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Academic Appointment

09/2024 – Present **New York University** New York, NY
Silver School of Social Work
Provost Postdoctoral Faculty Fellow/Assistant Professor

Education

09/2019 – 07/2024 **Columbia University**, Ph.D., School of Social Work. New York, NY
09/2011 – 06/2013 **Washington University in St. Louis**, M.S.W., School of Social Work. St. Louis, MO
01/2008 – 09/2010 **University of Colorado Denver**, B.S., Business Administration. Denver, CO
09/2005 – 12/2007 **Community College of Denver**, AA., Business Management. Denver, CO

Publications

Peer-reviewed Manuscripts

Aspholm, R., **Aguilar, N.**, St. Vil, C. (2024). Deaths of Despair in Black and White: Gun Violence, Political Economy, and the Case for Macro Intervention. *Advances in Social Work*. 24(1). <https://doi.org/10.18060/27396>.

Aguilar, N. Landau, A.Y., Taylor, K.A., Kleiner. S. & Patton, D.U. (2024). Digital Mourning in Tweets: Multi-Modal Analysis of Image-Based Grieving Practices among Gang-Affiliated Black Youth. *New Media and Society*.0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448231223732>

Bocanegra, K., **Aguilar, N.** (2024). “We’re Not Miracle Workers”: An Examination of the Relationship Between Community Violence Intervention Workers and Their Participants. *Families in Society*. 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/10443894231222586>

Aguilar, N., Wical, W., Orozco, J., Bullock, C., Richardson J., B. (2023). Silent Suffering: Understanding the Experiences of Black Caregivers of Violently Injured Young Black Men. *Journal of the Society for Social Work & Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/725432>. “Just Accepted” preprint version.

Aguilar, N., Landau, A., Mathiyazhagan, S., Auyeng, A., Dillard, S., Patton, D. (2023). Applying Reflexivity to Artificial Intelligence for Researching Marginalized Communities and Real-World Problems. *In Proceedings of the 56th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences*.

Patton, D. U., **Aguilar, N.**, Landau, A. Y., Thomas, C., Kagan, R., Ren, T., Stoneberg, E., Wang, T., Halmos, D., Saha, A., Ananthram, A., & McKeown, K. (2022). Community implications for gun violence prevention during co-occurring pandemics; a qualitative and computational analysis study. *Preventive Medicine*, 107263. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2022.107263>

Wical, W., Harfouche, M., Lovelady, N., **Aguilar, N.**, Ross, D., & Richardson, J. B. (2022). Exploring emergent barriers to hospital-based violence intervention programming during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Preventive Medicine*, 107232. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2022.107232>

Winter, S. C., Obara, L. M., **Aguilar, N. J.**, & Johnson, L. (2021). Breaking the Cycle: Women's Perceptions of the Causes of Violence and Crime in Informal Settlements in Nairobi, Kenya, and Their Strategies for Response and Prevention. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 37(19-20), NP17394-NP17428. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605211028013>

Winter, S. C., **Aguilar, N. J.**, Obara, L. M., & Johnson, L. (2021). "Next, it will be you": Women's Fear of Victimization and Precautionary Safety Behaviors in Informal Settlement Communities in Nairobi, Kenya. *Violence Against Women*. 28(12-13), 2966-2991. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012211045718>

Sodhi, A., **Aguilar, N.**, Choma, D. E., Steve, J. M., Patton, D., & Crandall, M. (2020). Social Media Representations of Law Enforcement within Four Diverse Chicago Neighborhoods. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, 089124162094329. doi:10.1177/0891241620943291

Bellamy, C., Kimmel, J., Costa, M., Tsai, J., Nulton, L., Nulton, E., Kimmel, A., **Aguilar, N.**, Clayton, A. and O'Connell, M. (2019), Peer support on the "inside and outside": building lives and reducing recidivism for people with mental illness returning from jail, *Journal of Public Mental Health*.18(3), 188-198. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JPMH-02-2019-0028>

Manuscript Under Review

Bocanegra, K., **Aguilar, N.** (2024). "You Never Know Who's Gonna Be Next": The Role of Community Violence Intervention Workers in Responding to Homicides and Survivor Support. *Homicide Studies*

Manuscripts in Preparation

Aguilar, N., Bocanegra, K. (2024). "It's Open Hunting Season for Black and Brown Men": An Examination of Community Violence Intervention Worker Perspectives on the Interface Between Law Enforcement and Street Outreach.

Aguilar, N. Jacob, B., A., Guinnip, O., Andrade, G., Winter, S., C. (2024). "Women's part of the story don't get told": The Experience and Resilience of Women in the Aftermath of Gun Violence Survivorship.

Book Chapter

Aguilar, N., Patton, D. (2022). Kids and their Crews. In A Marsh & L. Cox (Eds.) Not Just Bad Kids: The Adversity and Disruptive Behavior. Cambridge, MA: Academic Press.

Book Review

Aguilar, N., Patton, D. (2022). Kids and their Crews. In A Marsh & L. Cox (Eds.) Not Just Bad Kids: The Adversity and Disruptive Behavior. Cambridge, MA: Academic Press.

Research Grants, Honors and Awards

Research Grants

Columbia University School of Social Work Doctoral Research Grant (2024) \$1500
Grant was awarded to support dissertation research project

The Center for Science and Society at Columbia University Seed Grant (2023) \$2740
Grant was awarded to support dissertation research project and provide funding for: Transcription services, Dedoose qualitative software and to pay members of the projects advisory board.

Columbia University Provost Diversity Fellows Small Grants Program (2023) \$2000
Grant was awarded to support dissertation research project and provide funding to pay research participants.

Columbia University School of Social Work Doctoral Research Grant (2022) \$375
Grant was awarded to support dissertation research project and provide funding to pay research participants.

Columbia University COVID-19 Micro Grants (2021) \$2000
Grant was awarded to support a community based participatory research class project and pay study participants.

Travel Awards

Columbia University School of Social Work Travel Award (2023) \$1000
Award was provided to support a first author oral presentation at 56th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences.

Columbia University School of Social Work Travel Award (2023) \$1000
Award was provided to support a first author oral presentation at National Research Conference for Firearm Injury Prevention.

Education Awards

09/2019 – 07/2024 Provost Diversity Fellowship New York, NY
Columbia University School of Social Work

09/2011 – 09/2013 Washington University Scholarship St. Louis, MO
Washington University in St. Louis School of Social Work

Oral Conference Presentations

Aguilar, N., Wical, W., Orozco, J., Bullock, C., Richardson J., B. (2023). Silent Suffering: Understanding the Experiences of Black Caregivers of Violently Injured Young Black Men. Presentation conducted at the National Research Conference for Firearm Injury Prevention, Chicago IL.

Aguilar, N., Landau, A., Mathiyazhagan, S., Auyeng, A., Dillard, S., Patton, D. (2023). Applying Reflexivity to Artificial Intelligence for Researching Marginalized Communities and Real-World Problems. Presentation conducted at the 56th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences. Maui, HI.

St. Vil, C., Njus, M., **Aguilar, N.**, & Hall, E. (2022). HBVIP (Hospital Based Violence Intervention Programs): Views from the Worker Perspective. Presentation conducted at the National Research Conference for Firearm Injury Prevention, Washington D.C.

Bocanegra, K., **Aguilar, N.**, Lee, J., Cheon, E., Carroll, K. (2022). Between a Bullet and Its Target: Street Intervention, Trauma Exposure, Professional Consequences. Presentation conducted at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington D.C.

Aguilar, N., Landau, A., Taylor, K., Kleiner, S., Patton, D. (2022). Being Black and Grieving Online: Exploring the Digital Image-Based Grieving Practices of Black Youth. Presentation conducted at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington D.C.

Aguilar, N. (2022). Using Photovoice to Assist Community-Based Social Workers Reflect on Community Resilience during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Presentation conducted at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington D.C.

Bocanegra, K., **Aguilar, N.**, Lee, J., Cheon, E., Carroll, K. (2022). Between a Bullet and Its Target: Street Intervention, Trauma Exposure, Professional Consequences. Presentation conducted at the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Aguilar, N., Deverteuil, S. (2020). Community Organizing Workshop: Working with gang involved youth and gunshot victims in a community setting. Presentation conducted at the Columbia University Medical Center Gun Violence Action Week, New York, NY.

Aguilar, N. (2019). Community Organizing Workshop: Working with gang involved youth in a community setting. Presentation conducted at the Columbia University Medical Center Gun Violence Action Week, New York, NY.

Demateo, M., Roque, J., **Aguilar, N.** (2016). Working with Youth in the Justice System: A Community-Based Alternative to Detention. Presentation conducted at the Los Angeles Gang Violence Prevention and Intervention Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Research Experience

01/2021 – 07/2024 **Between a Bullet and its Target** (PI: Dr. Kathryn Bocanegra) Chicago, IL
University of Illinois at Chicago School of Social Work
Doctoral Student/Candidate Research Assistant
Responsibilities: *Recruit and interview Chicago based community violence intervention workers; Analyze qualitative data, Co-author papers; Present research at academic conferences.*

- 01/2021 – 07/2024 **Transformative Research and Applied Violence Intervention Lab** (PI: Dr. Joseph B. Richardson) College Park, MD
 University of Maryland School of African American Studies and Anthropology
 Doctoral Student/Candidate Research Assistant
 Responsibilities: *Analyze qualitative data; Co-author papers; Present research at academic conferences.*
- 01/2020 – 07/2024 **Sauti Mashinani Lab** (PI: Dr. Samantha C. Winter) New York, NY
 Columbia University School of Social Work
 Doctoral Student/Candidate Research Assistant
 Responsibilities: *Analyze qualitative and quantitative data; Co-authored papers; Lead recruitment efforts of study participants, conduct qualitative interviews; Lead analysis of qualitative data to understand the impact of gun violence on women survivors; Provide supervision to MSW research assistants.*
- 09/2019 – 07/2024 **SAFElab** (PI: Dr. Desmond U. Patton) New York, NY
 Columbia University School of Social Work
 University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Communications Philadelphia, PA
 Doctoral Student/Candidate Research Assistant
 Responsibilities: *Recruit, interview and facilitate focus groups with NYCHA residents; analyze qualitative data, qualitatively analyze social media posts, co-authored papers; Present research at academic conferences; Provide supervision to MSW research assistants.*
- 09/2022 – 01/2024 **Juvenile Justice and Legal Decision-Making** (PI: Dr. Craig Schwalbe) New York, NY
 Columbia University School of Social Work
 Doctoral Student/Candidate Research Assistant
 Responsibilities: *Create and maintain quality assurance database for intervention based research project; Recruit and collect qualitative data from study participants and parents; Provide supervision to MSW research assistants.*
- 09/2014 – 01/2015 **Views From the Streets** (PI: Roberto Aspholm Ph.D. Candidate) Chicago, IL
 University of Illinois at Chicago School of Social Work
 Research Assistant
 Responsibilities: *Transcribe 32 qualitative interviews with Chicago gang members.*

Mentorship Experience

- 09/2023 – 07/2024 **Dissertation:** Continuous Traumatic Stress, Family Systems Theory and Community-based Gun Violence
 Columbia University School of Social Work New York, NY
 Responsibilities: *Supervise two MSW student research assistants in efforts to analyze qualitative interview.*
- 09/2023 – 07/2024 **Sauti Mashinani Lab Independent Research Study:** “Women's part of the story don't get told”: The Experience and Resilience of Women in the Aftermath of Gun Violence Survivorship
 Columbia University School of Social Work New York, NY

Responsibilities: *Supervise two MSW student research assistants in efforts to analyze qualitative interview.*

Clinical Experience

11/2021 – 07/2024 **Kings Against Violence Initiative** Brooklyn, NY
Social Work Program Coordinator

- Provide clinical supervision for four staff members working with 30+ survivors of community violence
- Provide trauma informed psychoeducation at bedside to patients who have been admitted to the hospital after sustaining a traumatic injury.
- Facilitate weekly support groups for survivors of community violence (e.g. stab wound, gunshot wound, assault) focusing on the domains of Safety, Emotion Loss and Future.

09/2014 – 08/2019 **New Life Centers of Chicagoland** Chicago, IL
Mentor/Juvenile Justice Program Director

- Supervise three staff members and a yearly intern working with 25+ youth on juvenile probation.
- Supervise staff and coordinate the implementation of a \$400,000 restorative justice program within the St. Charles Illinois Youth Center.
- Provide individual and group case consultations to assess well-being and progress towards client's goals.
- Provide weekly group and individual clinical therapy sessions to youth on probation.

09/2016 – 08/2019 **Healing Hurt People – Chicago** Chicago, IL
Intern/Trauma Intervention Specialist

- Provide trauma informed psychoeducation, crisis intervention, mental health assessments, outreach, safety planning and intensive case management to youth who have been violently injured.
- Promote client's trauma recovery by increasing their connection to school, mental health services, jobs and social services.

License Clinical Social Worker: 149024061 Illinois

Generalist Practice

09/2016 **Kingian Non-Violence Training of Trainers** Chicago, IL
The Institute for the Study & Practice of Nonviolence

05/2015 **Restorative Justice Peace Circle Keeper Training** Chicago, IL
Community Justice for Youth Institute

Memberships in Associations and Institutional Affiliations

Society of Social Work and Research

Scholars Network on Masculinity and the Well-Being of African American Men

American Society of Criminology

Latina/o/x Criminology

Columbia Scientific Union for the Reduction of Gun Violence (SURGE)

Columbia Population Research Center

The Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research

National Association of Social Workers Grand Challenge: Prevent Gun Violence