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EDUCATION

- 1983 - 1987 PhD, Developmental and Child Psychology, Department of Human Development and Family Life University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
Concentration: Community Psychology
- 1981 - 1983 Master of Science, Developmental and Child Psychology, Department of Human Development and Family Life University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
Concentration: Community Psychology
- 1975 - 1980 BA, Department of Psychology
Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2006 - Present Professor and Head, Department of Occupational Therapy
Affiliate Professor: Department of Disability and Human Development & Department of Psychology
University of Illinois Chicago
- 2012 - 2013 Interim Department Head, Department of Physical Therapy, UIC
- 2002 - 2006 Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, UIC
- 1998 - 2002 Faculty Research Fellow, Loyola Center for Urban Research and Learning
- 1997 - 2002 Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Loyola University Chicago
- 1990 - 1997 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Loyola University Chicago
- 1989 - 1990 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Human Development and Family Life
University of Kansas
- 1987 - 1990 Research Associate, Research and Training Center on Independent Living and Bureau of Child Research, University of Kansas
- 1983 - 1987 Graduate Research Assistant, Research and Training Center on Independent Living and Bureau of Child Research, University of Kansas

SELECTED FUNDED GRANT SUPPORT AND CONTRACTS (*grants about Latinx population)

- 2020 - 2025 Co-PI (5%). Advanced training in translational and community-engaged scholarship to improve community living and participation of people with disabilities. Funder NIDILRR, DHHS, Total amount: \$999,995. PI: Heller, Co-PI, Suarez-Balcazar, Co-I, Aruin & Odoms-Young.
- *2019 - 2024 Co-PI (20%). PODER: **PODER: Promoting Obesity Prevention among children with Developmental Disabilities and families through Engaged Research.** Funder, DRPP, NIDILRR/Department of Health and Human Services. Total amount: \$2,364,818/\$765,680. PI: Sandy Magana. CO-PIs Mirza & Suarez-Balcazar
- *2019 PI (5%). Healthy Families. Promoting healthy lifestyles among low-income children and their families. Funder, The Chicago Community Trust. Total amount: \$15,000 (The focus of this contract was on Latinx families and children).

- *2016 - 2020 PI (15%). Healthy Families: Community Coalition to Promote Healthy Lifestyles among Latino Youth with Disabilities and their Families. Funder, The Chicago Community Trust, Sustainability award. Total amount, \$35,000.
- 2015 - 2020 PI (5%). Advanced training in translational and community-engaged scholarship to improve community living and participation of people with disabilities. Funder, NIILDRR, DHHS, Total amount: \$745,511.
- *2014 - 2016 PI (25%). Community Coalition to Promote Healthy Lifestyles among Latino Youth with Disabilities and their Families. Funder, the Chicago Community Trust. Total amount \$299,900.
- 2011 - 2016 Co-PI (5%). Advanced Training in Translational and Transformational Research to Improve Outcomes for People with Disabilities, PI: T. Heller, US Department of Education/NIDILRR, Total Amount: \$749,769.
- *2010 - 2015 Co-PI (12%). UIC Obesity Research Project on Prevalence, Adaptations, and Knowledge Translation in Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities from Diverse Race/Ethnic Backgrounds, PI: J. Rimmer, DHD, (total \$2,000,000). US Dept of Education. This grant included the study of obesity in Latino and African American youth with disabilities.
- *2011 - 2012 PI, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (CUPPA) – IRRPP Scholar Fellowship grant. \$4,899.
- *2009 - 2012 Co-PI (17%), VR Quality Assurance Improvement Project, PI: F. Balcazar, DHD, IDHS Rehabilitation Services (ARRA). Total Amount: \$137,000.
- *2005 - 2010 Co-PI (25%). Center for Capacity Building for Minorities with Disabilities Research. Funder: U.S. Department of Education, National Institute on Disability Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). Total amount: \$1,540,000.
- *2008 - 2009 PI, Healthy Hearts Chicago Program-Obesity Prevention in the Latino Community, evaluation component. Funder the Otho S. A. Sprague Foundation. Sponsored by the YMCA, Pilsen. Total amount of evaluation component \$25,000.
- *2005 PI. Evaluation of a salad bar and nutrition education on children’s attitudes, knowledge and eating patterns in a Chicago Public School. Funder: CLOCC. Total amount \$12,500.
- 2003 - 2005 PI, evaluation component. Participatory Evaluation of the Chicago Food System Collaborative, Funder: PRAG (Grant from Kellogg Foundation). Evaluation component: \$105, 541.
- 1999 - 2001 PI. Building the Capacity of Community-Based Organizations for Evaluation and Documentation. Funder: BP America Inc. Total amount: \$235,000.
- 1999 - 2001 PI, Evaluation component. Documenting the Impact of Every Block a Village Online Funder: U.S. Department of Commerce and West Suburban Health Center. (Contract to CURL from West Suburban Health Center). Total evaluation component: \$75,273.
- 1998 - 1999 PI. Documenting the Impact of Bethel New Life in West Garfield Park: A Participatory Evaluation. Funder: Annie E. Casey Foundation. (Contract to CURL /Loyola University Chicago, from Bethel New Life). Total evaluation component \$80,000.
- 1997 PI. Models of Community-University Collaborations in Research and Program Evaluation. Funder: Loyola Research Support Office. Amount: \$1,200.
- *1994 - 1995 PI. Evaluation component. Community and Health Needs and Priorities of Latinos in Des Plaines. Funder: Chicago Land Health Initiative and the Lutheran General Hospital Advocate. Evaluation component: \$20,000.
- *1992 PI. Contextual Analysis of Instances of Differential Treatment Among Minority College Students. Funder: Loyola Research Support Office. Total amount: \$1,200.

- 1988 - 1990 Co- PI. Assessing Concerns of Families in Transition and Promoting Independent Living. Family-Directed Problem Solving. Funder: Kansas Early Childhood Research Institute on Transition. Amount: \$41,268.
- 1988 - 1989 Research Team, University of Kansas, Research and Training Center on Independent Living, Co-investigator. Development of Effective Strategies for Persons with Disabilities: The Concerns Report Method, National Institute of Handicapped Research. The project I was responsible for was in the amount of \$48,891.

SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

- 2019 Society for Community Research and Action, Outstanding Service and Leadership Award.
- 2020 Invited Visiting Professor, Pacifica University, Carpenteria, CA.
- 2019 Invited Visiting Professor, International Christian University, Tokyo Japan
- 2018 Best mentor award, Annie Casey Foundation, Leaders in Equity Evaluation and Diversity, (LEAD mentorship program).
- 2017 Elected President, Society for Community Research and Action, APA Division 27
- 2016 Professor of the Year, College of Applied Health Sciences
- 2016 Invited Visiting Professor, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
- 2016 Invited Visiting Professor, Catholic University of Peru, Lima, Peru.
- 2016 & 2017 Invited mentor, Leaders in Equity Evaluation and Diversity (LEED) Scholars program, Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- 2015 Nominated to the Who is Who in Hispanic Business. This magazine highlights Hispanics that have made significant contributions to the Latinx community.
- 2015 Invited to assist in the development and delivery of a series of webinars on Cultural competency. US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.
- 2015 Invited to co-teach a webinar and virtual chat sponsored by the AOTA Pediatric Workgroup on cultural competence (working with the Latinx community).
- 2015 Invited to assist in the development of the report to WHO on the role of OT in addressing childhood obesity. World Federation of Occupational Therapy
- 2015 Nominated to the Leaders and Legacies Society, American Occupational Therapy Foundation.
- 2015 Invited to serve on Community Capacity Building committee for Latin American Region. National Congress of Psychology.
- 2014 Invited member to the Global Bridges Scholars program, Karolinska Institute, Sweden.
- 2012 - 2013 Appointed Chair, Diversity Ad Hoc Committee, AOTA.
- 2012 Invited member Solutions Taskforce of the National Alliance for Hispanic Families.
- 2012 Leadership Award, UIC College of Applied Health Science
- 2012 Invited to present research to the Board of Trustees, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2011 - 2014 Invited member of the Hispanic Workgroup for the Administration for Children and families, US Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2011 Invited member of the AOTA Obesity Prevention Workgroup.
- 2010 MPA – Elected Fellow of the Midwestern Psychological Association (May 2010).
- 2010 Invited Visiting Professor, University of Seville, Spain.
- 2009 UIC CIC ALP Leadership Fellow.
- 2005 Society for Community Research and Action, Minority Mentorship Award Presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action.
- 2003 - 2004 Kellogg Foundation, Food & Society elected Advisory Board for Evaluation
- 2002 Fellow, APA, Society for Community Research and Action.
- 2001 Faculty Recognition Award CURL (Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University Chicago).
- 1998 - 2002 Faculty Research Fellow, CURL, Loyola University Chicago
- 1996 - 1997 McCormick Faculty Research Fellow, CURL, Loyola University Chicago.
- 1994 Outstanding Service Award, Chair of the International Development Committee.

1983 Presented at the 19th Annual Association for Behavior Analysis Convention, Atlanta GA.
International Women of the Year Award, University of Kansas.

PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (* denotes publications about Latinx)

- * Ramirez, R.D., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Fischer, H.C. & S. R. Magasi (2021): The Occupational Participation of Latinx Cancer Survivors and Their Family Caregivers Living in Survivorship: A Qualitative Exploration Informed by Multiple Stakeholders, *Occupational Therapy in Health Care*, DOI: 10.1080/07380577.2021.1907868
- *Early, A., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Arias, D.. (2020). Latinx Parent's perceptions of neighborhood walking safety for their youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: A Mixed Methods Study. *Family & Community Health*. Doi:10.1097/FCH.0000000000000274.
- *Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Viquez, F., Miranda, D., & A. Early. (2020). Barrier to and facilitators of community among Latinx migrants with disabilities in the United States and Latinx migrant workers in Canada: An ecological analysis. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 48, 2773-2788 <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22452>
- *Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Early, A., Garcia, C., Balcazar, D., Arias, D., Morales, M (2020). Walkability safety and walkability participation: A health concern. *Health Education and Behavior*. 47,430-438. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1090198120903256>.
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- Miranda, D., Garcia-Ramírez, M., Balcazar, F.E. & Suarez-Balcazar, Y (2019). A community-based participatory action research for Roma health justice in a deprived district in Spain. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 16(19) 3722. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6801624/>
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- *Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Agudelo, A., Marte, M & Garcia, C. (2018). Unpacking barriers to healthy lifestyles from the perspective of youth with disabilities and their parents. *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community*, 46(1), 61-72.
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Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2021, March). Community residents as co-creators of knowledge: CBPR approach with the Latinx community. Invited speaker, Diversity Series. Michigan State University, Department of Psychology.

- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Lopez, L. (2021, February). Community-based participatory research with the Latinx Community. Invited speaker, University of Iowa.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Vazquez, E. (2021, February). Scholarship and practice with the Latinx community. Invited speaker, Department of Occupational Therapy, Tufts University.
- Hammel, J., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kirsh, J., Brown, J. (2020, Nov). Community-based participatory research with vulnerable populations to promote racial and disability justice. Invited workshop, Tuft University, Department of Occupational Therapy Lecture Series.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2020, February). Empowerment Evaluation: Building the Capacity of Community-based Organizations Transformational Change. Community and Social Change Program, School of Education and Human Development, University of Miami at Coral Gables. Virtual Talk
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2020, April). Understanding health disparities. Department of Occupational Therapy. Presented to the student in Policy, Advocacy and Management in OT Practice, Virginia Commonwealth University. Delivered via zoom.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2020, March). Striving for Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion. Medical University of South Carolina, Division of Occupational Therapy, video recorded talk.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2019-2020, Nov-March). Invited Visiting Professor, Pacifica University, Department of Psychology. Class taught, Advocacy, Empowerment and CBPR. Carpintería, CA.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2018, October). Invited keynote speaker. Transforming Communities, Changing Lives: Promoting Equity and Justice through Research and Action. 42nd Annual Midwest ECO Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2018, September). Invited panel member by the Department of Behavioral Science graduate students and faculty, Preparing to Serve in a Culturally Diverse World. Seminar series, Midwestern University, Downers Grove, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2018, August). Presidential address. A multilevel community-based approach to addressing health disparities among Latino families. Society of Community Research and Action. American Psychological Association Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2018, August). Symposium. An ethics code in context – challenges and lessons learned from social justice and community-based psychology. Society of Community Research and Action. American Psychological Association Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Yolanda. (2017, October). Invited speaker. Addressing health disparities among Latino immigrant families with youth and young adults with disabilities. Latino Behavioral Health Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Yolanda. (2017, October). Invited speaker. Cultural humility to enhance mental health services for diverse populations. Consortium of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Educators (CPRE) Fall Conference. Rush University, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2016, May). Invited speaker. Unpacking community-based participatory research to address health disparities. UIC College of Medicine, Bridges to Baccalaureate program. Chicago.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2016, April). Invited speaker. Why diversity matters in Occupational Therapy. Annual AOTA breakfast of the Coalition of Occupational Therapy Advocates for Diversity (COTAD). Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2016, February). Invited speaker. Unpacking cultural responsive evaluation. Annie E. Casey Foundation LEEADs Scholars national program. Baltimore, MD.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2014, July). Invited speaker at the annual meeting of the Chicagoland Evaluation Association. Building Evaluation Capacity to Engage in Empowerment Evaluation. Chicago.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Rashidianfar, S. (2014, November). Strategies for enhancing cultural competence among health professionals. Resurrection Medical Center. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2013, November). Administration of Children and Family. Webinar on cultural competence in serving diverse children and families. Chicago, IL. The same seminar was repeated in March of 2014.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2013, May). The ACF cultural competence brief: why it matters to Hispanic

- children and families. Invited talk, Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference. Washington, DC.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2013, February). strategies for developing and sustaining partnerships with underrepresented communities. Webinar sponsored by the Association of University Centers on Disabilities. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2013, January). Community needs assessment. invited speaker at the health navigation conference. Sponsored by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Hosted by University of Illinois at Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2012, June). Building capacity for evaluation among community-based organizations.
Invited panelist for CLOCC. Garfield Park Conservatory. Chicago, IL.
- Balcazar, F., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2012, March). Advocacy and empowerment for individuals with disabilities. Invited to present research to UIC Board of Trustees. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2012, March). The need for cultural competence in research with Hispanics. Invited speaker, Administration for Children and Families, Hispanic Research Workgroup. Washington DC.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2012, April). Community-based participatory research with multicultural populations. Keynote Speaker at Tennessee Board of Regents. Nashville, TN.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2012, April). Disability and race: a social justice and empowerment perspective. Invited guest presentation in the School of Public Health, Diversity Course, Lead Instructor – Angela Odoms-Young. University of Illinois at Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2011, October). Community-based participatory research with Latinos: The case of obesity. Invited to speak at Dr. Phil Nyden’s Sociology class at Loyola University. Chicago.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2011, October). Community psychology’s role in addressing childhood obesity: An ecological approach. Invited to speak at Dr. Judah Viola’s community psychology, National Louis University. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2011, September). An ecological analysis of obesity. Invited brown bag series, Department of Psychology, University of Illinois at Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Jones, L. (2011, September). Obesity among Latino & African American youth: An ecological & cultural perspective. The Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2011, June). Community-based participatory research in collaboration with multicultural populations. Invited to conduct a 3 hour mini-course to APA Fellows at Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2010, June). Using the internet to conduct research with culturally diverse populations. Invited lecturer: APA Advanced Training Institute. East Lansing, Michigan State University.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2010, April). Community-based participatory research and obesity.
Invited speaker at National Lewis University. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2010, February). Cultural competence and diversity goals: Brainstorming and planning. Invited workshop at LEND. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2009, March). University-community engagement: translating knowledge into community change. Keynote Speaker. Chicago CTSA Consortium for Community Engagement. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2008, November). A road map to a successful academic career. The AOTA/NBCOTT National Student Conclave. Wheeling, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2008, July) Enhancing agency capacity for evaluating the impact of programs on the lives of multicultural populations with disabilities. NIDRR presentation. Project 21 meeting.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2008, June) Using the internet to conduct research with multicultural populations. Invited Workshop. APA Institute at Michigan State University.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Luna, R. (2008, June) University-community engagements: Challenges and opportunities. University-community engagements working conference. Loyola University Chicago, Center for Urban Research and Learning.
- Balcazar, F., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Taylor-Ritzler, T., & Ali, A. (2008, June) Disability, race and poverty: A

- social justice dilemma. Presentation for the Reinventing Race, Reinventing Racism: The 40th Anniversary of the Kerner Commission. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Taylor-Ritzler, T., Garcia –Iriarte, E., Keys, C., Restrepo-Toro, M., Leung, P., Ruch-Ross, H., Kenney, L., Curtin, G. (2007, July). Building capacity for outcome evaluation of programs for people of color with disabilities: The art and the science. disability, race, and culture. The State-of-the-Science Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Balcazar, F., Williams, C., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Leung, P., Hasnain, R., Alvarado, F. (2007, July). A conceptual framework for cultural competence: Evidence of organizational impact. Disability, Race, and Culture: The State-of-the-Science Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Balcazar, F., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2006, November). Building capacity for evaluation and cultural competent disability research. National Web Cast, sponsored by the National Center for the Dissemination of Disability Research and NIDRR.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2006, October). A participatory framework for the evaluation of community initiatives. Sociology graduate class. Loyola University of Chicago.
- Edurne, G., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Ritzler, T. (2006, March). Evaluation of outcomes and task analysis training. El Valor, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Balcazar, F., & Ritzler, T. (2006, March). Building capacity for outcomes evaluation of Hispanic services. Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Latino Services. Chicago, IL.
- Balcazar, F., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Willis, C. (2005, July). The Center for Capacity Building for Minorities with Disabilities Research. National DIDRR meeting of section 21 projects. Washington, DC.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Hall, K. (2005, July). Evaluating the impact of ILC services: Developing a logic model. Southern California Independent Living Center, Los Angeles, CA.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Ritzler, T. (2005, April). Evaluating programs of services for minorities with disabilities. M-Power Inc. Boston, Massachusetts.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2003, May). Participatory and empowerment evaluation of a technology initiative: Implications for Occupational Therapy. Research Colloquia. AOTA Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS (Invited and Non-Invited)

- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2021, April). International Symposium on Community Psychology in the pandemic: Interventions, research and practices. The impact of the pandemic on Latinx families with children with disabilities in the United States and community response. (virtual conference, 120 people from 10 countries in attendance.)
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2019, June). Invited speaker. community residents as partners in research to promote social change. Inclusive Society, Summer Institute, Participatory Research Methodologies. Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (Campus de Drummondville).
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2019, March). Invited plenary talk. Community-based participatory approaches to promoting social justice. International Christian University. Tokyo, Japan.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2019, March). Invited Workshop. Community-based participatory approaches to research: Photovoice, community-asset mapping and conversations that matter. International Christian University. Tokyo, Japan.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y, et al. (2018, October). Aproximaciones de la psicología comunitaria para el estudio de disparidades de salud y servicios comunitarios para inmigrantes Latinos y poblaciones vulnerables. Symposium, International Conference of Community Psychology. Santiago de Chile, Chile.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2018, October). The Department of Occupational Therapy at UIC scholarship of practice model. Presented to the faculty and students, the Department of Occupational Therapy, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2018, October). Community psychology contributions to community-based participatory research. University of Zagreb, Croatia. SROP Research Symposium, Croatia & U.S. academic exchange.

- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2017, November). Invited speaker. Community-based participatory research: Principles and an exemplar. Universidad de Sevilla, Seville, Spain.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2017, October). Invited workshop. Familias Saludables: Promoviendo el bienestar y la salud (Healthy Families: Promoting Health and wellbeing). Center Ann Sullivan of Peru, Lima, Peru.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2017, May). Invited presenter. Development and testing of a culturally tailored participatory intervention to promote healthy lifestyles among immigrant families with youth and young adults with disabilities. CBPR Workshop, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2017, June). Roundtable discussion. Unpacking participation among people with disabilities across domains of life and meaningful settings. Society for Community Research and Action. Biennial Conference. Ottawa, Canada.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2017, June). Roundtable discussion. The emperor has no clothes? Seeing racism and climate change from global perspectives. Society for Community Research and Action. Biennial Conference. Ottawa, Canada
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2017, August). Symposium chair & presenter. Community-based approaches to addressing health disparities and promoting health equity. Society for Community Research and Action. Biennial Conference. Ottawa, Canada.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2017, August). Symposium presenter. Social justice and wellbeing in hidden communities around the world: Conceptual and methodological issues. Society for Community Research and Action. Biennial Conference. Ottawa, Canada.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Balcazar F. (2016, November). Community-based participatory research, invited 3-day workshop in Ayacucho, Peru and then in Lima. Catholic University of Perú.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2016, November). Familias saludables: Estrategias para promover la salud de la familia. Invited talk. Center Ann Sullivan of Peru, Lima, Peru.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2016, April). Organizational transformation through empowerment evaluation with community organizations serving individuals with disabilities. Invited two-day workshop. Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2016, April). An ecological and participatory approach to promoting healthy lifestyles among youth with disabilities and their families. Invited Talk. Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2015, September). A contextual ecological model for promoting healthy living in populations vulnerable. National Congress of Psychology. Armenia, Colombia.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2014, September). Familias Saludables (Healthy family). Invited workshop. Center Ann Sullivan of Peru (350 people in attendance).
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2014, September). Conducting participatory community research in the context of Peru. Invited lecture. Center Ann Sullivan of Peru (25 university students in attendance).
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2014, June). Una aproximación internacional a competencia cultural (Cultural competency). Presentation. 5th International Conference of Community Psychology, Fortaleza, Brazil.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2014, February). Developing a research career: My personal journey. Invited presentation at the International Bridges Scholars Program. Karolinska Institute, Sweden.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2014, February). Unpacking cultural competency in health professions. Invited speaker at the Karolinska Institute. Stockholm, Sweden.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2014, February). Culturally competent OT care: Enhancing outcomes for diverse populations. Invited speaker. Presentation to the graduate students, clinicians and faculty of Linköping University, Sweden.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2014, February). Community-based participatory research: The case of childhood and youth obesity. Invited speaker. Presentation to the graduate students, clinicians and faculty of Linköping University, Sweden.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Luque-Ribelles, V., Paloma-Castro, V. (2012, June). La validación psicopolítica del estudio de la aculturación (Psychopolitics validation of the study of acculturation.) Presentation IV International Conference of Community Psychology, Department of Psychology, Universidad de Barcelona. Barcelona, Spain.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2012, October). Youth and obesity. 3rd. Annual MOHO Institute.

Stockholm, Sweden.

- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2010, April). A social ecological analysis of healthy living with minority communities. Invited distinguished lecture to the European Network for Health and Migrations – COST at the University of Seville, Spain. Seville, Spain.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2010, April). Capacity building strategies for empowering migrant workers. Invited talk. Moguer, Spain.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2010, April). Community-based participatory research in collaboration with diverse communities. Invited distinguished lecture to the Department of Psychology at the University of Seville, Spain. Seville, Spain.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Hammel, J. (2007, November). participatory action research with people with disabilities: Principles and exemplars. Ann Sullivan Center, Lima, Peru. Presentation to students from Lima's Catholic University.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Hammel, J. (2007, November). Increasing participation of people with disabilities through occupational therapy. Ann Sullivan Center (CASP), Lima, Peru. Presentation to the staff of CASP.
- Garcia-Ramirez, M. & Suarez-Balcazar Y., (2004, September). Empowerment evaluation of an European network of community organizations. Symposium presentation. European Network of Community Psychologists. Berlin, Germany.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Garcia, M. (2004, September). Empowerment evaluation of a community technology intervention: Implications for Andalucía. European Network of Community Psychologists. Symposium presentation. Berlin, Germany.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Balcazar, F. (2003, July). Una metodología participativa de acción para la identificación de necesidades de Latinos con incapacidades. Invited workshop in the Congress of the Republic of Lima, Peru.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2003, July). Modelos de evaluación de programas comunitarios. Invited seminar in the Masters program. Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2003, July). Impact of a community initiative in the lives of low-income residents. InterAmerican Conference of Psychology. Lima, Peru.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2001, June). Evaluation of comprehensive community initiatives. Invited summer seminar. University of Seville. Seville, Spain.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2001, June). Principles and benefits of university-community partnerships. Invited summer seminar. University of Malaga. Malaga, Spain.

For other presentations and workshops before 2000 see full resume.

SELECTED NON-INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Balcazar, F., Garcia, Ramirez, M., Miranda, D., Vazquez, T. (2020). Community-based participatory research: Principles, values and global exemplars. International Conference of Community Psychology. Sponsored by the University of Melbourne (virtual conference).
- Lei, Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Salusky, I, & Standley, C. (2019, August). Intersectionality in community psychology applications, tensions and future directions. American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Early, A. (2019, June). Walkability safety and community participation: Presented in the symposium: Assessing and improving the livability and walkability of urban neighborhood for place dependent population groups. Biennial Conference, Society for Community Research and Action. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2019, June). Invited discussant, empowering at risk-Roma girls mattering through reproductive justice in several European countries. The ROMOAMATTER Project. Biennial Conference, Society for Community Research and Action. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Early, A. (2019, June). Latino parents with children with disabilities and civic engagement. Presented in the symposium: Promoting empowerment, social justice and inclusion for people living with a disability. Biennial Conference, Society for Community Research and Action. Chicago, IL.

- Jason, L., Glantsman, O., O'Brien, J., Ramian, N., Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2019, May). Roundtable discussion. New frontiers of education: pioneers of community online learning. Midwestern Psychological Association Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Early, A., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kwekel, H., Maldonado, A. (2019, April). Family-engaged community asset mapping with Latino families with youth and young adults with disabilities: implications for occupational therapy. Poster presentation. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, New Orleans.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Hammel, J., Magasi, S., Mirza, M., & Januszewski, C. (2019, April) The role of social determinants in promoting health and participation equity and outcomes: Opportunities for Occupational Therapy. Workshop. American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, New Orleans.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2018, September). Invited in-service training. Cultural competence and sensitivity training, Campaneros en Salud, Aurora, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2018, September). Invited training. Culturally responsive care with diverse populations. Against Domestic Violence, New York (delivered via skype).
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2017, May). Symposium chair and presenter. Health disparities among Latino immigrant families: Issues and solutions. Eco-Community Psychology Conference, Michigan State University.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2017, May). Discussant, symposium. Promoting and sustaining peace through psychological methods. American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Gomes, L., Hernandez, S., Bray, E. (2015, November) Building the capacity of students and community stakeholders to conduct culturally-anchored evaluation. American Evaluation Association. Chicago. Suarez -Balcazar, Y., Curtin, Gloria (2015, November). Building university-community partner-ships to engage in culturally competent evaluation. American Evaluation Association. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Tina Taylor-Ritz (2015, November). Fostering organizational transformation through empowerment evaluation. American Evaluation Association, Chicago.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. et al (2015, June). University-community partnerships to promote health and well-being. Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action. Lowell, MS.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Agudelo, A. (2015, May). A community-based approach to promoting healthy lifestyles among Latino youth with disabilities and their families. Presentation. 4th Annual OT Summit of Scholars, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2015, May). What makes a winning proposal?: Perspective from grant reviewers. Panel Member. 4th Annual OT Summit of Scholars, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2015, April). Primary care and children & youth with obesity: a call for action. Short course. AOTA 95th Annual Conference & Expo, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2015, April). Promoting cultural competence in occupational therapy practice and education. Short Course. AOTA 95th Annual Conference & Expo, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y (2014, November). Building evaluation capacity to engage in empowerment evaluation: A case of organizational transformation. In Fetterman's symposium on Empowerment Evaluation.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Oberoi, A., Lukyanova, V. (2014, June). Employment participation disparities among White and African American women with disabilities. OT Summit of Scholars, Philadelphia.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Lukyanova, V. (2014, May). Participation inequalities: Factors associated with rehabilitation outcomes among African Americans and Whites with disabilities. Third Annual OT Summit of Scholars. Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. Hansen, A.M., Munoz, J., Hammel, J. (2014, April). International partnerships in occupational therapy: Realities of a globally-connected profession. Presenter and session chair, American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual Conference. Baltimore, Md.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. Hammel, J (2014, April). International Partnerships in occupational therapy: realities of

- a globally-connected profession. (A mutually beneficial collaboration for OT education and practice. Presenter on General and Professional Issues at the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) annual conference. Baltimore, Md.
- Watson-Thompson, J., Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Fawcett, S. (2013, June). Puzzles and challenges in participatory community research and action. Panel discussion presented at the Society to Community Research and Action Conference. Miami, FL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2013, June). Health policy spanning time and place: Understanding the impact of policies on vulnerable populations. Symposium presented at the Society to Community Research and Action Conference. Miami, FL.
- Angelique, H., Bond, M., Nation, m., Reich, S., Schlehofer, m. & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2013, June). Preparing for tenure and promotion. Panel discussion presented at the Society to Community Research and Action Conference. Miami, FL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Lukyanova, V. (2013, June). Predictors of vocational rehabilitation outcomes for Whites, African Americans and Latinos with disabilities: Implications for enhancing policy and practice. Sponsored by the 2nd Annual OT Summit of Scholars. Hosted by University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Occupational Therapy. Chicago, IL.
- Vroman, K., Lau, C., Pizzi, M., Gill, S., Orloff, S., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kuo, F., Kurrasch, J., Scheffkind, S., & Maguire, J. (2013, April). Occupational therapy child and family centered interventions for obesity and health in multiple clinical settings. American Occupational Therapy Association Conference. San Diego, CA.
- Muñoz, J., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Gupta, J, Fox, L., Iyer, M., & Molinsky, R (2012, April). Practice models, educational practices, and best evidence for culturally responsive caring. American Occupational Therapy Association Conference. Indianapolis, IN. (3- hour mini course at AOTA).
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Scheffkind, S., Pizzi, M., Gill, S., Orloff, S., Bazyk, S., Lau, C., & Vroman, K (2012, April). OT role in obesity prevention: a national priority. American Occupational Therapy Association Conference. Indianapolis, IN.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Hasnain, R., Mirza, M. & Luna, R.(2012, April). Health issues among immigrants with disabilities: building bridges between disability and refugee communities. Scholarship of Practice Series, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Balcazar, F., Hasnain, R., Oberoi, A., Mirza, M. & Luna, R. (2011, December). Health issues among immigrants with disabilities. Immigrant Health Research Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Sen, S. (2011, November). Culturally responsive OT practice. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association conference, Galena, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2011, June). An ecological analysis of healthy living for low- income communities. Presented the 2011 Society for Community Research an Action Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2011, June). Evaluation capacity building: An opportunity for agency transformation in the current economic environment. Chair and panel member at the 2011 Society for Community Research an Action Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2011, June). Measuring community change: How is community change best measured across diverse community contexts and problems? Panel member at the 2011 Society for Community Research an Action Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2011, June). Redefining cultural competence: an international perspective. Panel member at the 2011 Society for Community Research an Action Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Taylor-Ritzler, T., Balcazar, F., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Renfro, R. (2011, May). Culture/ diversity courses: what to cover? what do students learn? Roundtable discussion: Affiliated Meeting of the Society for Community Research an Action. Chicago, IL.
- Taylor-Ritzler, T. Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Garcia-Iriarte, E. (2010, November). Results and implications of a mixed-methods ECB model validation study. In (Taylor-Ritzler, T., Chair) Evaluation Capacity Building (ECB) Models, Measures, And Outcomes: Taking Stock to Forge Ahead. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association, San Antonio, TX.

- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Taylor-Ritzler, T. & Garcia-Iriarte, E. (2010, November). Using qualitative methods to further specify contextual and cultural elements of ECB processes. In (Taylor-Ritzler, T., Chair) Evaluation Capacity Building (ECB) Models, Measures, And Outcomes: Taking Stock to Forge Ahead. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2010, April). Community-based participatory research and obesity. Invited speaker at National Lewis University.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2009, June). Evaluation capacity building: Conceptualization, application, and measurement. Presented at the 12th biennial Conference for the 27th Division of the American Psychological Association. Montclair, NJ.
- Balcazar, F., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2009, June). Cultural Competence: A global challenge for research and practice. Presented at the 12th biennial Conference for the 27th Division of the American Psychological Association. Montclair, NJ.
- Brookins, C., Fawcett, S., Mckinely Sellers, R., Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2009, June). Effective strategies for mentoring people of color: Promoting social justice and contributing to community practice. Presented at the 12th biennial Conference for the 27th Division of the American Psychological Association. Montclair, NJ.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2009, March). University-community engagement: Translating knowledge into community change. Chicago CTSA Consortium for Community Engagement. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., (2009, April). University-community partnerships: A capacity building approach. Invited speaker. University of Toledo. Toledo, OH.
- Balcazar, F., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Taylor-Ritzler, T. (2008, May) Capacity building partnership to benefit minorities: Lessons from the field. Symposium for the Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Balcazar, F., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Taylor-Ritzler, T. (2008, May) Development and validation of the cultural competence assessment instrument (CCAI). Poster presentation at the Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Balcazar, F., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Taylor-Ritzler, T. (2008, May) Validation of an evaluation capacity building conceptual model. Poster presentation at the Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Balcazar, F., Taylor-Ritzler, T. (2008, November). Culturally competent organizations: What are they and how do you measure them? Invited workshop. 22nd Annual Conference of the American Evaluation Association. Denver, CO.
- Taylor-Ritzler, T., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Garcia, E. (2008, November). The essence of evaluation capacity building: conceptualization, application, and measurement. Invited workshop. 22nd Annual Conference of the American Evaluation Association. Denver, CO.
- Hammel, J. Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2007, November) International presentation: occupational therapy and participation. Workshop: Center of Anne Sullivan. Lima, PE.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2007, May) Building the capacity of community-based organizations for evaluation. Co-Presenter to the Center for Capacity Building for Minorities with Disabilities. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2007, May) Developing and validating a measure of cultural competence. Presented for NIDRR project 21. Washington, DC.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2007, May) Development and validation of a model of cultural competence: implications for rehabilitation. Co-Presenter to the Center for Capacity Building for Minorities with Disabilities. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2007, May) Disability, race and culture: The state of science. Co- Presenter to the Center for Capacity Building for Minorities with Disabilities. Chicago, IL.
- Tina-Ritzler-Taylor, T, Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Balcazar, F. (2007, June). Developing capacity building with communities of color. Society for Community Research and Action Biennial Conference. Symposium. LA, CA.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Munoz, J. (2007, April). Developing cultural competence in occupational therapy.

- American Occupational Therapy Association Convention. St. Louis, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Ritzler-Taylor, T., Guzman, A., & Garcia, E. (2006, November). Issues of multiculturalism and diversity in the evaluation of community programs. American Evaluation Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Ritzler-Taylor, T., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Garcia, E., & Guzman, A. (2006, November). Building the capacity of community-based organizations for evaluating programs for multicultural populations. American Evaluation Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kouba, J., & Martinez, L. (2006, March). Evaluating the impact of a salad bar and nutrition education initiative on children's knowledge and eating patterns. CLOCC Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Willis, C. (2005, November). Center for Capacity Building for Minorities with Disabilities Research. Poster presentation. Illinois Occupational Therapy Association. Oak Brook, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Balcazar, F., Garcia-Ramírez, M. (June, 2005). Responses to oppression from marginalized minority populations. In Fisher, A. Symposium. Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action. Champaign-Urbana.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Martínez, L. (2005, June). The Chicago Community Food System Collaborative: An interdisciplinary partnership in action. Poster presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action. Champaign- Urbana.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Balcazar, F., & Sharma, A. (2005, June). Culturally competent services for minority populations. Poster presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action. Champaign-Urbana.
- Balcazar, F. & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2005, June). Challenges and benefits of university- community partnerships. Panel discussion presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action. Champaign-Urbana.
- Meldrum, R., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Balcazar, F., Hayes, E. (2005, May). Opportunities and challenges in university-community collaborations. Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kouba, J., Redmond, L., & Hellwig, M. (2005, March). Documenting the -impact of a salad bar and nutrition education in children's eating patterns in a Chicago Public School. CLOCC. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Orellana-Damacela, L., Garrard, W. (2004, November). Evaluation as a capacity building tool (2004, November). American Evaluation Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2004, August). Empowerment evaluation of Chicago Foods Systems Collaborative. American Psychological Association Meeting.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2004, August). The role of stakeholders in empowerment evaluation of a community Intervention. American Psychological Association Meeting.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., (2004, June). Values and principles of Participatory Action Research Applied to Health. Consortium for Lowering Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC annual meeting).
- Martinez, L., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2004, May). The evaluation of Chicago Foods System Collaborative: The farmers market component. Conference on Chicago Research and Public Policy. University of Chicago.
- Taylor, R., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kiehlhofner, G., Braveman, B. (2003, May). Community psychology and other disciples. Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Newbrough, B. (2003, September). The community action research centers as a model of interdisciplinary partnerships. University of Vanderbilt.
- McDonald, K., Suarez-Balcazar et al., (2003, October). The good, the bad and the ugly of being a community psychologist. Eco-Community Conference, Michigan.
- London, L., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Harper, G., & Sharma, A. (2002, May). human diversity and multicultural issue in participatory community research. Panel discussion presented at the Midwest Psychological Association Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Kinney, L. (2002, August). The impact of technology in the sense of

- community of African American Residents. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Nyden, P. (2002, June). Weaving university-community partnerships: A framework. Presented at the Chicago Conference on Participatory Community Methods. Chicago, IL.
- Kinney, L., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y., (2001, June). The use of WebTV to impact health behaviors of African Americans. 8th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action. Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.
- Masi, C., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Muhammad, B. (2001, September) The every block: A Village Online Story. Telehealth 2001, Orlando Florida.
- Newbrough, R., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Francisco, V., & Taylor, R. (2001, June). Community Action-Research Centers: The Wood Hole Project. 8th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action. Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.
- Portillo, N. & Suarez-Balcazar, Y., (2001, May). Sense of community and community participation among Hispanic adults, Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Sharma, A., & Suarez-Balcazar, (2001, March). Building capacity of community-based organizations for evaluating outcomes. Realizing the Charter for Illinois Children: Community by Community Conference, Du Page, Illinois.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Harper, G., & Lewis R. (2001, May). University community partnerships: principles, benefits and challenges. Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kinney, L. (2001, June). Using technology to promote grass-root development. 8th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community research and Action. Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kinney, L. Muhammad, B., Masi, C., & Cassey, M. (2001, August) WebTV intervention to increase health within an urban community. In Jason, L. (Chair) Symposium: health Psychology and Community Psychology: Using research to illustrate linkage. Presented at the American Psychological Association.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Sharma, A., Lanum, M., Portillo, N., Orellana-Damacela, L. & Kinney, L. (2001, May).
Case studies in participatory evaluation: Examining the impact of community initiatives. Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Kinney, L., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Muhammed, B. (2000, August). Analyzing a community online: A neighborhood building a sense of community. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association meeting, Washington, DC.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kinney, L., Muhammed, B., Masi, C., & Cassey, P. (2000, August). Web TV intervention to increase health within an urban community. In Jason, L. Symposium: Health Psychology and Community Psychology - using research to illustrate Linkage, Washington, D.C.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Orellana-Damacella, L., Jayaraj, A., & Sharma, A. (2000, August). Future of university-community partnerships: Principles & benefits. In Harper (Chair) Symposium: Truly collaborative community-university partnerships with minority groups. Presented at the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (2000, June). Evaluating community interventions for youth at risk. Invited summer seminar. University of Alaska. Fairbanks, Alaska.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Orellana-Damacela, L. Kruger, D., Jayaraj, A., & Kinney, L. (1999, October). Models of university-community partnerships: Benefits and challenges. Ecological Community Conference, Downers Grove, IL.
- Garrard, W., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1999, June). Evaluation of intermediate student outcomes in school-to-work programming. Poster presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, New Haven, CT.
- Newbrough, J., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kruger, D., & Jayaraj, A. (1999, June). University community partnerships: Documenting the impact of Bethel New Life. In Healthy Communities: An opportunity for community psychologists. Symposium presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, New Haven, CT.

- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Balcazar, F. (1999, June). A model for evaluating community participation in a child survival program in Honduras. In *Community Health and International Evaluations*. Symposium presented at the Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action, New Haven, CT.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kruger, D., Jayaraj, A., & Harper, G. (1999, May). Models of community- university collaborations for participatory evaluation. Symposium presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1998, October). Discussant, Building community-university partnerships for the 21st century. Ecological Community Conference, Oregon, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1998, October). Panel discussion, Conducting culturally sensitive community research. Ecological Community Conference, Oregon, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1998, September). Social scientists as agents of change. In *Choosing to Work for Social Change: Motivations, Challenges, and Rewards*. Altruism and Social Change, & Charity. The Annual Symposium of the Center for the Advanced Study of Christianity and Culture. Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Orellana, L., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1998, August). The role of tenant involvement in improving quality of life. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Garrard, W., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Kruger, D., Mahler, B., Muller, T., & Raza, A. (1998, May). An evaluation of a school-to-work initiative: The students' perspective. Poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1998, May). How to be sensitive to people with differences: Challenges in working with minorities, people with disabilities, and under-represented groups. Panel discussion, chair Kelly Michelle Lewis. Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. & Balcazar, F. (1998, May). A conceptual model of community participation in a child survival program in Honduras. Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis. Orlando, FL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1997, August). Experiences of differential treatment among minority and nonminority college students. In R. Potts, *Symposium: Racism and Psychology*. American Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1997, August). Discussant, *Symposium: Racism and psychology doctoral training: Perspectives, experiences, and research*. American Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1997, May). Research collaboration with disadvantaged groups, in panel discussion: *Community psychologists as agents of social change*. Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1997, May). The social psychological view. In panel discussion: *Multiple Roads to Prevention: Expanding the Boundaries of Community Psychology*. Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1997, May). Chair: *Behavioral approaches to community change. A behavioral approach to promote community involvement among Latino families*. Association for Behavior Analysis, Chicago, Illinois.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1996, October). Models for building collaborative relationships with communities. Symposium presented at the Ecological Community Conference: *Politics and power: research and action*. Champaign, IL.
- Garrard, W., Orellana, L., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1996, July). Community concerns of Hispanics as a function of English mastery, and length of residence in the USA. Poster presented at the American Psychological Society, San Francisco, CA. This poster was also selected to be presented in a panel discussion at the American Psychological Society.
- Kong, K. C., Grey, H., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1996, May). Diverse women, diverse concerns. Paper presented in a symposium: *Pursuing integration: women, training and graduate school*. Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Linn, D., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1996, May). Assessment of assertiveness and ethnic identity in Asian Americans. Poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1995, June). Mentoring and support systems in graduate school: What works and

- what doesn't (Chair). Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Schrapp-Wyatt, D., & Jayaraj, A. (1995, June). Sex education and life goals of sexually active Latina adolescents. Poster session presented at the Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1995, May). Women in community psychology: Striving for equality in prevention. Panel discussion, Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Casas-Byots C., & Trillos J. (1995, May). Identifying the community concerns of Latinos. In B. Billows (Chair), Improving the quality of living within the Latino community. Symposium presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1994, August). Mentoring models for students of color: Issues and options (Chair). Symposium presented at the American Psychological Association, Los Angeles, CA.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Andrews, C. (1994, August). Contextual analysis of social support networks and well-being of Hispanic families with children with disabilities. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association, Los Angeles, CA.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Durlak, J., & Smith, C. (1994, August). Multicultural training practices in community psychology programs. In M.S. Quintana (Chair), Multicultural training in clinical, community, and counseling psychology. Symposium presented at the American Psychological Association, Los Angeles, CA.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Andrews, C., Trillos, J., & Daniels, D. (1994, May). Descriptive analysis of situations of differential treatment among college students. Poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & McGlinchey, K. (1994, May). Social support in the well-being of at risk populations. Symposium presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Estrada, A., Leon, H., McGlinchey, K., Juarez, S., & Vera, L. (1993, October). Preparing for the Twenty-First Century: Enhancing the support systems and mental health of Latinos. Presented at the Second Annual Conference of the American Society of Hispanic Psychiatry, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez -Balcazar, Y., Durlak, J., & Smith, C. (1993, May). A survey of multicultural training in community psychology programs. Paper presented at the Mid-Western Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Crawford, I., & Andrews, C. (1993, May). The effects of goal-action training in the actions taken toward academic goals in ethnic minority college students. Paper presented at the Association of Behavior Analysis-International, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (Chair), (1992, October). Issues in community research: Challenges for the 90's, Symposium presented at the Midwest Eco-Community Conference, Dowagiac, MI.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Andrews, C., V. O., A. M., Guerra, C., & Masibay, H. (1992, October). Developing collaborative-research efforts with agencies that serve Hispanic clients. Midwest Eco-Community Psychology Conference, MI.
- Balcazar, F., Campbell, R., Hobfoll, S., Keys, C., Kohner, K., Potts, R., & Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1991, October). Panel keynote presenters, In J. Durlak, (Moderator), Working in community settings: What's not in the textbooks. Eco-Community Psychology Conference, Dowagiac, MI.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., & Espindola, P. (1991, October). Developing community interventions for Hispanic families. Midwest Eco-Community Psychology Conference. Dowagiac, MI.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Durlak, J., Crawford, I., Balcazar, F., Trickett, E., & Watts, R. (1991, June). Issues of ethnic and cultural diversity in Community Psychology Programs. Presented at the Third Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action, Tempe, AZ.
- Crawford, I., Henderson, E., Suarez-Balcazar, Y., Zuleiman, L., Wilson, T., Robinson, L., Balcazar, F., & Smith, C. (1991, May). Becoming more attentive to issues of cultural diversity: What are some current programs doing. Panel discussion presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Suarez-Balcazar, Y. (1991, May). Identifying the needs of respite care workers for Hispanic families with children with disabilities. In S. Fowler, N. Meck, & K. Clafin (Chairs). Interventions and assessment with families of young children with special needs. Paper presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis, Atlanta, GA.

OTHER SELECTED SERVICES TO THE LATINX COMMUNITY

- 2002 - present Mentor and primary advisor to several Latinx PhD, OTD, MS, and undergraduate students at UIC.
- 2007 - present Evaluation consultant, El Valor Corporation, Chicago.
- 2009 - present Center Ann Sullivan of Peru (CASP), developed immersion experience for students. Committee co-chair, mentor to students, invited speaker and consultant. CASP is available to UIC Occupational Therapy and Disability Studies graduate students.
- 2014 - present Evanston Scholars, (mentor to Jocelyn Becerra)
- 2018 SRQP mentor to Latina student Grisel Lopez.
- 2018 McNair Program (DePaul University). Croatia immersion experience mentor to Marlen Garcia, Grisel Lopez, and Marisol Villaseñor.
- 2016 - 2018 Annie E. Casey Foundation, Leaders in Evaluation, Equity and Diversity program. Mentor to Latino junior faculty.
- 2016 - 2018 Academic advisor to Honors College Students.
- 2015 Invited to serve on the Community Capacity Building Committee for Latin American Region. National Congress of Psychology. This committee met regularly over a period of 1 year to make recommendations for enhancing the presence of community psychology in the region
- 2011 - 2014 Invited member Solutions Taskforce of the National Alliance for Hispanic Families. Consulted on priorities to benefit Hispanic families and delivered webinars on cultural relevance working with Latino families.
- 2004 - 2012 Advisory Board, Metropolitan Family Services, Evanston.
- 1991 - 1993 Illinois Prevention Resource Center, Community needs Assessment for families with children with disabilities.
- 1990 - 1991 University Affiliated Program, University of Illinois at Chicago, Institute for the study of Developmental Disabilities, The Hispanic Family Project. Development of respite-care procedures for Latino families with children with disabilities.

SELECTED EDITORIAL REVIEW BOARD- INVITED**Editorial Review Board:**

- American Journal of Community Psychology (2018 – present)*
- Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community (2005-present)*
- Occupational Therapy International (2014-2016)*
- American Journal of Evaluation (2010-2013)*
- Gateways: International Journal of Community-University Engagement (2007-2012)*

Guest Editor:

- Guest Co-Editor (Suarez-Balcazar, Francisco, and Chavez) *American Journal of Community Psychology – CBPR approaches to Understanding and Addressing Health Disparities*
- Guest Co-Editor, (Asaba and Suarez-Balcazar) *Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy. Participatory Research Methods.*
- Guest Co-Editor (Suarez-Balcazar & Hammel) of a special issue on Scholarship of Practice. *Occupational Therapy in Health Care.*
- Guest Co-Editor of two special issues, *Occupational Therapy International (2012- present)*. Hansen, Munoz, & Suarez-Balcazar, (2016). Special issue on international partnerships. *Occupational Therapy International*. (Invited as a co-editor).
- Hansen, Munoz, & Suarez-Balcazar, (2013). Special issue on building and sustaining international partnerships. *Occupational Therapy International*. (Invited as a co-editor).
- Guest Editor, *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community*, Special issue on Health Disparities.

Selected Editorial Review – Guest reviewer:

Occupational Therapy Journal of Research (2014-present) American Journal of Evaluation (2010-present).
 Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy (2017-present)
 Occupational Therapy in Health Care (2008-present).
 Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy (2008-2010).
 American Journal of Community Psychology (2007-present).
 The Community Psychologist (2007-2010).
 American Psychologist (2007-2010).
 Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior (2006).
 Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education and Action (2006) Journal of
 Disability Policy and Research (2006).
 American Journal of Occupational Therapy (2006- present).
 Journal of Community Psychology (2004).
 Book Reviewer, Community Building: Values for a sustainable future by Leonard Jason (1996) The
 Behavior Analyst (1995).
 Evaluation and Program Planning (1994-1998).
 Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis (1989-1992).

SELECTED GRANT REVIEWER

Grant reviewer for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; U.S. Department of Education, Office of
 Special Education and Rehabilitation Services and NIDILRR (2008-present).
 Invited grant reviewer (2015). National Institute of Health. (Focus/area: Health Disparities).
 Seed Grant Reviewer CLOCC – Children’s Memorial Research Unit, Consortium to Lower Obesity in
 Chicago Children.

SELECTED SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES

Member of the American Evaluation Association, American Occupational Therapy Association, APA-
 Society for Community Research and Action, and APA.

2017 - present	Consultant, Advisory Board, REESSI (Research, Evaluation & Social Solutions).
2018 - present	Coalición para el Estudio de la Salud, el Poder y la Diversidad. Universidad de Sevilla, España. (Coalition for the Study of Health, Power and Diversity, University of Sevilla, Seville, Spain.
2016 - 2019	President-elect SCRA (APA Division 27). (President-elect, President and Past- president).
2016 - present	SCRA member of the Immigrant Justice Committee and CERA (Council on Ethnic and Racial Affairs)
2015	Invited to review WFOT Report on Obesity to be submitted to WHO.
2014 - 2018	AOTF Research Advisory Panel, member.
2012 - 2016	OT Summit of Scholars, organizing committee (chair of the 2013 summit in Chicago).
2012 - 2014	Chair, AOTA Diversity ad hoc Committee 2011 - Present AOTA, Obesity Prevention Workgroup
2011 – 2014	Hispanic Workgroup, Administration for Children and families, US DHHS 2008- 2009 Advisory Board Member of the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Community Children (CLOCC). Co-chair of the research partnerships work group 2003 - 2008 Co-chair Community Action-Research Centers
2000 – 2002	Planning Committee, Chicago 2002 Conference on Participatory Research Methods
1999 - 2000	Program Chair, APA 2000 Division 27
1998 & 2003	Planning Committee, SCRA Biennial Conference
1998 - 2000	Elected member-at-large APA Division 27, Society for Community Research & Action, APA Division 27
1994 - 1996	Chair, Racial & Cultural Affairs Committee, APA Division 27 1991 - 1995 Member of the Chicago Association of Behavior Analysis (CABA)

1994 - 1995	Faculty member of the planning committee, Biennial Conference Society for Community Research and Action.
1992	Faculty advisor to Loyola's graduate students in the organization of the Eco-Community Psychology Conference.
1987 - 1995	Full member of the Association for Behavior Analysis (ABA), Division 25 1987 -
1994	Chair of the Association for Behavior Analysis, International Development Committee.

TEACHING AND MENTORING AT UIC

Teaching about the Latinx community

Selected examples of guest lectures taught at UIC about Latinx issues

Course # and Title	Title of Lecture	Semesters Taught
Undergraduate Courses/Lectures		
DHD 202 – Disability, Health & Society	Health disparities among people with disabilities from diverse backgrounds (heavy emphasis on Latinx)	Spring 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
PSYCH 231 – Intro to Community Psychology	Community Psychology in action: The case of Latinx youth with disabilities and their families	Spring 2018
OT 350 – Introduction to Occupational Therapy	Culturally Responsive Health Professionals (emphasis on serving people of color including Latinx)	Fall 2018, 2019, 2020; Spring 2019, 2020, 2021
DHD 403	Disability in the Latinx Community	Fall 2014
OT 494, Latino Health & Chronic Health Conditions	The Latino Health Paradox: Unpacking Cultural Strengths	Spring 2019
COM - Bridges to Baccalaureate	Community-based participatory research: Principles and exemplars with Latinx with disabilities	Spring 2016, 2017, 2018
COM – Medicina Scholar	Addressing health disparities among Latinx youth and young adults with disabilities and their families	Spring 2018
Graduate Courses/lectures		
OT 563 Disability and Global Health	Enhancing participation of people with disabilities in an international context: Transcending borders at the Center Ann Sullivan of Peru	Spring 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
OT 507 – Introduction to OT Practice	Understanding and addressing obesity among children and youth with disabilities (emphasis on children of color including Latinx)	Fall 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
OT 501 – Occupational Performance in Children and Adults	Cultural relevance in Occupational Therapy: Implications for Scholarship and Practice (emphasis on meeting the needs of people of color including Latinx)	Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
DHD 592 – Interdisciplinary seminar in disability studies	Including the voices of Latinx with disabilities and their families in the design and implementation of a health intervention: A case study of participatory research	Spring 2018, 2020
DHD 592 – Interdisciplinary seminar in disability studies	An ecological approach to health promotion among Latinx youth with disabilities and their families	Spring 2016

COM – Culturally Relevant Health Professions: Addressing Health Disparities and Health Literacy	The role of cultural competence in addressing health disparities (emphasis on people of color including Latinx)	Spring 2017, 2020 Fall, 2016, 2017, 2019
KN 571 Physical Activity	Promoting healthy lifestyles among Latinx families with youth with disabilities	Fall 2017
PT 622 – Psychosocial Theory and Practice	Culturally responsive health professionals (emphasis on serving people of color including Latinx)	Spring 2015, 2016

Mentoring of Latinx Graduate Students

Graduate Students in Alphabetical order – From Latinx background and/or studying Latinx issues

Student's name	Role/graduation status	Research topic
Most recent PhD Students		
Edurne Garcia	Primary advisor – Graduate of the PhD in Disability Studies	Self-determination among Latinx with developmental disabilities
*Mariana Garcia	Committee member – Current student, PhD in Disability Studies	Empowerment of Latinx families of children with autism
Sarah Hernandez	Secondary advisor – Graduate of the PhD in Psychology	Process and outcome evaluation in community agencies in Pilsen serving the Latinx community
Nicholas Kaufman (Non-Latino student)	Primary research advisor – Graduate of the PhD in Psychology	Obesity and healthy lifestyles in a Mexican population
Kristen Salkas (non-Latina Student)	Primary advisor – Graduate of the PhD in Disability Studies	Transportation and community participation among Latinx with disabilities
Michael McNicolas (non-Latino student)	Committee member – Current student, PhD in Disability Studies	Needs assessment of recreation and leisure participation concerns of Latinx with disabilities
Amber Kraft (non-Latina student)	Research advisor, PhD graduate of Psychology	Acculturation and risk behaviors in Latino adolescents
OTD Students		
Alejandro Agudelo Orozco	Primary Advisor, graduate of the OTD	Dance as a participation activity for Latinx to engage in healthy lifestyles
Dalmina Arias	Primary Advisor, graduate of the OTD	Self-management in Latinx with chronic conditions

*Ashley Maldonado	Committee member, OTD graduate	Translating and adapting a pediatric assessment to be used with Latinx families & children
**Cristina Rodriguez	Primary Advisor, OTD graduate	Teaching disability rights and advocacy to Latinx immigrants
*Ricardo Ramirez	Committee member, OTD graduate	Community needs & participation of Latinx cancer survivors
Esmeralda Vasquez	Primary Advisor, OTD graduate	Meeting the occupational needs of Latinx community
Current OTD Students		
Alejandra Garcia	MS Co-enrolled, primary advisor OTD	Cultural relevant OT interventions
Mariana Reyes	MS Co-enrolled, primary advisor OTD	Needs of Latinx families of children with disabilities
Juliana Peraza	Primary Advisor, OTD	Empowerment interventions with the Latinx community to address mental health issues
Yarelly Velazquez	MS Co-enrolled, primary Advisor OTD	Rehabilitation services needs of Latinx families with children with disabilities

*Although I Dr. Suarez-Balcazar not the primary advisor of these students, they sought her mentorship frequently given her expertise on Latinx issues, which was the focus of the student's doctoral work.

** Cristina is the recipient of the 2020-2021 OTD Academic Achievement Award. Nominated by Dr. Suarez-Balcazar.

Mentoring of Undergraduate Latinx Students at UIC: Dr. Suarez-Balcazar has mentored the following undergraduate Latinx students prior to them entering graduate school: Korynna Pepin, Pepin Ricardo Ramirez, Mariana Reyes, and Nereida Rosas.

Masters in Occupational Therapy advising: During the last 5 years, she has been an academic advisor to the following occupational therapy Latinx Master's students: Class of 2022: Rolando Jara and Frances Maya; Class of 2021: Karen Juarez Escutia and Yarelly Velazquez; Class of 2019: Ashley Maldonado; Class of 2018: Ariana Rodriguez; Class of 2017: Julia Ramirez; and Class of 2016: Jessica Pinto.