

# Ana María Hernández, Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

- Expected May 2025      Ph.D. in Sociology  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- August 2019              Master's in Social Work  
Leadership and Social Change Concentration  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- May 2018                 B.S. Social Work  
B.A. Political Science  
Minor in Latin American/Latino Studies  
Southern Illinois University – Carbondale

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- August 2019      UIUC Graduate College Fellow
- March 2018      2<sup>nd</sup> Place Undergraduate Recipient for Paper Presentation at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
WGSS Conference: Transitions and Transformation
- Fall 2017         First Scholars Program Intern, SIUC
- Summer 2017     McNair Scholars Program, SIUC
- Summer 2016     National Council de La Raza Intern (Formerly NCLR, now UnidosUS)
- August 2014      Dean's List, College of Education and Human Services, SIUC

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Factors impacting retention among First-Generation Latino Students in Higher Education, Afro-Caribbean Studies specifically Colombia, Border/Immigration Studies, Latino/a Studies, Latin American Studies

Broad Research Interests: Race/Ethnicity, Immigration, Legal Status, Citizenship

## PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

- Hernández, A.M. "*First-Generation Latinx Students in Higher Education*" PowerPoint Presentation at Eastern Illinois University for Latino Heritage Month (Charleston, IL, September 2019)
- Hernández, A.M. "*Women Need Love Too (Supporting Women of Color)*" PowerPoint Presentation at the Black and Latino Male Summit: Dismantling Barriers and Building Alliances Between Black & Latinx Men (Champaign, IL, April 2019)
- Hernández, A.M. "*First-Generation Latino Students in Higher Education*" PowerPoint Presentation at the Black and Latina Womxn Summit: Decolonization, Our Rebirth (Champaign, IL, April 2019)
- Hernández, A.M. "*First-Generation Latino Students in Higher Education*" Paper presented as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference: Transitions and Transformations. (Carbondale, IL, March 2018)

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- Hernández, A.M. “*First-Generation Latino Students in Higher Education*” PowerPoint presented as part of the Diversity & Inclusion in Higher Education Conference. (Carbondale, IL, March 2018)
- Hernández, A.M. “*First-Generation Latino Students in Higher Education*” Poster presented as part of the Ronald E. McNair Conference. (Schaumburg, IL, October 2017)
- Hernández, A.M. Participated in “*Immigrants in Our Community: What do we do? Where do we go from here?*” Panel for the Southern Illinois Immigrant Rights Project
- Hernández, A.M. Participated in “*50 Shades of Brown Colorism Panel*” (Carbondale, IL, April 2016)
- Hernández, A.M. “*Suárez Gold: Afro-Colombian Miners Defending Their Heritage Documentary Screening and Discussion*” (Carbondale, IL, February 2017)
- Hernández, A.M. “*First Generation Latino Students in Higher Education*” presented as part of the McNair Scholars Symposium. (Carbondale, IL, July 2017)
- Hernández, A.M. “*First Generation Latino Students in Higher Education*” presented as a guest on DARE to Care with Dr. Elaine Jurkowski on WGGH Radio – Monster Radio AM 1150. (Carbondale, IL, June 2017)
- Hernández, A.M. “*Change-Making in Your Community*” presented at the Pullman Foundation (Chicago, IL, May 2017)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – 2019 Graduate Hourly at the Illinois School of Architecture
- 2018 – 2019 Tutor Coordinator at the Office of Minority Student Affairs
- 2016 – 2018 Student Worker at the College of Liberal Arts Advising
- 2017 Student Worker at the Student Multicultural Resource Center

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2017 Factors Impacting Retention Rates of First-Generation Latino Students in Higher Education, SIUC

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- September 2018 Co-founding member of Latinos in Higher Education Group at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2017 – 2018 President of Hispanic Student Council  
Secretary of Tau Chapter of Gamma Phi Omega Int’l Sorority, Inc.  
Scholarship Chair of Tau Chapter of Gamma Phi Omega Int’l Sorority, Inc.
- 2016 -2017 President of Tau Chapter of Gamma Phi Omega Int’l Sorority, Inc.  
Secretary of Hispanic Student Council  
Secretary of National Society for Collegiate Scholars

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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- Gay, L. (2017, September 28). DACA students seek answers from SIU. *WPSD Local – 6*. Retrieved from <https://www.wpsdlocal6.com/2017/09/28/daca-students-seek-answers-siu/>
- Gatimu, F. (2017, August 27). Community reacts to state immigration bill: ‘[It will make us feel more protected.]’ *The Daily Egyptian*. Retrieved from <https://dailyegyptian.com/71077/news/community-reacts-to-state-immigration-bill-it-will-make-us-feel-more-protected/>
- Ray, C. (2017, July 18). Jackson County Board failed to pass “safe and welcoming county” resolution for immigrants. *The Daily Egyptian*. Retrieved from <https://dailyegyptian.com/70171/news/jackson-county-board-vote-no-on-adopting-a-safe-and-welcoming-county-resolution-for-immigrants/>
- Jackson County Board immigration resolution fails. (2017, July 18). *WSIL – 3 ABC*. Retrieved from <http://www.wsiltv.com/story/35916794/jackson-county-board-immigration-resolution-fails>
- Drury, C. (2017, July 12). Southern IL welcomes immigrants with new resolution. *KFVS-TV 12*. Retrieved from <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/35862593/southern-il-welcomes-immigrants-with-new-resolution/>
- Jacob, B. (2017, February 21). Illegal immigration policies could affect Heartland families. *KFVS-TV 12*. Retrieved from <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/34562042/illegal-immigration-policies-could-affect-heartland-families/>
- July 2013 Participated on a 10 day Colombian Delegation with Witness for Peace to learn the effects of foreign policy in Afro-Colombian and Indigenous Communities.

## LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish and English