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## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2020 — Jul 2022      **Social Work Field Placement Coordinator and Employment Coordinator, International Rescue Committee**      San Diego, CA & Baltimore, MD
- Designed and implemented individualized learning plans according to core competencies and agency
  - Facilitated training on standard operating procedures, code of ethics, laws and regulations, and workplace policies
  - Recruited and supervised graduate interns working with asylum seekers and survivors of crime
  - Supported Afghan Placement and Assistance (APA) refugees with employment and job coaching
- Jul 2019 — Feb 2021      **Bereavement Coordinator, Reliable Health**      Anaheim, CA
- Created 13 month bereavement counseling curriculum
  - Provided emotional support and follow-up with customized mailing program with local resources
  - Completed training for medical staff on grief and mourning, cultural humility, and coping with client loss
- Aug 2018 — Apr 2019      **Social Work Coordinator, Riverside Regional Medical Center**      Newport News, VA
- Educated families on hospice philosophy, level of care and multidisciplinary services
  - Assessed patient eligibility and coordinated admissions and discharges
  - Organized patient demographic tracking and monitoring for quality control
- Feb 2018 — Aug 2018      **Medical Social Worker, Virginia Health Services**      Newport News, VA
- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments and end of life planning with families
  - Collaborated with the interdisciplinary treatment team for comprehensive care
  - Enrolled, trained, and coordinated team of volunteers
- Jun 2017 — Dec 2017      **Behavioral Health Intern, The Center for Child and Family-Services**      Hampton, VA
- Conducted research for grant proposals
  - Participated and learned to utilize Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
  - Constructed a learning series on best-practices for undocumented clients
- Mar 2013 — May 2016      **Therapy Aid, Elgin Mental Health Center Forensic Treatment Program**      Elgin, IL
- Prepared psychosocial therapy groups under supervision
  - Applied Wellness and Recovery approach to treatment plans
  - Assisted case managers and community integration preparation

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Mendez, B.C., Lopez, B.C., Lyons, K. S. Health Horizons: Exploring How Interpersonal Factors Shape Health Behaviors among Hispanic Older Adults: A Scoping Review, manuscript under progress
2. Lopez, B., Mendez, B.C., Sabbath, E., Financial Capability Among Older Adult Immigrants: A Systematic Review, manuscript under progress
3. Lopez, B., & Piedra, L. M. (2022). Elderhood: Redefining aging, transforming medicine [book review]. *Qualitative Social Work*, 21(1), 217-220. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14733250211069433>
4. Cardoso, B. and Kopels S. (2017). Bridging Undocumented Status and Educational Barriers. *National Association of Social Work Specialty Practice Sections*, Issue 11. Washington, DC: NASW.

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## ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

1. Halvorsen, C., & Lopez, B. (2023, November). Entrepreneurship Past 50: Self-Employment Trends 2000 to 2022. Boston College School of Social Work. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4651610>

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## PRESENTATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed

Lopez, B., Mendez, B.C., Sabbath, E.(2023, November). Financial Capability Among Older Adult Immigrants: A Systematic Review. Presentation at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting in Tampa, FL.

## Invited Presentations

Halvorsen, C., & Lopez, B. (2024, March). Entrepreneurship past 50: Self-employment trends, 2000 to 2022. Presentation to AARP and AARP Foundation.

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### GUEST LECTURES

"An Immigrant's Journey Through Social Work" California State University Long Beach School of Social Work, Advance Field Education, November 9, 2020

"Best Practices for Working with Mixed Status Families" University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign School of Social Work, Social Work Practice with Children and Youth, November 11, 2020

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### MEDIA COVERAGE

Otwell, R. (2017, October 9). DACA recipient visits D.C. to plead for DREAM Act. NPR Illinois. [[nprillinois link](#)]

Senator Tim Kaine, Virginia [[CSPAN](#)]

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### CONSULTING

CoGenerate (formerly Encore.org) produced reports on intergenerational solidarity and age segregation. Contract: \$2,000 between June-Aug 2023

Cogenerate (formerly Encore.org) project planning for the 'intergenerational index' Contract: \$250 Dec-2023

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### STATISTICAL AND RESEARCH TRAINING

University of Michigan Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, Introduction to the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) Workshop, June 2023

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program, Conflict of Interest, Humanities Responsible Conduct of Research, Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research

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### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

Member, Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

Member, Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW)

Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Member, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Member, International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)

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### SERVICE

Academic: Ad-hoc Peer Reviewer: Gerontological Society of America 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting Abstracts

Student Volunteer, *SSWR Annual Conference 2024*

Community: Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions-2018; Kid's Hope USA-2015; Illinois Certification Board- 2013

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### HONORS AND AWARDS

Boston College Social Work Doctoral Fellowship (\$32,900 annually)

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar

The University of Illinois School of Social Work Educational Opportunity Award

Alpha Delta Mu National Social Work Honor Society Member

Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society Member

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### CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor in Illinois, 2016-2018, #33275

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### LANGUAGES

Portuguese

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English