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EDUCATION

Year	Degree	Institution	Location
2021	PhD	University of Florida	Gainesville, FL
2019	MPH	University of Florida	Gainesville, FL
2016	BSN	University of Florida	Gainesville, FL

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Year	Source	Type	Number
2017	Florida Board of Nursing	Multistate RN	9450647

EMPLOYMENT

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Years	Position	Institution	Location
2024-	Assistant Professor	University of Central Florida	Orlando, FL
2022	Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor	University of Florida College of Nursing	Gainesville, FL

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Years	Position	Institution	Location
2024-	Research Associate, Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA)	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	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

2018-2024	Nurse Interventionist, Health Science Specialist	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System, Research Service	Gainesville, FL.
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CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

Years	Position	Institution	Location
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

AWARDS AND HONORS

Date	Award	Organization/Group
2026-2027	Comprehensive Advancement in Research Education and Training for Social Determinants of Health (CARES) Scholar	Yale School of Nursing, New Haven, CT
2025	Travel Award	National Hispanic Science Network (NHSN), in partnership with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
2025	Outstanding Support at the 2025 LIA Youth Leadership Conference	Latinos In Action (LIA), University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
2024	Grant Writing Academy	Office of Research, University Central of Florida
2024	Great American Teach-In	Pierson Elementary-Volusia County School
2018-2020	Jonas Veteran Scholar	Jonas Philanthropies
2019	First Place in the Graduate PhD Poster Category	College of Nursing, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2017-2019	Thomas H. Maren Doctoral Scholar	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 Affair, University of Florida, Gainesville FL
2012-2016	Florida Bright Future Scholar	Florida Department of Education
2012-2021	Dell Scholar	Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

PUBLICATIONS *data-based; ^ student co-author[s]; underlined text is hyperlinked

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. ^Nguyen, T., **Lopez, J.**, ^Haberland, N., Orozco, T., Orejuela, M., Rivera-Rivera, N., Eliazar-Macke, N., Montague M., & Freytes, I. M. (2026) Enhancing quality of life for hispanic caregivers of veterans post-stroke through a culturally tailored problem-solving intervention. *Research in Health and Medicine* 6 (1)*
2. ^Ali, E., ^Lafontant, K., ^Suarez, J. R. M., ^Leinbach, C. S., Fukuda, D. H., Stout, J. R., Garcia-Retortillo, S., **Lopez, J.**, Xie, R., & Thiamwong, L. (2026). Using the short physical performance battery for frailty screenings among community-dwelling older adults: An roc analysis. *Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, 74(2), 10.*
3. Decker, V.B., Patrick, S., Ozougwu, N., **Lopez, J.**, Suarez, J.R., ^Banarjee, C., ^Dahee, K., ^Leinbach, C., Thiamwong, L. Breaking the cycle: Depressive symptoms, fear of falling, and the case for the integrated mental health interventions in geriatric care. *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services**
4. Malatyali, A., Xie, R., Ojo, E. O., **Lopez, J.**, Diniz, B. S., Kim, D., ... & Thiamwong, L. (2026). Physical activity, health symptoms, and falls in older adults with different cognition levels: evidence from the health and retirement study. *BMC geriatrics*.*
5. ^Lafontant K., ^Stokes Leinbach C., ^Armas N., Marcano Maldonado P., ^ Suarez J.R., ^Banarjee C., **Lopez J.**, Stout J.R., Fukuda D.H., Thiamwong L. (2026). associations between fall risk and lower-limb joint range-of-motion during sit-to-stand among community-dwelling older adults. *Research in Health and Medicine* 6 (1)*
6. ^Latta, C., **Lopez, J.**, Kim, D., ^Lafontant, K., ^Haberland, N., ^Nguyen, T., Malatyali, A., Thiamwong, L. (2026). Mindfulness and depression associated with fall risk in low-income community-dwelling older adults. *Research in Health and Medicine* 6 (1)*
7. **Lopez, J.**, ^Snyder, S., Orozco, T., ^Foulke, H., Orejuela, M., ^Farriss, A., Rivera-Rivera, N., Eliazar-Macke, N., Motta-Valencia, K., & Freytes, I. M. (2025). The impact of a Spanish online and telephone intervention for caregivers of veterans post-stroke: findings on caregiver burden. *Healthcare*, 13(24), 3202. *
8. ^Aleeyah, U., **Lopez, J.**, Komalasari, R., Petcharat, M., Blount, A., Decker, V., Thiamwong, L. (2025) Mindfulness and depression associated with fall risk in low-income community-dwelling older adults. *Research in Health and Medicine* 5(1)*
9. Dino, M. J., Villafuerte, C. M., Decker, V. A., **Lopez, J.**, Cruz, L. E. D., Dino, G. C., Rivero, J. A., Balbin, P. T., Mallo, E., Briggs, C., Thiamwong, L., & Shattell, M. (2025). Remote virtual interactive agents for older adults: Exploring its science via network analysis and systematic review. *Healthcare*, 13(17), 2253.
10. **Lopez, J.**, Orejuela, M., ^Farriss, A., Eliazar-Macke, N., & Freytes, I. M. (2025). Community needs assessment to inform suicide prevention planning: A near-empty scoping review. *Advances in Mental Health*, 1-14.

11. ^Banarjee, C., Xie, R., Chen, C., **Lopez, J.**, & Thiamwong, L. (2025). Using ecological momentary assessment to examine predictors of motivation for physical activity in older adults. *Research in Health and Medicine*, 5(1).*
12. **Lopez, J.**, Dino, J. M., ^Banarjee, C., & Thiamwong, L. Fall prevention interventions for hispanic/latino older adults: A scoping review protocol. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 13, 1615837.
13. ^Lafontant, K., Fukuda, D. H., ^Chovatia, D., ^Latta, C., ^Banarjee, C., Stout, J. R., **Lopez, J.**, Xie, R., & Thiamwong, L. (2025). Examining Classic Bioimpedance Vector Patterns Between BMI Classifications Among Community-Dwelling Older Women. *Sensors*, 25(13), 4181. *
14. LeBeau, K., **Lopez, J.**, Orejuela, M., Eliazar-Macke, N., & Freytes, I. M. (2025). Understanding the intersectionality of the rural Hispanic/Latino Veteran population: a scoping review of health-related challenges. *Ethnicity & Health*, 1–28.
15. ^Liu, Y., Liu, C., Ni, L., Zhang, W., Chen, C., **Lopez, J.**, Zheng, H., Thiamwong, L., & Xie, R., (2025). Effectiveness of PEER intervention on older adults' physical activity time series using smoothing spline ANOVA. *Mathematics*. 13(3) 516. *
16. Freytes, I. M., Eliazar-Macke, N., Orejuela, M., **Lopez, J.**, Spark, T., DeBeer, B., ... & Uphold, C. (2024). Addressing Hispanic veterans that live in rural area's needs to improve suicide prevention efforts. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 1-11.*
17. Freytes, I. M., Schmitzberger, M. K., Rivera-Rivera, N., **Lopez, J.**, Motta-Valencia, K., Wu, S. S., ... & Uphold, C. R. (2023). Study protocol of 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. BMC Primary Care*, 24(1), 73.
18. **Lopez, J.**, Stacciarini, J. M., Scarton, L., & Uphold, C. R. (2022). Interventions for informal caregivers of stroke survivors: is there racial and ethnic representation in stroke caregiver studies?. *Rehabilitation Nursing Journal*, 47(1), 3-11.

EDITORIALS

1. **Lopez, J.**, & Thiamwong, L. (2026). Closing the distance: culturally responsive mental health care for rural hispanic/latino older adults. *Journal of psychosocial nursing and mental health services*, 64(2), 7–12.
2. Thiamwong, L., **Lopez, J.**, & Leinbach, C. B. (2025). Building research infrastructure to address psychosocial frailty and reach underserved aging populations. *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*, 63(2), 7-10.

NON-PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Freytes, I.M., **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->
2. Freytes, I.M., River-River, N., **Lopez, J.**, Mylott, D. (2022) Guía para veteranos/as después de un derrame

cerebral. (2nd ed.), *Department of Veterans Affairs*.

BOOKS

BOOK CHAPTERS

TECHNICAL REPORTS

PUBLISHED PROCEEDINGS

PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

1. **Lopez, J.**, Thiamwong, L., Xie, R., & Loerzel, V. (2025). Fall prevention for rural Spanish-speaking communities: Pilot study. *Innovation in Aging*, 9(Supplement_2), igaf122-4351
2. **Lopez, J.**, Kim, D., Liu, Y., Xie, R., Tice, A., Dino, M., ... & Thiamwong, L. (2025). Longitudinal associations between anxiety, frailty, and aging perceptions among Hispanic older adults. *Innovation in Aging*, 9(Supplement_2), igaf122-2489.
3. **Lopez, J.**, Orejuela, M., Eliazar-Macke, N., Roy, A., Orozco, T., & Freytes, I. (2025). A telephone & online intervention for Spanish-speaking post-stroke caregivers: Enhancing self-efficacy. *Innovation in Aging*, 9(Supplement_2), igaf122-2970.
4. Komalasari, R., Hill, N., Malatyali, A., **Lopez, J.**, Garcia-Retortillo, S., Zou, J., ... & Thiamwong, L. (2025). Fear of falling and subjective cognitive decline in racially diverse adults aged 60+ in low-income communities. *Innovation in Aging*, 9(Supplement_2), igaf122-3771.
5. Decker, V., Suarez, J. R., Liu, Y., **Lopez, J.**, Dino, M., Kim, D., ... & Thiamwong, L. (2025). Screening depression, falls, and fear of falling in older adults: Create community partnerships. *Innovation in Aging*, 9(Supplement_2), igaf122-2640.
6. Tice, A., **Lopez, J.**, Kim, D., Xie, R., & Thiamwong, L. (2025). Comparing cognitive function tools and their relationships with physical frailty measures. *Innovation in Aging*, 9(Supplement_2), igaf122-2365.
7. Malatyali, A., Cidav, T., Kim, D., **Lopez, J.**, Decker, V., & Thiamwong, L. (2025). Psychological outcomes of multimorbidity: Anxiety, stress and depression in Hispanic/Latino older adults. *Innovation in Aging*, 9(Supplement_2), igaf122-059.
8. Kim, D., Luong, T., Lopez, J., Malatyali, A., Thiamwong, L., Tice, A., ... & Xie, R. (2025). Self-perception of aging and life satisfaction of Hispanic older adults: The role of family relationship. *Innovation in Aging*, 9(Supplement_2), igaf122-3077.
9. LeBeau, K., **Lopez, J.**, Findley, K., Kreider, C., Hanson, C. (2025) An environmental scan of adaptive sports for rural veterans: Preliminary findings and implications for ot., *OT Summit of Scholars 2024 Abstracts. OTJR: Occupational Therapy Journal of Research.*;45(2):295-332.
doi:10.1177/15394492241304598
10. Leinbach, C., Tice, A., & **Lopez, J.** (2024). University-city partnership to recruit diverse, low-income seniors to alleviate health disparities. *Innovation in Aging*, 8(Suppl 1), 1224.

11. Tice, A., Chen, C., Gurupur, V., Ng, B. P., Fukuda, D., **Lopez, J.**, ... & Thiamwong, L. (2024). Inadequate sleep associated with frailty development and fall risk in low-income older adults. *Innovation in Aging*, 8(Supplement_1), 1252-1252.
12. **Lopez, J.**, LeBeau, K., Orejuela, M., Eliazar-Macke, N., & Freytes, I. M. (2024). Understanding the Intersectionality of the rural Hispanic/Latino veteran population: A scoping review of health-related challenges. In 2024 Annual Research Meeting. *AcademyHealth*.
13. **Lopez, J.**, Orejuela, M., Eliazar-Macke, N., Montague, M., & Freytes, I. M. (2024). Examining suicide disparities among rural-dwelling Hispanic veterans: A quality improvement project. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 261, 111213.
14. **Lopez, J.**, Orejuela, M., Eliazar-Macke, N., Rivera-Rivera, N., Findley, K., Galindo, P., & Freytes, I. M. (2024). Addressing recruitment barriers among Hispanic study participants. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 261, 111214.
15. Orejuela, M., **Lopez, J.**, Eliazar-Macke, N., Galindo, P., Debeer, B., & Freytes, I. M. (2024). Developing a culturally relevant community suicide needs assessment tool for rural Hispanic veterans in Puerto Rico. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 261, 111226.
16. LeBeau, K., **Lopez, J.**, Orejuela, M., Eliazar-Macke, N., & Freytes, I. M. (2023, November). Health-related challenges of the rural Hispanic/Latino veteran population: A scoping review. In *APHA 2023 Annual Meeting and Expo*. APHA.
17. Orejuela, M., **Lopez, J.**, Eliazar-Macke, N., Rivera-Rivera, N., Galindo, P., Uphold, C., & Freytes, I. M. (2023, November). Cultural adaptation of a Spanish online and telephone intervention of caregivers of veterans post-stroke. In *APHA 2023 Annual Meeting and Expo*. APHA.
18. Orejuela, M., **Lopez, J.**, Rivera-Rivera, N., Galindo, P., Eliazar-Macke, N., Findley, K., Uphold, C.R., Freytes, I.M. (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>
19. Eliazar-Macke, N., Uphold, C., Orejuela, M., **Lopez, J.**, Freytes, I.M. (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>
20. Freytes, I.M, Schmitzberger, M.K., River-River, N., Mylott, D., **Lopez, J.**, Motta-Valencia, K., & Uphold, C.R. (2019). Serving underserved veterans and their caregiver: developing tailored culturally relevant interventions. *Innovation in Aging*, 3(Supplement_1), S674-S674.

UNDER REVIEW (*data-based; _ student(s))

1. Dino, M. J., Villafuerte, C. M., Pimentel, J., Chepkorir, J., **Lopez, J.**, Dino, G., Alonzo, M. L., Tuiza, A. Y. A., Bacalzo, D. L., Briggs, C., Thiamwong, L., & Shattell, M. Gamification features in extended

reality applications for health of older adults: A systematic review. *Journal of Health Informatics Research*.

2. Crook, J.M., Lee, E., Rockenstyre, A., Thiamwong, L., **Lopez, J.**, & Loerzel, V. (2025). Nutritional insecurity and disparities between food security assessment, micronutrient intake and plasma status. *Public Health Nutrition Journal*. (Under review).
3. Feliciano, E., Rojo, M., Jonathan Rodriguez, J.R, **Lopez J.**, & Joel Gittelsohn, J. Engaging Faith Communities in Hispanic Child Obesity Prevention: Church Leaders' Insights on Barriers and Cultural Strategies. *Global Qualitative Nursing Research*. (Under review).
4. Banarjee, C., Lafontant, K., Suarez, J. R., **Lopez, J.**, Wang, Z., Leinbach, C., Xie, R., & Thiamwong, L. (n.d.). Characterization of physical health variables across fall risk appraisal groups: A cross-sectional study [Manuscript submitted for publication]. *BMC Geriatrics*. (Under review).

IN PROGRESS / IN PREPARATION (*data-based; _ student(s))

1. **Lopez, J.**, Orejuela, M., Farris, A., Rivera-Rivera, N., Eliazar-Macke, N., Uphold, C. R., & Freytes, I.M. Culturally adapting the resources & education for stroke caregivers' understanding & empowerment (RESCUE) intervention for Hispanic caregivers of veterans with stroke. *Frontiers in Aging*.
2. Rees C., Banarjee, C., Haberland, N., Lafontant, K., Xie, R., Thiamwong, L., **Lopez, J.** MFRA Rural Hispanic Adults. *Research in Health and Medicine* *
3. **Lopez, J.**, Nolan, H.T., Orejuela, M., Rivera-Rivera, N., Eliazar-Macke, N., & Freytes., I.M. Addressing Recruitment Barriers Among Spanish-Speaking Study Participants *Stroke Rehabilitation Topics*
4. **Lopez, J.**, Dino, M.J., Banarjee C., Thiamwong, L., Fall Prevention Intervention for Hispanic/Latino Older Adults: A Scoping Review. *Frontiers in Public Health*.
5. Rivera-Rivera N., **Lopez J.**, Diaz-Guevara B., Haberland N., Using Virtual Reality to improve Chronic Pain and Mental Health: A Case Report. *Frontiers in Psychiatric*
6. **Lopez, J.**, Kim, D., Latta, C., Rees C., Xie R., Lui, Yi., Thiamwong, L. Longitudinal Associations Between Anxiety, Frailty, and Aging Perceptions Among Hispanic Older Adults. Hispanic*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

DISSERTATION (optional)

Lopez, J. (2021). An exploration of minority and non-minority caregivers of veteran stroke survivors. [Doctoral dissertation, University of Florida]. Institutional Repository at UF.
https://ufl-flvc.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/permalink/01FALSC_UFL/6ad6fc/alma99383923688206597

MEDIA RELATED TO RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Op-Eds/Blog Posts

Radio/Talk Shows/Podcasts (Host or Guest)

1. Guest Speaker. (2025). *100 Latina Birthdays*. *Latina Veterans suffer from "Pushing Through" Pain (Season 3, Episode 5)* [Audio podcast episode]. LWC studios.
<https://100-latina-birthdays.simplecast.com/episodes>

2. Guest Speaker. (2025). *AVIDly Adulting Episode 7: Fueling success – Eating healthy while at work* [Audio podcast episode]. In *AVIDly Adulting podcast*. AVIDly Productions.
<https://www.avidlyadultingpodcast.com>

Interviews/Media Contributions

Webinars; Livestream events

RESEARCH and GRANTS RESEARCH GRANTS AND SCHOLARLY PROJECTS—FUNDED and PENDING

<i>Year</i>	<i>Title, Funding Agency, Role, Investigators</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2026 <i>Submitted</i> 02/28/2026	Addressing the Needs of Rural Veterans with Lung Cancer. US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health's (ORH) Veterans Rural Health Resource Center in Gainesville (VRHRC-GNV), Role: Lead	\$149,646.00
2026 <i>Submitted</i> 02/28/2026	Aging Safely, Living Fully: Community Fall-Risk Screening Led by Community Health Work AARP Flagship grant. PI: Janet Lopez, Co-Is: Michael Joseph Dino, Ladda Thiamwong, Veronica Decker and Jennifer Crook	\$15,000
2026-2027 <i>Submitted</i> 02/02/2026	Integrating Mental Health and Physical Mobility: Development of a Bilingual Digital Problem-Solving Intervention for Hispanic/Latino Older Adults. Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE) at the University of Central Florida. Role PI [Co-Is: Ladda Thiamwong, Michael Joseph Dino, Veronica Decker].	\$3,600
2026- 2030 <i>Resubmission</i> 11/2025	Healthy Aging on Wheels: An AI-Driven Mobile Platform for Frailty Screening and Preventive Care in Low-income Communities. National Institute on Aging (NIA) R61/R33 Role: MPI Ladda Thiamwong, Rui Xie, Chen Chen. Co-Is: Janet Lopez , Qun Hou, Hwan Choi, Sergi Garcia-Retortillo, Boon Peng Ng, Weiwei Zhan, Yu Tian, Qian Lou, Song Wang Faculty Collaborators: Helen Huang, Angela Vergara, Varadraj Gurupur, David Fukuda, Nichole Lighthall, Christopher Emrich, Caridad Hernandez. *Team from five colleges, ten departments, and five clusters at UCF.	\$3,711,680 <i>Pending</i>
2026-2029 <i>Resubmission</i> 11/2025	Cultural adaptation of a technology-based body and mind intervention to prevent falls in rural communitiesK23: Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award. Role: PI/Mentee [Primary Mentor: Thiamwong, Co-mentors: Vicki Loerzel and Rui Xie.]	\$492,552 <i>Pending</i>
2026-2030 <i>Submitted</i> 10/2025	Digital STEADI: Enhancing Fall Prevention at the Point of Care through Innovative Digital Healthcare Solutions. R21/R33. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), R21HS031288 Role: PI .Thiamwong, Co-Is: Rui Xie (Statistics), Chen Chen (AI), Janet Lopez (CON)	\$999,993 <i>Pending</i>
10/2025- 9/2026	Cultural Adaptation of a Diabetes Intervention for Rural Hispanic Veterans- Year 2. US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health's (ORH) Veterans Rural Health Resource Center in Gainesville (VRHRC-GNV), Role: Cultural Adaptation. Lead [MPI]: Freytes IM and Melanie Orejuela	\$207,290 FTE 24%

2025	Spring 2025 Research Mentoring and Collaboration Program Assistant/Associate/Full Professors, University of Central Florida, Office of Research. Role: Mentee [Mentor Ladda, Thiamwong]	\$3,000
10/2024- 10/2025	Cultural adaptation of a technology-based body and mind digital health intervention to prevent frailty and falls for rural Spanish-speaking communities (Seed funding: CONU000179) Dr. Frances Smith Founding Faculty Fund in UCF Foundation) Role: PI: Janet Lopez.	\$ 4,000
10/2024- 09/2025	The role of ethnicity in rural-urban PTSD service-connected disability disparities. Office of Rural Health's (ORH) Veterans Rural Health Resource Center in Gainesville (VRHRC-GNV), Role: MPI [MPIs: Lopez J, Freytes IM]	\$212,625 15% FTE
10/2024- 09/2025	Cultural Adaptation of a Diabetes Intervention for Rural Hispanic Veterans. US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health's (ORH) Veterans Rural Health Resource Center in Gainesville (VRHRC-GNV), Project ID: PROJFY-010261. Role: Cultural Adaptation Lead [MPI]: Freytes IM and Melanie Orejuela.	\$178,091 5% FTE
10/2023- 09/2024	An Environmental Scan of Adaptive Sports for Rural Veterans. US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health's (ORH) Veterans Rural Health Resource Center in Gainesville (VRHRC-GNV), Role: MPI [MPIs: Lopez J, LeBeau K]	\$96,325 In-Kind 30% FTE
10/2022- 09/2024	Rural Hispanic/Latino Veterans: Developing Culturally Appropriate Practices. 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. Role: Co-PI. [PI: Freytes IM]	\$288,179 In-Kind 20% FTE
2017- 2024	Spanish Online & Telephone Intervention for Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke, Veteran Affairs., U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Health Services Research and Development, IIR 15-117, Role: Nurse interventionist /Project coordinator [PI: Freytes. IM]	\$1,243,961
2014- 2016	Internet and Telephone Support Intervention for Stroke Caregivers. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Rehabilitation Research and Development, D1395., Role: Graduate research assistant. [PI: Uphold, C.]	\$200,000
2012-2015	Health Inequalities: Social Isolation Among Rural Latinos, National Institute of Health, National Institute of Nursing Research, 5K01NR013672-03., Role: Research assistant. [PI: Stacciarini JM]	\$84, 861

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS—FUNDED

Year	Title, Funding Agency, Role, Investigators	Amount
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RESEARCH, EDUCATIONAL, AND PROJECT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED—NON-FUNDED

Year	Grant	Amount
04/2026-05/2030	Development and validation of dynamic balance matrix to predict fall risk (NIH F30) Role: Mentor. PI/Mentee: Chitra (Chippy) Banarjee.	\$259,096
5/2025	Empowering Underserved Communities: Deploying AI-Driven Nutrition and Health Coaching to Tackle Food Insecurity and Chronic Illness in Urban and Rural Low-income Communities, Florida Blue Foundation. Role: Co-PI [PI: Ladda Thiamwong; Co-Is: Chen Chen (AI/Computer Vision)]	\$399,982
5/2025	Implementing a tele-technology-based body and mind intervention with an AI-powered smartphone application for older caregivers and older adults in rural and non-rural areas: A dyadic intervention study. LOI. Research Retirement Foundation. Role: Co- I [PI: Ladda Thiamwong; Co-Is: Chen Chen (AI/Computer Vision), Rui Xie (Statistics).]	\$200,000
2/2025	Cultural adaptation of a technology-based body and mind intervention to prevent falls in rural communities. K23: Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award. Role: PI/Mentee [Primary Mentor: Thiamwong, Co-mentors: Vicki Loerzel and Rui Xie.]	\$492,552 <i>Discussed Scored: 52</i>
2025	Socialization, Technology, And Resilience (STAR) program. AARP Flagship grant. PI: Janet Lopez, Co-Is: Michael Joseph Dino (Post-doctoral fellow), Ladda Thiamwong, Veronica Decker and Carla Leinbach (PhD student)	\$24,328
2025-2026	Cultural Adaptation of a Technology-Based Body & Mind Intervention for Spanish-Speaking Older Living in a Rural Community. Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE) at the University of Central Florida. Role PI [Co-Is: Ladda Thiamwong, Michael Joseph Dino].	\$6,436
2025-2030	Research Engagement, Accessibility, and Digital Health Interventions Bus (ReadiBus). National Institute on Aging (NIA) R61AG94605 Role: Co-I [MPI: Thiamwong L. & Xie R.]	\$3,686,025 <i>Resubmitted</i>

PRESENTATIONS (*data-based; ^ student co-author[s]; Type—podium, poster, keynote, invited)

INTERNATIONAL

Month/Year	Title/Conference/Location	Type
11/2025	Lopez, J., Thiamwong, L., Xie, R., & Loerzel, V. Fall prevention for rural Spanish-speaking communities: Pilot Study. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.	Paper Discussion
11/2025	Lopez, J., Kim, D., Liu, Y., Xie, R., Tice, A., Dino, M. J., Malatyali, A., & Thiamwong, L. Longitudinal associations between anxiety, frailty, and aging perceptions among Hispanic older adults. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.	Poster
11/2025	Lopez, J., Kim, D., Liu, Y., Xie, R., Tice, A., Dino, M. J., Malatyali, A., & Thiamwong, L. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.	Poster
11/2025	Kim, D., Luong, T., Lopez, J., Malatyali, A., Thiamwong, L., Tice, A., Li, Y., & Xie, R. Self-perception of aging and life satisfaction of Hispanic older adults: The role of family relationship. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.	Poster
11/2025	Tice, A., Lopez, J., Kim, D., Xie, R., & Thiamwong, L. Comparing cognitive function tools and their relationships with physical frailty measures. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.	Poster

11/2025	Komalasari, R., Hill, N., Malatyali, A., Lopez, J. , Garcia-Retortillo, S., Zou, J., Decker, V. and Thiamwong, L., 2025. Fear of Falling and Subjective Cognitive Decline in Racially Diverse Adults Aged 60+ in Low-Income Communities. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.	Poster
11/2025	Decker, V. B., Suarez, J., Lopez, J. , Liu, Y., Dino, M. J., Kim, D., Banarjee, C., & Thiamwong, L. Screening depression, falls, fear of falling in older adults: Create community partnership. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.	Poster
11/2025	Malatyali, A., Cidav, Y., Kim, D., Lopez, J. , Decker, V., & Thiamwong, L. Psychological outcomes of multimorbidity: Anxiety, stress and depression in Hispanic/Latino older adults. Gerontological Society of America (GSA), Boston, MA.	Podium
11/2024	Tice AL, Chen C, Gurupur V, Peng Ng B, Fukuda D, Lopez J , Choi H, Thiamwong L. Inadequate Sleep Associated with Frailty Development and Fall Risk in Low-Income Older Adults. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Conference. Poster Presentation. Seattle, WA	Poster
11/2024	Leinbach, C., Tice, A., Lopez, J. , Thiamwong, L. University-City Partnership to Recruit Diverse, Low-Income Seniors to Alleviate Health Disparities. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting. Podium presentation. Seattle, WA	Podium

NATIONAL

Month/Year	Title/Conference/Location	Type
07/2026 (accepted)	Lopez J. , Orejuela M., Rivera, Rivera N., Shell P., & Freytes., I.M. Hispanic Stroke Caregivers & Problem Solving. National Association of Hispanic Nurse (NAHN) 51st Annual Conference, Denver, CO	Podium
07/2026 (accepted)	Lopez J. , Dino M.J., Banarjee, C., Thiamwong L. Fall Prevention Interventions for Older Hispanic/Latinos. National Association of Hispanic Nurse (NAHN) 51st Annual Conference, Denver, CO	Poster
10/2025	Decker, V.B., Suarez, J.R., Lopez, J. , Lui, Y., Dino, M.J., Kim, D., Banarjee, C., Thiamwong, L. Partnering with Community Centers to Screen for Depression and Fear of Falling Among Older Adults. 39th Annual APNA Conference, New Orleans, LA.	Poster
10/2025	Orejuela M., Lopez J. , Rivera, Rivera N., Eliazar-Macke N., & Freytes., I.M. The Cultural Adaption of the Advanced Comprehensive Diabetes Care (ACDC) Program for Rural Hispanic Veterans. National Hispanic Science Network, Miami, FL	Poster
10/2025	Lopez J. , Orejuela M., Rivera, Rivera N., Eliazar-Macke N., & Freytes., I.M. Exploring the Acceptability of a Telephone and Online Intervention for Spanish-Speaking Stroke Caregivers: A Randomized Controlled Trial. National Hispanic Science Network, Miami, FL	Poster
10/2025	Haberland, N., Nguyen, T., Lopez J. , Orozco, T., Orejuela M., Rivera, Rivera N., Eliazar-Macke N., & Freytes., I.M. Improving Quality of Life for Spanish-Speaking Caregivers of Veterans Post-Stroke: Results from a Culturally Tailored Telephone and Online Problem-Solving Intervention. National Hispanic Science Network, Miami, FL	Poster
10/2025	Decker, V.B., Suarez, J.R., Lopez, J. , Lui, Y., Dino, M.J., Kim, D., Banarjee,	Poster

C., Thiamwong, L. Partnering with Community Centers to Screen for Depression and Fear of Falling Among Older Adults. 39th Annual APNA Conference, New Orleans, LA.

06/2025	Freytes, I. M., Orejuela, M., Lopez, J. , LeBeau, K., & Eliazar-Macke, N. (2025). Developing culturally appropriate practices focused on rural Hispanic Veterans [Webinar]. <i>HSR Cyber Seminar, VA Health Systems Research, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.</i>	Webinar
06/2024	Lopez J. , LeBeau K., Orejuela M., Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes IM., Understanding the intersectionality of rural Hispanic/Latino Veteran population: A Scoping Review., Academy Health 2024 Annual Research Meeting. Baltimore, MD	Poster
11/2023	LeBeau K., Lopez J. , Orejuela M., Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes I.M., Health-related challenges of the rural Hispanic/Latino Veteran population: A Scoping Review., American Public Health Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA	Poster
11/2023	Orejuela M., Lopez J. , Rivera-Rivera N., Eliazar-Macke N., Findley K., Galindo P., Uphold C.R., Freytes I.M., Cultural adaptation of a Spanish Online and Telephone intervention of Caregivers of Veterans Post-Stroke., American Public Health Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA	Poster
09/2023	Lopez J. , Rivera-Rivera N., Orejuela M., Eliazar-Macke N., Findley K., Galindo P., Freytes, I.M. Addressing recruitment barriers among Hispanic study participants., National Hispanic Science Network, Washington DC	Poster
09/2023	Orejuela M., Lopez J. , Eliazar-Macke N., Galindo P., DeBeer B., Spark T., Freytes I.M., Developing a Culturally Relevant Community Suicide Needs Assessment Tool for Rural Hispanic Veterans in Puerto Rico., National Hispanic Science Network, Washington DC	Poster
09/2023	Lopez J. , Orejuela M., Eliazar-Macke N., Montague M., Freytes I.M., Examining suicide disparities among rural-dwelling Hispanic veterans: a quality improvement project., National Hispanic Science Network, Washington DC	Poster
02/2023	Orejuela M., Lopez J. , Rivera-Rivera N., Galindo P., Eliazar-Macke N., Findley K., Uphold C.R., Freytes I.M., Methodology of a RCT testing the impact of a Spanish Online and Telephone Intervention for Hispanic Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke., HSR&D/QUERI National Meeting, Baltimore, MD	Poster
02/2023	Eliazar-Macke N., Uphold C., Orejuela M., Lopez J. , Freytes I.M. Creating a tool to examine the unmet community suicide prevention needs of rural Hispanic Veterans using a community participatory based approach., HSR&D/QUERI National Meeting, Baltimore, MD	Poster

REGIONAL

Month/Year	Title/Conference/Location	Type
02/2026	Ali, E., Lafontant, K., Suarez, J.R., Leinbach, C. Fukuda, D., Stout, J., Garcia-Retortillo, S., Lopez, J., Xie, R., Thiamwong, L. Assessing Diagnostic Accuracy of the Short Physical Performance Battery to Detect Frailty Among Community-Dwelling Older Adults Southeast American College of Sports Medicine, Greenville, SC	Poster
02/2026	Orejuela M., Lopez J. , Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes I.M. Cultural Adaptation	Podium

	of a Diabetes Intervention: Findings from Qualitative Interviews. 40th Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Austin, TX	
02/2025	Lopez J. , Orejuela M., River-River N., Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes I.M., Spanish Online and Telephone Intervention for Stroke Caregivers of Veterans., 39th Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Memphis, TN	Podium
02/2025	Orejuela M., Lopez J. , Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes I.M., Cultural Adaptation of a Diabetes Intervention for Rural Hispanic Veterans., 39th Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Memphis, TN	Podium
02/2024	Lopez J. , LeBeau K., Orejuela M., Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes I.M., Exploring the Intersectionality of Rural Hispanic/Latino Veterans: A Descriptive Study., 38th Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Charlotte, NC	Poster
03/2023	Lopez J. , Rivera-Rivera N., Orejuela M., Eliazar-Macke N., Findley K., Galindo P., Freytes I.M., Overcoming the Impact of Natural Disasters, a Global Pandemic, and Migration in a RCT for Spanish Speaking Caregivers in Puerto Rico., 37th Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Orlando, FL	Poster
02/2019	Lopez J. , LeLaurin J., Schmitzberger M., Orozco T., Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes I.M., Vasudevan V., Stacciarini J.M., Uphold C.R., Exploring the acceptability of an Online and Telephone Support Intervention for Stroke Caregivers., 33rd Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Orlando, FL	Poster Discussion
02/2016	Lopez J. , Kelly B.A., & Stacciarini J.M., Language Translation: Cross Cultural Understanding of Psychosocial Health Determinants of Rural Latino Immigrants., 30th Annual Conference Southern Nursing Research Society, Arlington, VA	Podium

STATE/LOCAL

Month/Year	Title/Conference/Location	Type
03/2026	Parikh, M., Lopez J. , Zou F., & Thiamwong L. Development of a Human-Centered Virtual Reality Simulation Framework of the Internet of Things (IoT)-Aware Multi-Agent Training for Older Adults. Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Chapter 34 th Annual Scholarship Day, University of Central, College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	Podium
03/2026	Lopez J. , Orejuela M., Rivera, Rivera N., Eliazar-Macke N., & Freytes., I.M. Acceptability of a Telephone and Online Intervention for Spanish-Speaking Stroke Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Chapter 34 th Annual Scholarship Day, University of Central, College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	Podium
03/2026	Orejuela M., Shell P., Lopez J. , Eliazar-Macke N., Crowley M., Freytes IM., Cultural Adaptation of a Diabetes Intervention: Findings from Qualitative Interviews Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Chapter 34 th Annual Scholarship Day, University of Central, College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	Podium
03/2026	Chovatia, D., Lopez, J. , Lafontant, K., & Thiamwong, L. The Association Between Anxiety and Health Information Technology Use Among Low-Income Older Adults. Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Chapter 34 th Annual Scholarship Day, University of Central, College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	Poster
03/2026	Haberland, N., Nguyen, T., Lopez J. , Orozco, T., Orejuela M., Rivera, Rivera N., Eliazar-Macke N., & Freytes., I.M. Improving Caregiver Mental	Podium

	Health Quality of Life: A Culturally Tailored Problem-Solving Intervention for Spanish-Speaking Hispanic Stroke Caregivers. Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Chapter 34 ^t Annual Scholarship Day, University of Central, College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	
03/2026	Rojos Artistizabal S., Banarjee C, Hollis R., Benoze F., Lopez J. , Thiamwong L. Developing an At-Home Fall Risk Screening Kit Aligned with CDC STEADI: A Pilot Test. 2026 UCF Student Scholar Symposium, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	Poster
03/2026	Nauman A., Sheikh M., Reynolds S., Banarjee C., Lopez J. , Xie R., Thiamwong L. Associations of Timed Up and Go subtasks with frailty in older adults. 2026 UCF Student Scholar Symposium, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	Poster
03/2026	Ali, E., Lafontant, K., Suarez, J. R. M.,Leinbach, C. S., Fukuda, D. H., Stout, J. R., Garcia-Retortillo, S., Lopez, J. , Xie, R., & Thiamwong, L. Using the Short Physical Performance Battery for Frailty Screenings Among Community-Dwelling Older Adults: an Roc Analysis. 2026 UCF Student Scholar Symposium, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	Poster
03/2026	Chovatia, D., Lopez, J. , Lafontant, K., &Thiamwong, L. Anxiety and Health Information Technology Among Low-Income Older Adults: A Cross-Sectional Analysis. 2026 UCF Student Scholar Symposium, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	Poster
03/2026	Rees C., Banarjee, C., Rui Xie Thiamwong, L., & Lopez, J. , Examining Fall Risk and Fear of Falling in Rural Hispanic Adults 45+. 2026 UCF Student Scholar Symposium, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL	Poster
03/2026	Baker M., Banarjee C., Lopez J. , Ojo E., Thiamwong L. Acceptability and Feasibility of Delivering the Otago Exercise Program Through Care.Coach. University of Central Florida Biomedical Engineering Symposium, Orlando FL	
03/2026	Chovatia, D., Lopez, J. , Lafontant, K., &Thiamwong, L. Turning to Tech: Anxiety and Technology Engagement in Low-Income Older Adults. Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC), Jacksonville, FL.	Poster
03/2026	Baker M., Banarjee C., Lopez J. , Ojo E., Thiamwong L. Acceptability and Feasibility of Delivering the Otago Exercise Program Through Care.Coach. Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC), Jacksonville, FL.	Poster
03/2026	Rees C., Banarjee, C., Rui Xie Thiamwong, L., & Lopez, J. Maladaptive Fall-Risk Appraisal and Fall Incidence in Rural Spanish-Speaking Community-Dwelling Adults Aged 45+. Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC), Jacksonville, FL.	Poster
02/2026	Farriss, A., Orejuela, M., Shell, P., Lopez, J. , Rivera-Rivera, N., Eliazar-Macke, N., Uphold, C., & Freytes, I. M. Spanish Online and Telephone Intervention for Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke: Qualitative Findings on a Problem-Solving Method. 2026 College of Medicine Celebration of Research, UF Health and the University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, FL.	Poster
11/2025	Farriss A, Orejuela M, Shell P, Lopez J. , Rivera-Rivera N, Eliazar-Macke N, Uphold C, Freytes IM. Spanish Online and Telephone Intervention for Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke. Presented at Malcom Randall VA Medical Center’s Research Day, Gainesville FL.	Poster
10/2025	Lopez, J. , Only Leaves Should Fall: Empowering Aging in Place through Preventive Care and Tech-Enabled Solutions. Sigma Theta Tau International	Podium

(STTI) Conference, Orlando, FL. *Guest speaker*. October 16, 2025.

09/2025	Chen C., Lopez J. , Jones M., Millman A., Bridging Research and in Hospitality and Health, Wellness & Accessibility: Collaboration Opportunity Across Nursing and Hospitality (Fall 2025 Workshop), University of Central Florida, Rosen College of Hospitality Management, Orlando, FL	Panel
04/2025	Leinbach C., Tice A., Lopez J. , Thiamwong L., Optimizing Recruitment of Community Dwelling, Diverse, Low-Income Adults 60+ for a Clinical Trial. Study. Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Chapter 33rd Annual Scholarship Day, University of Central, College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	Podium
04/2025	Latta C., Kim D., Lopez J. , Thiamwong L., Cognitive Impairment is more Prevalent in Hispanic Older Adults than their Non-Hispanic White Counterparts: A Cross-Sectional Study. Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Chapter 33rd Annual Scholarship Day, University of Central, College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	Podium
04/2025	Thiamwong L., Xie R., Chen C., Lopez J. , Tice A., Choi H., Hou Q., Leinbach C., Vergara A., Huang H., Gurupur V., Fukuda D., Peng Ng B., Lighthall N., Emrich C., Research Engagement, Accessibility, and Digital Health Interventions Bus (ReadiBus Project): Development of Interdisciplinary Aging Research Infrastructure. Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Chapter 33rd Annual Scholarship Day, University of Central, College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	Podium
04/2025	Lopez J. , Orejuela M., Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes I.M. Rural Hispanic/Latino Veterans: Developing Culturally Appropriate Practices. Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Chapter 33rd Annual Scholarship Day, University of Central, College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	Podium
04/2025	Farriss A., Orejuela M., Lopez J. , Eliazar-Macke N., Rivera-Rivera N., Motta-Valencia K., Uphold C., Freytes I.M., Impact of a Spanish Online and Telephone Intervention for Caregivers of Veteran Post-Stroke: Findings on Caregiver Depression and Burden. Sigma Theta Tau Theta Epsilon Chapter 33rd Annual Scholarship Day, University of Central, College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	Poster
03/2025	Latta C., Kim D., Lopez J. , Thiamwong L., Cognitive Impairment and Depression in Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Low-Income Older Adults: A Cross-Sectional Study. 2025 UCF Student Scholar Symposium, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL *Symposium winner.	Poster
02/2025	Latta C., Kim, D., Lopez, J. , Lafontant, K., & Thiamwong, L. (2025). Cognitive impairment and depression in Hispanic and non-Hispanic low-income older adults. Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC), Tampa, FL.	Poster
11/2024	Lafontant K., Chovatia D., Latta C., Tice A., Banarjee C., Fukuda D.H., Stout J.R., Xie R., Lopez J. , & Thiamwong L. Bioimpedance differences between BMI categories among community-dwelling older women. 2024 McKnight Annual Fellows Meeting and Research & Writing Conference. Tampa, FL	Poster
11/2024	Farriss A., Orejuela M., Lopez J. , Eliazar-Macke N., Rivera-Rivera N., Motta-Valencia K., Uphold C., Freytes I.M., Spanish Online and Telephone Intervention for Caregivers of Veterans post-stroke: Findings on caregiver depression and burden. Research Day, Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, Gainesville, FL	Poster

11/2023	Lopez J. , Orejuela M., Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes I.M., Spanish Online & Telephone Intervention for Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke, Research Day, Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, Gainesville, FL	Podium
11/2023	Lopez J. , Orejuela M., Eliazar-Macke N., Montague M., Freytes I.M., Examining suicide disparities among rural-dwelling Hispanic veterans: a quality improvement project., Research Day, Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, Gainesville, FL	Poster
11/2019	Lopez J. , Schmitzberger M., LeLaurin J., Orozco T., Eliazar-Macke N., Findley K., Freytes I.M., Chen X., Uphold, C.R., Exploring the Relationship Between Stroke Survivors' Activities of Daily Living and Caregiver Depressive Symptoms by Race/Ethnicity; Public Health Day, College of Public Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Podium
04/2019	Lopez, J. , LeLaurin J., Schmitzberger M., Orozco T., Eliazar-Macke N., Freytes I.M., Vasudevan V., Stacciarini J.M., Uphold C.R., Exploring the acceptability of an Online and Telephone Support Intervention for Stroke Caregivers., Nursing Research Summit and Malasanos Lectureship, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Poster
01/2018	Lopez J. , Kelly B.A., & Stacciarini J.M., Rural Latinos, Psychosocial Health Determinants, Translation and Cultural Implications. Poster Presentation at Gator Health Forum., Gator Health Forum, College of Public Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Poster
03/2016	Lopez J. , Kelly B.A., & Stacciarini J.M., Language Translation: Cross Cultural Understanding of Psychosocial Health Determinants of Rural Latino Immigrants., Research Day, College of Nursing, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	Poster

TEACHING-RELATED ACTIVITIES

PROJECT ADVISEMENT AND MENTORING

GRADUATE DISSERTATION / THESIS / PROJECT ADVISING

Dates	Student	Title	Role
2026	Tanya Nolan	Social Determinants of Health, Self-Care, and Recurrent Heart Failure Hospitalizations Among African Americans	Chair/Mentor
2025	Heather Foulke	Women's Health and Satisfaction in Decision-Making	Advisor

HONORS UNDERGRADUATE THESIS (HUT) / OTHER PROJECT ADVISING

Dates	Student	Title	Role
2025-Present	Connor Rees	Maladaptive Fall-Risk Appraisal and Fall Incidence Spanish-Speaking Community-Dwelling Adults Aged 45+	Mentor
2025- Present	Trucvy Nguyen	Enhancing Quality of Life Through a Culturally Tailored Problem-Solving Intervention for Hispanic Caregivers of Veterans Post-Stroke	FIRE Mentor
2025- Present	Nicole Haberland	Enhancing Quality of Life Through a Culturally Tailored Problem-Solving Intervention for Hispanic Caregivers of Veterans Post-Stroke; Virtual Reality and Pain Management among Veterans: Case Report	FIRE Mentor
2025-Present	Dea Chovatia	Describing Health Literacy, Health Technology Use Behavior, And Mental Health Among Low-Income Community- Dwelling Older Adults	HUT Chair
2024- 2025	Cecil Latta	Cognitive impairment and depression in Hispanic and non-Hispanic older adults: A cross-sectional study	HUT Committee Member /Mentor
2022 -Present	Alexis Farris	Spanish Online & Telephone Intervention for Caregivers of Veterans with Stroke	Mentor

COURSES TAUGHT***University of Central Florida, College of Nursing***

Semester /Year	Course	Course Title	Role	Enrolled	Program
Spring 2026	NUR 4971H	Honors Undergraduate Thesis II	Instructor	1	HUT
Spring 2026	NUR3936	International Perspectives of Nursing and Health Care - Mexico	Instructor	12	BSN
Spring 2026	NGR 6801	Research Methods for Advanced Practice Nursing	Instructor	27	MSN
Fall 2025	NUR 4970H	Honors Undergraduate Thesis I	Instructor	1	HUT
Fall 2025	NUR 6801	Research Methods for Advanced Practice Nursing	Course Lead	14	MSN
Summer 2025	NGR 7919	Doctoral Research	Instructor	1	PhD
Summer 2025	NUR 4903H	Directed Honors Reading	Instructor	1	HUT
Summer 2025	NUR 4912	Independent Research	Instructor	1	Undergraduate Psychology

Spring 2025	NGR 6801	Research Methods for Advanced Practice Nursing	Course Lead	0	Student MSN and DNP
Fall 2024	NGR 6801	Research Methods for Advanced Practice Nursing	Instructor	20	MSN and DNP

Guest Lecture

Lopez, J. (2026, February 27). *Ethical use of AI in Research and Scholarship*. [Guest lecture]. Nursing PhD Intensive, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

Lopez, J. (2026, February 27). *Post-Doctoral Research*. [Guest lecture]. Nursing PhD Intensive, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

Lopez, J. (2026, February 27). *File Management System* [Guest lecture]. Nursing PhD Intensive, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

Lopez, J. (2025, October 10). *Informed consent: Practical tips and electronic consents* [Guest lecture]. Nursing PhD Intensive, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

Lopez, J. (2025, February 27). *Lessons learned: Focus on recruitment* [Guest lecture]. Nursing PhD Intensive, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

Lopez, J. (2024, January 15). *Professional nursing roles and career development* [Guest lecture]. NUR 3816: Seminar in Professional Nursing, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

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Semester / Year	Course	Course Title	Enrolled	Program
Spring 2022	NGR 6850	Research Methods and Evidence Based Practice	34	BSN-to-DNP Program

SERVICE-RELATED ACTIVITIES

PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

RESEARCH APPLICATIONS

Date	Organization / Grant Mechanism
03/2025	US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Rural Health's (ORH) Veterans Rural Health Resource Center/ Grant Reviewer (2 grants)

ABSTRACT REVIEWS

Date	Organization
2026 -	Gerontological Society of America (16 abstract)
2026 -	National Hispanic Nursing Association (9 abstract)
2025 -	National Hispanic Science Network (2 abstract)
2024 -	Southern Nursing Research Society (10 abstracts)
2023	American Public Health Association (10 abstracts)

EXTERNAL REVIEW FOR PROMOTIONS

Date	Organization
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EDITORIAL-RELATED SERVICE

Date	Journal or Publisher	Role
01/26/2026- 01/27/2027	MDPI Healthcare, Special Issue: Risk Factors, Prevention, and Intervention Strategies for Health in Older and Vulnerable Populations	Guest Editor Assistant
10/29/2025	BMC Health Services Research (1 article)	Reviewer

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Date	Organization	Role
2025 -Present	National Hispanic Council on Aging	Member
2025-Present	Gerontological Society of America	Member; Abstract Reviewer
2025-Present	National Association of Hispanic Nurses	Member; Abstract Reviewer; Advisory Board member for local NAHN chapter
2023-Present	National Hispanic Science Network	Member
2018-Present	Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing	Member
2016-2018	Academy Health	Member
2016-Present	Southern Nursing Research Society	Member; Chair, Co-Chair Minority Health RIIG; Abstract Reviewer
2015-2016	Florida Nursing Students Association	Member

Date	Organization	Role
2026	Ventanilla de Salud, Mexican Consulate, Orlando, Florida	Volunteer
2026	2026 Latinos in Action Youth Leadership Conference, Orlando FL	Guest Speaker
2025	Dr. Nelson Ying Orange County Science Exposition, Winter Park, FL	Science Fair Judge
2025	Putnam Free Clinic, Crescent City, Florida	Volunteer
2025	UCF Disability, Aging, and Technology (DAT) Retreat 2025	Student Poster Judge
2025-	Florida Farmworker Association Inc., Pierson FL	Volunteer
2025-	Seville Village Improvement Association, Seville, FL	Member and Volunteer
2025	2025 Latinos in Action Youth Leadership Conference, Orlando FL	Guest Speaker
2025-	UCF 2025 Student Research Week – Student Scholar Symposium, Orlando FL	Student Poster Judge
2025 -	Nursing Unidos, UCF College of Nursing, Orlando, FL	Co-Sponsor
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	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, Dominican Republic	Nurse student volunteer
2015	Camp Royall-Autism Society, Moncure NC	Volunteer
2014-2017	Soccer Alliance TOP Soccer, Gainesville, FL	Best Buddy Volunteer
2014	Department of Surgical/Transplant/Urology, UF Health Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL	Volunteer
2013	Motiv8 Mentor, Center for Leadership and Service, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL	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

COMMUNITY-RELATED SERVICE

