

# Lorena Garcia, M.P.H., Ph.D.

**Clinical Interests** Dr. Garcia has been engaged in Latino health research since the early 1990s with a special interest in health disparities, chronic disease, behavioral health, immigrant health, injury and violence prevention in the Latino community.

Dr. Garcia is a Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) Scholar for the UC Davis Center to Advance Cognitive Health and Healthcare in Older Latinos and the Principal Investigator of a pilot project titled “The Impact of Neighborhood Context on Older Latino’s Chronic Health Status” which hypothesizes that low neighborhood socioeconomic position (SEP) will negatively impact older Latino’s chronic health.

Dr. Garcia was formerly an Interdisciplinary Women’s Health Research (IWHR) Scholar from the NIH-sponsored BIRCWH (Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health) program at the UC Davis School of Medicine. Her research focused on health disparities in Mexican, White and African American women; specifically metabolic and nutritional syndromes, particularly obesity, pre-diabetes, diabetes and health-related complications, such as heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure.

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**Division** Epidemiology

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B.A., California State University, Long Beach, Long Beach, California, 1992

**Fellowships** Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health (BIRCWH-UC Davis), Davis, CA, 2007-12  
Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR-UC Davis), Davis, CA, 2012-14

**Professional Memberships** American Public Health Association  
Endocrine Society  
Gerontological Society of America  
Society for Epidemiologic Research

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### Honors and Awards

Travel Grant Recipient. Predictors of Intimate Partner Violence among a sample of US-born versus foreign-born Latinas. 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion. Sponsored by the National Institute of Public Health (INSP), Mexico, 2008

Student Award. Epidemiology Section, Congress of Epidemiology, 2001

Public Health Traineeship Award. Department of Epidemiology, UCLA School of Public Health, 1998

### Select Recent Publications

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