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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Human and Community Development, 2012
 M.S. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Human and Community Development, 2007
 B.A. Marquette University, Psychology, 2004

 Ronald E. McNair Scholar

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

| 2021 – present | Associate Professor, Department of Child and Family Development, San Diego State University |
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| 2015 – 2021 | Assistant Professor, Department of Child and Family Development, San Diego State University |
| 2012 – 2015 | Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Psychology, Refugee Trauma and Resilience Center, Boston Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School |

GRANT FUNDING

Funded (Completed)

Effects of Stress and Protective Factors on the Mental Health of Latino Immigrant Young Adults

Funder: San Diego State University Mechanism: Seed Grant Program

Amount: \$9552.00

Role: PI

Dates: 01/01/2016 - 06/30/2017

Experiences of Cultural Brokering among Immigrant and Non-immigrant Youth

Funder: San Diego State University Mechanism: Seed Grant Program

Amount: \$9908.00

Role: PI

Dates: 01/01/2018 - 11/31/2019

Not Funded

Cultural Values and Family Dynamics as Protective Factors against Immigration-related Stressors

Funder: San Diego State University HealthLINK Center/National Institutes of Minority Health and Health

Disparities U54

Mechanism: Cycle 3 Pilot Project

Amount: \$49,990.00

Role: PI

PUBLICATIONS

*Indicates a student co-author

Peer-Reviewed

- Masarik, A., *Fritz, H., & Lazarevic, V. (2022). Stress and resilience among resettling refugee youth: An illustrative review and new applications for the family stress model. *Journal of Family Theory and Review*. doi: 10.1111/jftr.12454
- **Lazarevic, V.,** Guan, S. A., & Weisskirch, R. S. (2022). Experiences of discrimination and language brokering: Exploring the risks and protective factors. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*. doi: 10.1037/cdp0000532
- Haine-Schlagel, R., Dickson, K., Lind, T., Kim, J., *May, G. Walsh, N. E., **Lazarevic, V.,** & Yeh, M., Crandal, B., (2021). Caregiver Participation Engagement in Child Mental Health Prevention Programs: A Systematic Review. *Prevention Science*. doi: 10.1007/s11121-021-01303-x
- Weisskirch, R. S., Guan, S. A., & Lazarevic, V. (2021). How Language Brokering Relates to Empathy and Psychological Well-being. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. doi: 10.1177/02654075211020407

 ◆ This research received media coverage on January 12, 2022. The article can be accessed here:

 https://www.psypost.org/2022/01/frequently-translating-for-non-english-speaking-parents-can-take-a-toll-on-mental-health-but-empathy-may-buffer-this-effect-62348
- Garrity, S., Longstreth, S., Black, F., & Lazarevic, V. (2021). Examining the tensions between cultural models of care in family childcare and quality rating improvement systems. *Children and Youth Services Review*. doi: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2021.105927
- **Lazarevic, V.,** *Crovetto, F., Shapiro, A. F., & *Nguyen, S. (2021). Family dynamics moderate the impact of discrimination on wellbeing for Latino young adults. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 27(2), 214–226. doi: 10.1037/cdp0000344
- Guan, S. A., Weisskirch, R. S., & Lazarevic, V. (2020). Context and timing matter: Language brokering, stress, and physical health among young adults. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. doi: 10.1007/s10903-020-00989-5
- **Lazarevic, V.,** *Toledo, G., & Wiggins, J. L. (2020). Influences of maternal ethnic identity on internalizing symptoms in children. *Journal of Experimental Psychopathology, 11*(1), 1-12. doi: 10.1177/2043808719898024

- Weisskirch, R. S., Guan, S. A., & Lazarevic, V. (2020). The role of attachment in language brokering and well-being among college students. *Journal of Family Issues*. doi: <u>10.1177/0192513X20910763</u>
- **Lazarevic, V.,** *Crovetto, F. & Shapiro, A. (2018). Challenges of Latino young men and women: Examining the role of gender in discrimination and mental health. *Children and Youth Services Review, 94,* 173-179. doi: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.10.006
- **Lazarevic, V.** (2017). Effects of cultural brokering on individual wellbeing and family dynamics among immigrant youth. *Journal of Adolescence*. 55(1), 77-87. doi: 10.1016/j.adolescence.2016.12.010
- Ellis, B. H., Abdi, S., **Lazarevic, V.,** White, M., Lincoln, A., Stern, J., & Horgan, J. (2016). Relation of psychosocial factors to diverse behaviors and attitudes among Somali refugees. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 86(4), 393-408. doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ort0000121
- Lincoln, A., **Lazarevic, V.,** White, M. T., & Ellis, B. H. (2016). The impact of acculturation style and acculturative hassles on the mental health of Somali adolescent refugees. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, *18*(4), 771-778. doi: 10.1007/s10903-015-0232-y
- **Lazarevic, V.,** Holman, E. G., Oswald, R., F., & Kramer, K. (2015). Effects of economic wellbeing on the life satisfaction of LGBT individuals in a non-metropolitan sample. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. Published online first. doi: 10.1007/s10834-015-9464-1
- **Lazarevic, V.,** Raffaelli, M., & Wiley, A. (2014). Language and non-linguistic brokering: Diversity of experiences of immigrant young adults from Eastern Europe. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 45(4), 517-535. doi: 10.3138/jcfs.45.4.517
- Kam, J. A., & Lazarevic, V. (2014). Communicating for one's family: An interdisciplinary review of language and cultural brokering in immigrant families. *Communication Yearbook, 38,* 3-38. doi: 10.1080/23808985.2014.11679157
- Kam, J. A. & **Lazarevic**, **V.** (2013). The stressful (and not so stressful) nature of language brokering: Identifying when brokering functions as a cultural stressor for Latino immigrant children in early adolescence. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*. 43. doi: 10.1007/s10964-013-0061-z
- Kang, H. & Lazarevic, V. (2013). Exploring adolescent-parent relationships in Asian American immigrant families: An ecological perspective. *Child Studies in Diverse Contexts*, 3(2), 105-122. doi: 10.5723/csdc.2013.3.2.105
- Raffaelli, M., Lazarevic, V., Koller, S., Nsamenang, A. B., & Sharma, D. (2013). Introduction: Special issue on adolescents in the Majority World. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*. 23(1), 1-8. doi: 10.1111/jora.12000
- **Lazarevic, V.**, Wiley, A., & Pleck, J. H. (2012). Associations of acculturation with family and individual wellbeing in Serbian refugee young adults in the United States. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 43(2). 218-236. doi: 10.3138/jcfs.43.2.217

- Raffaelli, M., Tran, S. P., Wiley, A. R., Galarza-Heras, M., & Lazarevic, V. (2012). Risk and resilience in rural communities: The experiences of immigrant Latina mothers. *Family Relations*, *61*, 559-570. doi: 10.1111/j.1741-3729.2012.00717.x
- Oswald, R. F., & Lazarevic, V. (2011). You live *where*?! Lesbian mother's attachment to non-metropolitan communities. *Family Relations*, 60(4), 373-386. doi: 10.1111/j.1741-3729.2011.00663.x
- Oswald, R.F., Cuthbertson, C., **Lazarevic, V.**, & Goldberg, A. E. (2010). New developments in the field: Measuring community climate. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, 6(2), 214-228. doi: 10.1080/15504281003709230

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *Co-author was a student at the time of the presentation.
- Amato, M.* & Lazarevic, V. (April, 2023). College adjustment among Latiné college students: A gender comparison. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association annual convention, Riverside CA.
- **Lazarevic, V.,** Guan, S. A., & Weisskirch, R S. (November, 2020). *Individual and family factors as moderators between discrimination and language brokering*. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations annual conference [virtual format].
- Crossman, K. A., Weisskirch, R. S., **Lazarevic, V.**, & Guan, S. A. (November, 2020). *The role of attachment in the mental health outcomes of coercive controlling emerging adult relationships*. Presentation proposal accepted for the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations.
- Crossman, K., Weisskirch, R. S., Guan, S. A., & Lazarevic. V. (July, 2020). *Coercive control: Attachment and mental health outcomes among emerging adults*. [Poster Session]. International Association for Relationship Research, London, UK. (Conference Canceled)
- Garrity, S., Longstreth, S. & Lazarevic, V. (April 2020) Designing Professional Development Efforts to Support Refugee and Immigrant Family Childcare Providers in the Local Context [Poster Session]. AERA Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA http://tinyurl.com/um3gg07 (Conference Canceled)
- Guan, A. S., Weisskirch, R. S., & Lazarevic, V. (March, 2020). *Context and timing matter: Language brokering, stress, and physical health among young adults.* [Poster Session]. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Conference, San Diego, CA. (Conference Canceled)
- *Nguyen, S. & Lazarevic, V. (April, 2019). Family relationships and school attitudes in Vietnamese young adults. Paper presented at the Western Psychological Association (WPA) annual conference, Pasadena, CA.
- Weisskirch, R., Guan, S. A., & Lazarevic V. (March, 2019). The role of attachment in language brokering and well-being among college students. Paper presented at Society for Research on Child Development biennial conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

- *Crovetto, F., *Nguyen, S., Shapiro, A., & Lazarevic, V. (2018). Family dynamics moderate the impact of discrimination on well-being for Latino young adults. Paper presented at National Council on Family Relations annual conference, San Diego, CA.
- *Crovetto, F., *Nguyen, S., & Lazarevic, V. (April, 2017). Cultural brokering experiences among Latino young adults. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association (WPA) annual conference, Sacramento, CA.
 - ♦ Poster was awarded second place at the Western Psychological Association (WPA) conference.
- *Crovetto, F., *Nguyen, S., & Lazarevic, V. (March, 2017). Exploratory study on cultural brokering experiences in Latino young adults. Poster presented at the Student Research Symposium, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.
- Abdi, S. & Lazarevic, V. (November, 2015). Risk and resilience factors among Somali refugee youth in two communities. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Abdi, S., Lazarevic, V., Bixby, C., & Nimmons, E. (June, 2015). A successful research-community partnership: Our experience collaborating with the Somali community in North America. Symposium presented at the Society for Community Research and Action biennial conference, Lowell, MA.
- **Lazarevic, V.** (November, 2014). Gender differences in cultural brokering among Eastern European immigrant youth. Paper presented as part of a symposium on *Immigrant Families over the Life Course*. National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Baltimore, MD.
- **Lazarevic, V.** & Ellis, B. H. (March, 2014). Predictors of cultural brokering in a sample of Somali refugee adolescents. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence biennial conference, Austin, TX.
- **Lazarevic, V.** (November, 2013). Relations between brokering feelings and the well-being of immigrant youth. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, San Antonio, TX.
- **Lazarevic, V.** & Ellis, B. H. (November, 2013). Cultural brokering in a sample of refugee adolescents from Somalia. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, San Antonio, TX.
- **Lazarevic, V.** & Raffaelli, M. (November, 2012). *Effects of culture brokering on immigrant youth well-being.* Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- **Lazarevic, V.** (March, 2012). Organizer/Chair of Symposium on *Relations between language brokering and family dynamics in immigrant families*. Symposium presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence biennial conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- **Lazarevic, V.** & Raffaelli, M. (March, 2012). *Development of a new measure for culture brokering*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence biennial conference, Vancouver, Canada.

- Lazarevic, V. & Raffaelli, M. (November, 2011). *Impact of culture brokering on family dynamics in Eastern European immigrant families*. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Orlando, FL.
- Oswald, R. F., Lazarevic, V., & Holman, E. G. (November, 2011). *LGB families in the context of poverty*. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Orlando, FL.
- Kang, H. & Lazarevic, V. (November, 2011). *Teaching diversity in the context of social justice*. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Orlando, FL.
- **Lazarevic, V.** (March, 2011). Language and procedural brokering in Eastern European immigrant and refugee families. Presentation for the Department of Human and Community Development Brown Bag Series. University of Illinois.
- **Lazarevic, V.**, & Raffaelli, M. (November, 2010). *Language and non-linguistic brokering in immigrant families from Eastern Europe*. Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Oswald, R. F., & Lazarevic, V. (November, 2010). *You live where?! Lesbian mother's attachment to non-metropolitan communities.* Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Oswald, R. F., Lazarevic, V., Cuthbertson, C., & Goldberg, A. E. (November, 2009). *Living in place: The importance of community climate for GLBT family members.* Poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, San Francisco, California.
- **Lazarevic, V.** (February, 2009). *Impact of communist regime on the families in the former Yugoslavia.* Paper presented at the Society for Cross Cultural Research annual conference, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Haselschwerdt, M., Engle, J., Gibbons, C., and Lazarevic, V. (November, 2008). How to apply to graduate school and maintain your sanity: Organizational tips and advice from current graduate students. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- **Lazarevic, V.** (November, 2008). *Impact of acculturation on parent-child relationships of Serbian refugees from the former Yugoslavia*. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- **Lazarevic, V**. and Wiley, A. (November, 2007). *Predictors of adjustment: Experiences of Serbian refugees from the former Yugoslavia*. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- **Lazarevic, V**. (November, 2004). *Relations between family dynamics and psychosocial well-being for contemporary lesbians*. Paper presented at the National Ronald E. McNair Conference, Delavan, WI.

Invited Presentations

- **Lazarevic, V.** (November, 2022). Invited Panelist: "Self-care and Work-life Balance." Special Session on Mingling and Mentoring across Career Levels. National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- **Lazarevic, V.** (March, 2022). Invited Panelist: "SDSU College of Education Investigates: A Discussion Series Spotlighting Research and Scholarship in Education, Mental Health, and Wellness." College of Education, San Diego State University.
- **Lazarevic, V.** (November, 2018). Invited Panelist: "Conversations on Social Justice: How our Social Locations Shape our Work." Special Session on Race and Racism in America. National Council on Family Relations annual conference, San Diego, CA.
- Lazarevic, V. (November, 2018). Invited Presenter: "Refugee Families." Symposium: Transnational Families Living Across Borders: Research to Practice. National Council on Family Relations annual conference, San Diego, CA.
- **Lazarevic, V.** (November, 2017). Invited Roundtable Presenter: "Experiences of Trauma, Persecution, and Racism by Refugee Families." Special Session: Social Justice Strategies to Address the Elephant in the Classroom or the Family Room: Race and Racism in America. National Council on Family Relations annual conference, Orlando, FL.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

| Spring 2023 | Most Influential Faculty Mentor, Child and Family Development Department, San Diego State University |
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| 2019-2020 | Shared Governance Faculty Leadership Institute, San Diego State University |
| 2018 | Exceptional Service Award, College of Education, San Diego State University |
| 2011 | Louis V. Logeman Graduate Student Teaching Award, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois |
| Spring 2010 | List of Teachers Ranked as <i>Outstanding</i> , Families in Global Perspective (HDFS 220/ANTH210), Department of Human and Community Development, University of Illinois |
| 2010 | Jewell L. Taylor National Graduate Fellowship, American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, \$5000 |
| 2010 | Pampered Chef Dissertation Enhancement Award, Department of Human and Community Development, University of Illinois, \$5000 |
| 2009-2010 | Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Human and Community Development, University of Illinois |
| 2009 | Graduate College Conference Travel Award, University of Illinois |
| 2008 | Susan Kahl Funkhouser Leadership Development Award, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois |
| 2007-2009 | List of Teachers Ranked as <i>Excellent</i> , Comparative Family Organization (HDFS220/ANTH210), Department of Human and Community Development, University of Illinois |

2007 Susan Kahl Funkhouser Leadership Development Award, College of Agricultural, Consumer and

Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois

2007 Pampered Chef Family Resiliency Program Fellowship, Department of Human and Community

Development, University of Illinois

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught at San Diego State University

CFD 335: Interactions in Culturally Diverse Families

CFD 375C: Human Development and Learning: Adolescence/Adulthood

CFD 537: Child Abuse and Family Violence

CFD 598: Reflective Learning Portfolio

Courses Taught at the University of Illinois

Fall 2011 Instructor, Socialization and Development (HDFS 401)

Summer 2010 *Co-instructor*, Families in Global Perspective (HDFS 220/ANTH210)

Mentoring at San Diego State University

Master's Thesis Chair (all at San Diego State University)

| 2021-2023 | Marianna Amato (Child and Family Development) College Adjustment among Latiné Students: A Gender Comparison |
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| 2021-2023 | Karanjot (KJ) Kaur (Child and Family Development) A Mixed-Methods Examination of Colorism Among Indian Children |
| 2018-2020 | Paulina Figueroa (Child and Family Development) Associations between Language Brokering, Discrimination, and Mental Health |
| 2016-2019 | Maasa Ishikawa (Child and Family Development) Culture's Impact on Parenting Style and Socioemotional Development |
| 2015-2018 | Stephanie Nguyen (Child and Family Development) Parent-Child Relationships and School Attitudes in Vietnamese Young Adults |

2015-2017 Jiyoung Lee (Child and Family Development)

Educational Intervention for Korean Immigrant Parents for Promoting Communication Skill

with their Children

Master's Thesis Committee Member (all at San Diego State University)

2018-2023 Gwendolyn Farley (Child and Family Development)

Mothering Across Generations: The stories of Mexican mothers in the United States

2018-2019 Tawnee Crews, (Sociology)

Parental Incarceration: An Analysis of the Relationship Quality and Sexual Behavior of

Offspring

2018-2019 Kimberly Gan, (Sociology)

The Parental Role in Families of Parachute Children from China

2016-2017 Kaitlyn Rasmuson (Child and Family Development)

The Journey Home: Nature of Stressors and Coping Strategies of Military Families After

Periods of Transition

2015-2017 Jamie Monaco (Child and Family Development)

Toolkit for Teachers of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

2015-2016 Jue (Sally) Zhang (Child and Family Development)

The Relationship between Acculturation and Chinese Parents' Beliefs about Young Children's

Emotions

2015-2016 Meryl Chaffee (Child and Family Development)

A Case Study on Working with Parents and Families of English Language Learners

Doctoral Students' Dissertation Committee Member

2018-2019 Cagla Giray, Human Development and Family Studies, University of Illinois

Negotiation Processes between Remotely Acculturating Divorced Coparents in Relation to Children's Adjustment in Urban Turkey: The Moderating Role of Coparenting Quality

Undergraduate Student Independent Study Advisor

Fall 2023

Fall '18 – Spring '19 Rachel Glovinsky

Fall '17 – Spring '18 Itzel Ruiz

Fall '17 – Spring '18 Mutya Mendiola

Fall 2016 Xiaoying(Cynthia) Liu

Fall 2016 Andrea Cortez
Summer 2016 Cristal Arevalo

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Department

2021 – 2022 Co-Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Child and Family

Development, SDSU

| 2020 – present | Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Child and Family Development, SDSU Chair, 2020-2022 |
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| 2020 – present | Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Child and Family Development, SDSU |
| 2017 - present | Member, Graduate Program Applications Review Committee, Department of Child and Family Development, SDSU |
| 2016 – present | Member, Policy Committee, Department of Child and Family Development, SDSU Chair, 2016-2018 |
| Spring 2017 | Member, Department Chair Search Committee, Department of Child and Family Development, SDSU |
| 2016 – 2017 | <i>Undergraduate Program Coordinator: Family Studies Specialist,</i> Department of Child and Family Development, SDSU |
| 2016 – 2017 | Member, Graduate Program Committee, Department of Child and Family Development, SDSU |

Service to the College

| 2021 – 2022 | CFD Department Representative, College of Education Personnel Committee, SDSU |
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| 2016 – 2019 | CFD Department Representative, College of Education Policy Council, SDSU |

Service to the University

| Spring 2023 | CFD Department Representative, Panel for Administrative Review of the Dean of the College of Education |
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| 2015 – 2017 | Member, Advisory Committee Board, NIMHD Endowment Proposal, College of Health and Human Services, SDSU |

Service to the Profession

| 2022 – present | Consulting Editor, Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology Journal |
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| 2018 – present | <i>Member</i> , Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Committee, Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) |
| 2015 – 2017 | Student/New Professional Representative, Inclusion & Diversity Committee, National Council of Family Relations (NCFR) |
| 2013 – 2015 | Student/New Professional Representative, International Section, National Council of Family Relations (NCFR) |
| 2011 – 2012 | Editorial Assistant to Marcela Raffaelli, lead guest editor of Journal of Research on Adolescence, Special issue on Adolescents in the Majority World |

Journal Reviewer

Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology

Journal of Family Theory and Review

Journal of Research on Adolescence

Journal of Child and Family Studies

Child Development

Family Science Review

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

2010 – present *Member,* Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA)

2006 – present National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)

Member, International Section (2007-present)

Co-founder, Eastern European Focus Group, International section (2008)

Proposal Reviewer (2006-present)