

## **Danny A. Azucar**

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### **Education:**

University of Turin, Department of Psychology, Turin Italy  
Ph.D. in Psychological, Anthropological and Educational Sciences – Candidate, 2018

University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles CA  
Master of Public Health – Concentration in Child and Family Health, 2015

California State University Dominguez Hills, Carson CA  
Bachelor of Science in Health Science - Community Health, 2013

### **Education at other Institutions:**

*September 2018* – The Queen’s University of Belfast, Belfast Northern Ireland  
EIT Summer School Program on Digital Food Supply Chains

*July 2018* – Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa Israel  
EIT Workshop of Global Food Venture – Validating a Business Model

### **Honors and Recognitions:**

*June 2018 – December 2018:* Entrepreneurship Program - EIT Food’s Global Food Venture Program,  
European Institute of Innovation and Technology

*August 2014 – May 2015:* Long-term Fellowship - California Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental  
Disabilities, USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Children’s Hospital Los  
Angeles

*August 2014 – May 2015:* Elected Member – Director of Finance, Master of Public Health Student  
Association, University of Southern California

### **Society Membership:**

*July 2013 – Present:* American Public Health Association, Maternal and Child Health Section

*May 2013:* Alpha Eta Honor Society – California State University Dominguez Hills

### **Research Activities:**

*October 2012 – Present:* Research Assistant, California State University Dominguez Hills

- Member of an international research team investigating behavioral and environmental variables throughout the life-course of children and adolescents.
- Conduct ongoing research to identify correlations between familial relationship, stress levels, and parental style and their effect on Italian and American adolescents’ academic achievement.
  - Supervisor: Enrique Ortega, Ph.D., M.P.H

*September 2014 – November 2016*: Research Assistant, University of Southern California, Institute for Global Health

- Member of qualitative research team investigating traditional and cultural beliefs of domestic violence among Asian American women.
- Transcribed audio-recorded interviews and focus groups, and analyzed data using thematic analysis.
- Coded qualitative data for common themes and authored a discussion for a manuscript.
  - Supervisor: Mellissa Withers, Ph.D., M.H.S

*November 2012 – May 2013*: Research Assistant, HPTN 061 BROTHERS Project, UCLA

- Member of a study aimed at determining the feasibility and acceptability of a multi-component intervention for Black MSM, including peer health systems navigation.
- Analyzed existing data and recent surveys administered to target population, and conducted literature reviews to identify risk factors that either aid or prevent African American MSM in receiving and adhering to continuous care after a positive HIV diagnosis.
- Assisted in the development and communication of findings to providers of young African American MSM.
  - Supervisor: Steve Shoptaw, Ph.D.

### **Public Policy Activities:**

Sacramento Public Policy Hearings: “E-cigarettes Regulation”, SB No. 140 – Honor Granted by Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, 2015

Sacramento Public Policy Hearings: “Abortion access for Low Income Mothers”, AB No. 154 – Honor Granted by California State University Dominguez Hills, 2013

### **Teaching Activities:**

Lecturer, University of Turin, Italy, Research Methods in Multi-Cultural Health. Master’s Program Course, 2018

Lecturer, University of Turin, Italy, Research Methods in Psychology. Master’s Program Course, 2017

### **Publications:**

Settanni, M., Azucar, D., & Marengo, D. (2018). Predicting Individual Characteristics from Digital Traces on Social Media: A Meta-Analysis. *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking*, 21(4), 217-228.

Azucar, D., Marengo, D., & Settanni, M. (2017). Predicting the big 5 personality traits from digital footprints on social media: A meta-analysis. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 124, 150-159.

Mulasso, A., Argioli, L., Roppolo, M., Azucar, D., & Rabaglietti, E. (2017). Emotion experience and frailty in a sample of Italian community-dwelling older adults. *Clinical interventions in aging*, 12.

### **Professional Service:**

Reviewer for Professional Journals:

- a. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 2018 – Present

## **Conference Presentations:**

- Tavrow, P., Withers, M.H., Huynh, D., Liang, D., Yoo, C., Pathomrit, W., & Azucar, D. (2016). Asian immigrant women's perspectives on videos intended to elicit disclosure of interpersonal violence in clinic settings. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.
- Azucar, D., & Estelle, M. (2015). Reducing Disparities in the Early Identification of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) among Latino Parents with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.
- Azucar, D., Barton, B., & Marshall, R. (2015). Learn the Signs. Act Early: Barriers to Pediatric Developmental Screening in Medical Settings. Continuing Education Presentation, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA.
- Azucar, D., & Ortega, E. (2013). How Does Parenting Influence Academic Achievement? Annual Student Research Day, California State University Dominguez Hills, Carson CA.
- Azucar, D., & Ortega, E. (2013). The Value of Academic Achievement. Social Science Research and Instructional Center, San Francisco State University, San Francisco CA.
- Victorianne, G., Hucks-Ortiz, C., Azucar, D., Ajayi, A., Shoptaw, S., Williams, J., Koblin, B., Mayer, K., & Wheeler, D. (2013). Identifying Correlates of HIV Incidence in Black MSM: Findings from the HIV Prevention Trials Network 061 Study in Los Angeles. 29th Annual UCLA Multi-Campus Family Medicine Research Forum, Los Angeles CA.

## **Employment**

*November 2013 – June 2014:* Outreach Specialist, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Party Wise Crystal Meth Program

- Responsible for developing outreach strategies to engaging English and Spanish speaking gay and bisexual men who self-identified as crystal meth users.
- Recruited and trained "Peer Health Educators" who provide linkages between target population and health services.
- Responsible for maintaining active relationships with current APLA coalitions in the Los Angeles area to reach a greater pool of potential program participants.
- Prepared discussion topics for, and hosted, weekly support groups for Crystal Meth using clients.

*June 2011 – November 2013:* Human Resource Manager, AMC Theatres, Woodland Hills, CA

- Managed a 16-screen multiplex. Responsible for Food and Beverage programs to increase theatre revenue.
- Established a system for best-possible theatre operations and ensured company compliance with handling of employee and theatre files through concrete knowledge of Federal and State labor laws and food regulations.
- Responsible for employee hiring, training, promotions, and terminations.
- Analyzed weekly attendance data to staff to theatre budgets while balancing the guest experience.
- Conducted twice- yearly film crew summits, which include life safety training and emergency preparedness.

## **Internships:**

*May – July 2014: AMIZADE – Multilateral Partnership for Inter-professional Exchange, Brazil*

- Evaluated interventions aimed at preventing communicable diseases in pediatric health and adolescent development in the rural area of Santarem, Pará Brasil.
- Assessed the effectiveness of nutritional diet plans at local NGO, SEARA, in meeting nutritional needs of malnourished children between ages 1-6.
- Assisted with designing interventions for malnourished children 0-6 years of age, which included breast-feeding education and nutrition programs for children affected with local communicable and chronic illnesses.
- Compare and Contrast current issues in pediatric and adolescent health between rural and urban areas in the state of Pará, Brazil.

*January – May 2013: AIDS Project Los Angeles*

- Member of the D.I.C.E Lives program that provides substance abuse and HIV prevention services to Latino and African American youth between the ages of 18-24.
- Aided in the development of effective outreach to promote client participation in the program.
- Facilitated interventions for young men covering topics such as drug abuse, prevention of HIV and other STD's, depression, and promotion of self-esteem.
- Established key relationships with local youth service organizations in the Los Angeles area to reach a greater pool of at-risk youth in order to provide substance abuse interventions and HIV testing.

## **Volunteer Activities**

*October 2011- November 2013: AIDS Project Los Angeles, Party Wise Crystal Meth Program*

- Assisted the Program Coordinator in administering the pre- and post-intervention surveys and conducting key informant surveys for at risk Crystal Meth users.
- Facilitated weekly bilingual 'Harm Reduction' interventions
- Assisted the Prevention Training Specialist during weekly workshops for Spanish clients, including, taking attendance, collecting data and the distribution of pre-intervention surveys.
- Handled and inspected pre- and post-intervention surveys for completeness and accuracy to deliver data to The Division of HIV and STD Programs.

*June 2009 – October 2010: PRN Ambulance, Volunteer Medic*

- Assisted ambulance paramedic in emergency medical calls, provided immediate care to ill and injured patients during inter-facility transports.
- Provided artificial ventilation to patients with difficulty breathing and assisted paramedics in the management of general medical conditions such as altered mental status, respiratory and cardiac arrest, and conducted patient assessments to determine underlying factors in the patients' conditions.

## **Spoken Languages**

- Spanish, English, Italian (fluent in speaking, reading, and writing)
- Portuguese (fluent in speaking and reading)