



CAROLINA
POPULATION CENTER

Summer 2024 Undergraduate Research Internship

Project Name

Immigration Policy and IPV Experiences among people of Latin American Origin

Faculty Mentor

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Project Description

The project is focused on understanding the effect of immigration policies on intimate partner violence survivors of Latin American origin. The project is a scoping review that will assess the extent to which other studies have analyzed impact of immigration policies on predictors and outcomes of intimate partner violence. The project will identify studies with a focus mezzo- and macro-level predictors of intimate partner violence, including the effect of immigration policies on community and societal factors such as: employment, education, economic factors, housing, health access. The project intern will be trained to complete full-extraction activities that will document exposure and outcome variables to identify measurement of immigration policies and intimate partner violence outcomes.

Scope of Work for Internship

The summer intern will primarily serve as the secondary research reviewer and will work to complete the full-text extraction phase of the scoping review. The intern will be expected to read and extrapolate data from the methods sections of pre-selected studies to identify sample demographics, sample size, study design, study variables, measurement scales, findings, and other items. The project team will provide the intern with training on the project's extraction and charting tools including the Covidence platform. Training will also include step-by-step guidance to equip the intern on the inclusion and exclusion criteria outlined in the scoping review protocol. Other activities may require the summer intern to serve as a secondary reviewer to confirm inclusion of studies by reviewing the title and abstract and conducting a full-text review of studies resulting from an updated search.

Responsibilities:

- Summarize and critically appraise research articles, ensuring high-quality data extraction and synthesis.
- Collaborate with team members to ensure timely completion of project milestones.

- Organize and manage bibliographic references using appropriate citation management tools.

Expected Deliverables

- Extract data for qualitative synthesis of included studies. Data charting of assigned studies will include: citations, study characteristics, study variables, and relevant notes.
- Depending on timing, contribute to the writing and preparation of the scoping review manuscript

Preferred Skills

- Knowledge of structural factors impacting Latine health and/or Latina survivors of intimate partner violence or ability to learn.
- Prior experience in conducting literature reviews, scoping reviews, or systematic reviews.
- Strong research and analytical skills, with the ability to synthesize complex information.
- Attention to detail and commitment to producing high-quality work.