in California's rural unincorporated communities: A propensity score matched analysis of place.

**Gomez-Vidal, C.**, Arcara, J., Gomez, A.M. & Baer, R. Heterogeneity in birth outcomes among Latina subgroups in California, 2013-17.

Cazares-Minero, M., **Gomez-Vidal, C.** Decolonizing mentorship through a framework of belongingness for ethnic minority graduate students.

Bakko, M., Cifuentes, A., **Gomez-Vidal, C.**, Gutierrez, M., Irsheid, S. Structural competency as a framework for advancing anti-racist social work.

Bennet, A., Gómez, A.M., **Gomez- Vidal, C.**, & Jain, Sagaree. Low Wage Work, family planning, and stratified reproduction in the time of COVID-19.

## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Cifuentes, A., **Gomez-Vidal, C.** (Scheduled November 2021). "Structural Competency as a Framework for Advancing Anti-Racist Social Work." Poster Presentation. CSWE Annual Program Meeting Orlando, FL.

Cazares-Minero, M., **Gomez-Vidal, C.** (Scheduled November 2021). "Decolonizing Mentorship through a Framework of Belongingness for Ethnic Minority Graduate Students." CSWE Annual Program Meeting. Orlando, FL.

**Gomez-Vidal, C.**, Gutierrez, M., Roybal, K Whittaker, J, Williams, P. (October 2020). "Challenging Place and Power: A Discussion of Participatory Research methods to Transform Local Political Economies of Health." Podcast discussion at Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS) Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN.

Bakko, M., Cifuentes, A., **Gomez-Vidal, C.**, Gutierrez, M., Irsheid, S., Roybal, K. (January 2020). Social Work and Health Equity: A Critical Framework for Building a Culture of Health. Roundtable discussion at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.

Hernandez, J., **Gomez-Vidal, C.** (January 2020) Barriers to father engagement in the Child Welfare System. E-poster at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.

Das, A., Carnochan, S., Liner-Jigamian, N., **Gomez-Vidal, C.**, & Austin, Michael. (January 2019). "Client Experiences of Intensive Welfare to Work Services under California's Family Stabilization Program." Roundtable discussion at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

### INVITED PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

**Gomez-Vidal, C.** (May 2005). "Addressing Teen Pregnancy in the Central Valley." Presented at Growing a Community Conference sponsored by Great Valley Center. Sacramento, CA.

**Gomez-Vidal, C.** (April 2004). "Knowing Our Worth- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Advocacy." Presented at Latina Action Days sponsored by Hispanas Organized for Political Equality. Sacramento, CA.

**Gomez-Vidal, C.** (November 2004). "Health Leadership. Making a Difference for Teens in the Valley." Presented at 8th Annual Latina Women's Conference sponsored by Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Fresno, CA.

**Gomez-Vidal, C.**, Health Leadership Roundtable Panel (April 29, 2003). Participated in panel at California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research Spring Conference. Fresno, CA.

### TEACHING INTERESTS

- Public and social policy
- Social determinants of health
- Macro social work
- Qualitative methods
- Introduction to social work practice

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018-2020

#### **Graduate Student Instructor**

SOCIAL WELFARE 114 Practice in Social Work

- Served as Teaching Instructor in Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, and Fall 2020
- Facilitated training and development of the Human Centered Design Non-Profit Challenge
- Conducted course lectures on Community research and evaluation, Social work ethics, Organizational Assessment and Intervention Module

2019

#### **Guest Lecture**

SOCIAL WELFARE 274 Immigrants and Refugees in the U.S.

- Conducted guest lecture on "Advocacy Partnerships: Strengths- Based Immigrant Communities approach to Building Community Partnerships."

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

2015-Present **Co-Founder**

*Underrepresented Researchers of Color (UROC), University of California Berkeley*  
Established UROC with Nalya Rodriguez through an Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Grant. Program provides peer support for students of color who wish to or are currently conducting research on campus.

2020- Present **Advisory Board Member**

*Latinx Center for Excellence Advisory Board, University of California Berkeley*

2018-2019 **Doctoral Student Representative**

*Social Welfare Curriculum Committee*

2017-2019 **Doctoral Student Representative**

*Equity and Inclusion Committee*

2014-2015 **President**

*Golden Key, University of California, Berkeley Chapter*

## PRACTICE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-2018 **Continuous Quality Improvement Analyst Intern**

*Alameda County Social Services Agency, Department of Children and Family Services*  
Oakland, CA

Assisted with the evaluation of child welfare projects including the Therapeutic Guidance for Infants and Families: Using Multi-Family Groups as an Extension of Child-Parent Psychotherapy & projects assessing work with cross-over youth.

2005-2015 **Senate Public Member**

**Vice-President (2013-2014)**

*State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs- Physician Assistant Board*  
Sacramento, CA

As a member of the Physician Assistant Board, we served to protect consumers of California through licensing, approving physician assistant training programs, and enforcement of the laws governing the Physician Assistant Practice Act.

2007-2012 **Lead Trainer**

*National Community Development Institute (NCDI)*  
Oakland, CA

Served as a Lead Trainer for National Community Development Institute's Advocating for Change Modules as part of The California Endowment's (TCE) Health Exchange Academy throughout the State of California. We provided capacity building for TCE grantees and introduced participants to the world of advocacy as it specifically relates to public health issues.

2005-2012 **Trainer, Teen Pregnancy & Advocacy**

*Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE)*  
Los Angeles, CA

Annually, trained HOPE's state leadership participants on teen pregnancy prevention policy issues and how to successfully advocate at the state and national level.

- 2007-2012     **Madera County Program Director**  
*Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program (CCROPP)*  
 California State University Foundation-  
 Central California Center for Health and Human Services  
 Madera County Central California  
 Fresno, CA  
 Worked with community residents, policy makers, and agencies to address the environmental factors and systems that affect active living and healthy eating. CCROPPP is working to support access to healthy affordable foods and access to physical activity by advancing policy and systems and promoting smart growth policies.
- 2007-2009     **Consultant**  
*Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indigena*  
 Fresno, CA  
 Consultant for Curriculum Development  
 Co-designed curriculum as part of National Community Development Institute. Curriculum was developed for Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indigena Oaxaqueno (CBDIO). The curriculum designed for the Naa Xini Leaders was a ten-module training for Indigenous populations that was co-created with CBDIO based on cultural values that build the capacity of community leaders to address health and social justice issues in their community.
- 2000-2007     **Adolescent Health Coordinator**  
*Camarena Health*  
 Madera, CA  
 Served as a coordinator and provided oversight over several key grants including co-coordinating a \$1.9 million Grant Projects funded by The California Endowment, Teen Smart, Reach out and Read, Reading is fundamental, Farmworker Advisory Committee, and Nutritional Services Grants. Developed teen friendly services and protocols through the health clinic. Responsible for hiring and supervision of grant staff and volunteers, grantwriting, management, and reporting.

## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

- 2014-2015     Golden Key President, University of California Berkeley  
 2006- 2012     City of Madera Vision 2020 Steering Committee Member  
 2010- 2012     City of Madera Community Development Block Grant Citizen Advisory Committee  
 2010-2012     City of Madera Planning Advisory Steering Committee  
 2006- 2012     Sherman Thomas Charter School Board Member  
 2006             Central Valley Health Leadership Policy Institute  
 2004             Hispanas Organized for Political Equality Leadership Program

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS AND TRAINING**

Qualitative:

- Constructive Grounded Theory
- Rapid Qualitative Methods
- Photovoice
- Focus Groups and In-depth Interviewing

- Software: MAXQDA, Dedoose

Quantitative:

- Multiple Linear Regression
- Computational Text Analysis- Topic Modeling
- Hierarchical Linear Modeling
- Causal Inference
- Software: R, Stata

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Society for Social Work and Research
- National Association of Social Workers
- Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science
- Council on Social Work Education
- Hispanas Organized for Political Equality