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**EDUCATION**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Clinical Major</b>	<b>Role Preparation</b>
2021	PhD	University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Nursing Sciences	Research
2019	MPH	University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Public Health	Epidemiology
2016	BSN	University of Florida, Gainesville FL	Nursing	

**LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION**

RN Florida, RN#9450647 (multistate)

**EMPLOYMENT**

***ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:***

2022 **Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor**, University of Florida College of Nursing, Gainesville, FL

***RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS:***

2024-Current **Assistant Professor**, University of Central Florida, College of Nursing, Orlando FL  
 2022-2024 **Post-Doctoral Fellow, Health Science Specialist**, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Rural Health Veterans Rural Health Resource Center–Gainesville (VRHRC–GNV) North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Gainesville FL  
 2022-2024 **Project Coordinator**, Without Compensation (WOC), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Caribbean Healthcare System, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
 2018-2022 **Nurse Interventionist, Health Science Specialist** (part-time); U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Research Service, Gainesville, FL.

***CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS:***

2019 **Public Health Graduate Student Intern**, Archer Family Health Care, Gainesville FL  
 2016-2017 **Register Nurse** (part-time), private duty elder home care, Gainesville, FL  
 2014 **Camp Coordinator**, Health Care Summer Institute, College of Medicine University of Florida Gainesville, FL

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***REFEREED JOURNALS:***

Freytes IM, Schmitzberger MK, Rivera-Rivera, N, **Lopez J**, Motta-Valencia K, Wu SS, ... & Uphold CR. (2022). A telephone problem-solving intervention for Spanish-speaking caregivers of veterans post-stroke: an 8-session investigator-blinded, two-arm parallel (intervention vs usual care), randomized clinical trial.

**Lopez, J.**, Stacciarini, J. M., Scarton, L., & Uphold, C. R. (2021). interventions for informal caregivers of stroke survivors: Is there racial and ethnic representation in stroke caregiver studies?. *Rehabilitation Nursing: The Official Journal of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses.*

### ***NON-REFEREED JOURNALS OR PUBLICATIONS:***

Freytes IM, **Lopez J**, Orejuela M. Spring 2023. Testing the Impact of a Spanish Online and Telephone Intervention for Hispanic Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke. *Health Services Research and Development Forum.* <https://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/publications/forum/spring23/default.cfm?ForumMenu=spring23->

Freytes IM, River-River N, **Lopez J**, Mylott D, (2022) *Guía Para Veteranos/as Después de un Derrame Cerebral.* (2nd ed.), Department of Veterans Affairs.

### ***ABSTRACTS:*** (\* Data-based, # Refereed)

Freytes IM, Schmitzberger MK, River-River N, Mylott D, **Lopez, J**, Motta-Valencia K, & Uphold CR. (2019). Serving underserved veterans and their caregiver: developing tailored culturally relevant interventions. *Innovation in Aging*, 3(Supplement\_1), S674-S674.

Orejuela M, **Lopez J**, Rivera-Rivera N, Galindo P, Eliazar-Macke N, Findley K, Uphold CR, Freytes IM. (2023). Methodology of a RCT testing the impact of a Spanish Online and Telephone Intervention for Hispanic Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke. *Health Science Research and Development (HSRD)/ QUERI National Meeting*, Baltimore, MD. <https://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/meetings/2023/abstract-display.cfm?AbsNum=4134>

Eliazar-Macke N, Uphold C, Orejuela M, **Lopez J**, Freytes IM. (2023). Creating a tool to examine the unmet community suicide prevention needs of rural Hispanic Veterans using a community participatory based approach. *Health Science Research and Development (HSRD)/ QUERI National Meeting*, Baltimore, MD. <https://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/meetings/2023/abstract-display.cfm?AbsNum=4073>

### ***REFEREED JOURNAL – SUBMITTED:***

LeBeau K, **Lopez J**, Orejuela M, Eliazar-Macke N, & Freytes IM. (Submitted Jan 12, 2024) Understanding the intersectionality of the rural Hispanic/Latino Veteran population: A scoping review of health-related challenges. *Ethnicity & Health*

### ***MANUSCRIPTS– IN PREPARATION:***

Freytes, IM, Eliazar-Macke N, Orejuela M, **Lopez J**, Sparks T, DeBeer BR, Montague MK, & Uphold CR. Addressing rural-dwelling Hispanic Veterans' needs to improve suicide prevention.

**RESEARCH and GRANTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount</b>
10/2023-09/2024	Co-PI	An Environmental Scan of Adaptive Sports for Rural Veterans. (PIs: <b>Lopez J, LeBeau K</b> )	US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health's (ORH) Veterans Rural Health Resource Center in Gainesville (VRHRC-GNV)	\$96,325 In-Kind 30% FTE
10/2022 - 09/2025	Co-PI	Rural Hispanic/Latino Veterans: Developing Culturally Appropriate Practices. (PI: Freytes IM)	US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health's (ORH) Veterans Rural Health Resource Center in Gainesville (VRHRC-GNV). Project ID: PROJFY-008929.	\$288,179 In- Kind 20% FTE
2017-2024	Nurse interventionist /Project coordinator	Spanish Online & Telephone Intervention for Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke, Veteran Affairs. (PI: Freytes. IM)	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Health Services Research and Development, IIR 15-117	\$1,243,961
2014-2016	Graduate research assistant	Internet and Telephone Support Intervention for Stroke Caregivers. (PI: Uphold C)	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Rehabilitation Research and Development, D1395-P (SPiRE).	\$200,000
2012-2015	Research assistant	Health Inequalities: Social Isolation Among Rural Latinos, PI: (Stacciarini JM)	National Institute of Health, National Institute of Nursing Research, 5K01NR013672-03	\$84,861

**OTHER FUNDING**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2022-2023	Post-doctoral researcher	Engaging Veterans, Families, and Community to Enhance Access to Care and Support Services for Rural and Hispanic/Latino Veterans At-risk for Suicide. (PI: Freytes IM))	US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health's (ORH) Veterans Rural Health Resource Center in Gainesville (VRHRC-GNV)	\$111,587.50 In-Kind 20% FTE

**PRESENTATIONS—NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Title/Authors</b>	<b>Conference Title, City/State</b>	<b>Refereed/ Invited</b>
06/2024	Poster	Understanding the intersectionality of rural Hispanic/Latino Veteran population: A Scoping Review/ LeBeau K, <b>Lopez J</b> , Orejuela M, Eliazar-Macke N, Freytes IM	Academy Health 2024 Annual Research Meeting, Baltimore, MD	Refereed
11/2023	Poster	Health-related challenges of the rural Hispanic/Latino Veteran population: A Scoping Review/ LeBeau K, <b>Lopez J</b> , Orejuela M, Eliazar-Macke N, Freytes IM	American Public Health Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA	Refereed
11/2023	Poster	Cultural adaptation of a Spanish Online and Telephone intervention of Caregivers of Veterans Post-Stroke/Orejuela M, <b>Lopez J</b> , Rivera-Rivera N, Eliazar-Macke N, Findley K, Galindo P, Uphold C, Freytes IM.	American Public Health Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA.	Refereed
09/2023	Poster	Addressing recruitment barriers among Hispanic study participants/ <b>Lopez J</b> , Rivera-Rivera N, Orejuela M, Eliazar-Macke N, Findley K, Galindo P, Freytes, IM.	National Hispanic Science Network, Washington DC	Refereed
09/2023	Poster	Examining suicide disparities among rural-dwelling Hispanic veterans: a quality improvement project/ <b>Lopez J</b> ; Orejuela, M; Eliazar-Macke N; Montague M; Freytes IM.	National Hispanic Science Network, Washington DC	Refereed
09/2023	Poster	Developing a Culturally Relevant Community Suicide Needs Assessment Tool for Rural Hispanic Veterans in Puerto Rico/Orejuela M, <b>Lopez J</b> , Eliazar-Macke N, Galindo P, DeBeer B, Spark T, Freytes, IM	National Hispanic Science Network, Washington DC	Refereed
02/2023	Poster	Methodology of a RCT testing the impact of a Spanish Online and Telephone Intervention for Hispanic Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke/Orejuela M, <b>Lopez J</b> , Rivera-Rivera N, Galindo P, Eliazar-Macke N, Findley K, Uphold C, Freytes IM.	HSR&D/QUERI National Meeting, Baltimore, MD	Refereed

Date	Type	Title/Authors	Conference Title, City/State	Refereed/ Invited
02/2023	Poster	Creating a tool to examine the unmet community suicide prevention needs of rural Hispanic Veterans using a community participatory based approach/Eliazar-Macke N, Uphold C, Orejuela M, <b>Lopez J</b> , Freytes IM.	Health Science Research and Development (HSRD)/ QUERI National Meeting, Baltimore, MD	Refereed

### **PRESENTATIONS—LOCAL/REGIONAL/STATE**

Date	Type	Title/Authors	Conference Title, City/State	Refereed/ Invited
06/2024	Poster	An Environmental Scan of Adaptive Sports for Rural Veterans: Preliminary Findings LeBeau K, <b>Lopez J</b> , Findley K, Kreider C, Hanson C.	2024 Occupational Therapy Summit of Scholars, Gainesville, FL	Refereed
02/2024	Poster	Exploring the Intersectionality of Rural Hispanic/Latino Veterans: A Descriptive Study/ <b>Lopez J</b> , LeBeau K, Orejuela M, Eliazar-Macke N, Freytes IM.	38th Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Charlotte, NC	Refereed
11/2023	Podium	Spanish Online & Telephone Intervention for Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke/ <b>Lopez J</b> , Orejuela M, Eliazar-Macke N, Freytes IM	Research Day, Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center	Refereed
11/2023	Poster	Examining suicide disparities among rural-dwelling Hispanic veterans: a quality improvement project/ <b>Lopez J</b> ; Orejuela, M; Eliazar-Macke N; Montague M; Freytes IM	Research Day, Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center	Refereed
03/2023	Poster	Overcoming the Impact of Natural Disasters, a Global Pandemic, and Migration in a RCT for Spanish Speaking Caregivers in Puerto Rico/ <b>Lopez J</b> ; Rivera-Rivera N Orejuela; M; Eliazar-Macke; Findley K; Galindo P; Freytes, IM.	37th Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Orlando, FL	Refereed

Date	Type	Title/Authors	Conference Title, City/State	Refereed/ Invited
11/2019	Podium	Exploring the Relationship Between Stroke Survivors' Activities of Daily Living and Caregiver Depressive Symptoms by Race/Ethnicity/ <b>Lopez, J.</b> Schmitzberger M., LeLaurin J., Orozco T., Eliazar-Macke N., Findley K., Freytes I.M., Chen X., Uphold, C. R	Public Health Day, College of Public Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Refereed
04/2019	Poster	Exploring the acceptability of an Online and Telephone Support Intervention for Stroke Caregivers./ <b>Lopez, J.;</b> LeLaurin, J, Schmitzberger, M., Orozco T., Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes I., Vasudevan, V., Stacciarini, J.M., Uphold, C.R.	Nursing Research Summit and Malasanos Lectureship, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Refereed
02/2019	Poster Discussion	Exploring the acceptability of an Online and Telephone Support Intervention for Stroke Caregivers./ Lopez, J.; LeLaurin, J., Schmitzberger, M.,; Orozco T., Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes, I. M., Vasudevan, V., Stacciarini, J.M., Uphold, C.R.	33rd Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Orlando, FL	Refereed
03/2018	Poster	Translation and Cultural Implications: Psychosocial Health Determinants in Rural Latinos. / <b>Lopez, J.</b> , Reyes, L., & Stacciarini, J. M	32nd Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Atlanta, GA	Refereed
01/2018	Poster	Rural Latinos, Psychosocial Health Determinants, Translation and Cultural Implications. Poster Presentation at Gator Health Forum/Lopez, J., Kelly, B. A., & Stacciarini,	Gator Health Forum, College of Public Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Refereed
03/2016	Poster	Language Translation: Cross Cultural Understanding of Psychosocial Health Determinants of Rural Latino Immigrants/ <b>Lopez, J.</b> , Kelly, B. A., & Stacciarini, J. M	Research Day, College of Nursing, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Refereed
02/2016	Podium	Language Translation: Cross Cultural Understanding of Psychosocial Health Determinants of Rural Latino Immigrants/ <b>Lopez, J.</b> , Kelly, B. A., & Stacciarini, J. M	30 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Arlington, VA	Refereed

## **HONORS/AWARDS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Organization/Group</b>
2023	Outstanding Employee Performance Award	Chief of Staff, Veterans Health Administration
2018-2020	Jonas Veteran Scholar	Jonas Philanthropies
2017-2019	Thomas H. Maren Doctoral Scholar	College of Nursing, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2019	First Place in the Graduate PhD Poster Category	College of Nursing, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2016	Excellence in Research Award	College of Nursing, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2016-2018	University of Florida Graduate Grant	University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2016-2018	North Florida Doctoral Consortium Scholarship	College of Nursing, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2015-2016	Chamings Family Nurse Scholarship	College of Nursing, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2012-2016	Douglas Turner Grant	University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2012-2016	AIM Scholar	Office of Academic Support (OAS) for Undergraduate Affairs, University of Florida, Gainesville FL
2012-2016	Florida Bright Future Scholar	Florida Department of Education
2012-2021	Dell Scholar	Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### ***PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Role</b>
2023 - Present	National Hispanic Science Network	Member
2022-Present	American Public Health Association (Nursing Public Health)	Abstract Reviewer
2018 – Present	Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing	Member
2016-2018	Academy Health	Member
2016 - Present	Southern Nursing Research Society	Member; Co-Chair Minority Health RIIG
2015-2016	Florida Nursing Students Association	Member

### ***COMMUNITY SERVICE:***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Role</b>
2019	Latina Women League, Gainesville FL	English tutor
2018	Camp Boggy Creek-Airway and Asthma Week, Eustis, FL	Camper friend volunteer
2017-2018	Project Mentee, Gainesville FL	Youth mentor
2017	Habitat for Humanity, Birmingham, AL	Habitat volunteer
2015-2021	Gator Nurse Student Ambassador, College of Nursing, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Student Ambassador
2015-2016	Peer Mentoring College of Nursing, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Peer Mentor
2015-2016	Bone Zone, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Educator Volunteer
2015	Global Mission Training, Santo Domingo, DR	Nurse student volunteer

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2015	Camp Royall-Autism Society, Moncure NC	Camp Volunteer
2014-2017	Soccer Alliance TOP Soccer, Gainesville, FL	Best Buddy Volunteer
2014	Department of Surgical/Transplant/Urology, UF Health Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL	Student Volunteer
2013	Motiv8 Mentor, Center for Leadership and Service, University of Florida, Gainesville,	Youth Mentor
2013	Sidney Lanier Center, Gainesville, FL	Teaching Assistant Volunteer
2013	St. Francis House, Gainesville, FL	Client Services Volunteer
2012	Volunteer with Catholic Gators, Gainesville, FL	Volunteer Mission Trip

### **UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES**

#### ***COURSES TAUGHT:***

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>Role</b>
Spring 2022	NGR 6850	Research Methods and Evidence Based Practice	34	Instructor