

Curriculum Vitae
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General Information

University address: Family and Child Sciences
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Professional Preparation

2012 Ph.D., Arizona State University. Major: Family and Human Development.

Gonzales-Backen, M. A. (2012). *Ego-Social Identity Profiles during Emerging Adulthood*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Arizona State University.

Professional Experience

2020–present Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Science, Florida State University.

2017–present Graduate Program Director, Family and Child Sciences, Florida State University.

2012–present Assistant Professor, Family and Child Sciences, Florida State University.

Honors, Awards, and Prizes

Award for Excellence in Online Course Design, Office of Distance Learning, Florida State University (2016).

Award for Excellence in Online Course Design, Office of Distance Learning, Florida State University (2014).

Award for Excellence in Online Teaching, Office of Distance Learning, Florida State University (2014).

Current Membership in Professional Organizations

National Council on Family Relations
Society for Research on Adolescence
Society for Research on Child Development

Teaching

Courses Taught

Theories of Child Development (CHD6261)
Methods of Studying Families and Children (CHD4630)
Advanced Family Studies (FAD5263)
Directed Individual Study: Acculturative Stress among Latinos (FAD5906)
Contexts of Adolescent Development (CHD3243)
Directed Individual Study: Acculturation among Latino Families (CHD5906)
Diversity Considerations for Family Research and Practice (FAD6266)
Special Project (FAD5970)
Latinx Adolescent Development (FAD5900)
Family Diversity (FAD6935)
Directed Individual Study (FAD4905)
Directed Individual Study: Research in Child Development (BSC4900)
Directed Individual Study: College Sexual Health Promotion (FAD5906)
Directed Individual Study: Research on Adolescent Health (BSC4900)
Directed Individual Study: Sexuality among Adolescents & Emerging Adults (FAD5906)
Directed Individual Study: Ethnic/Racial Identity (FAD5906)
Special Topics: Adolescent Development (FAD4936)
Individual and Family Life Span Development (FAD3220)

New Course Development

Individual and Family Life Span Development (online) (2015)
Contexts of Adolescent Development (2013)

Doctoral Committee Chair

Ferrill, J., graduate. (2020). *Vicarious Race-Based Stress: How Widely Publicized Racism Injures and Cultural Coping Resources Protect.*
Carlos Chavez, F. L., graduate. (2018). *Family Decisions, Stressors, and Health Challenges among Latino Emancipated Migrant Farmworker Youth: A Mixed-Methods Approach.*
Holcomb, J., graduate. (2017). *Predictors of Ethnic-Racial Socialization Profiles in Early Childhood among African American Parents.*

Bermudez, D., doctoral candidate.
Iturriaga, V. F., doctoral candidate.
Rodriguez, R. E., doctoral student.

Doctoral Committee Cochair

Allen, K. A., graduate. (2015). *Emerging Adult African American Men: Romantic Relationship Profiles and Predictors*.

Doctoral Committee Member

London-Johnson, A., graduate. (2020).
Rayburn, A. D., graduate. (2018).
Montgomery, J., graduate. (2018).
Murray, K., graduate. (2018).
Withers, M. C., graduate. (2017).
Bell, C. A., graduate. (2016).
Petren, R. E., graduate. (2014).
Jalapa Sandoval, K., doctoral student.

Doctoral Committee University Representative

Howry, S. K., doctoral student.

Master's Committee Chair

Bermudez, D., graduate. (2022).
Geppert, B., graduate. (2022).
Thorpe, S. Y., graduate. (2016). *Predicting Sexual Behaviors among African American College Students: The Role of Gender, Family Context, and Sexual Attitudes*.
Garcia, M. E., student.

Master's Committee Member

Jalapa Sandoval, K., graduate. (2022).
Griffis, E. C., graduate. (2017).
Pompey, L. A., graduate. (2016).
Black, M., graduate. (2015).
Horden, B. E., graduate. (2013).
Zambrano Gonzalez, S., student.

Bachelor's Committee Member

Montalvo, S., graduate. (2017).

Additional Teaching Not Reported Elsewhere

Gonzales Backen, M. A. (2012). *Supervision of Individual Honors-Augmented Course Project*. FAD 3220: Individual and Family Lifespan Development.

Research and Original Creative Work

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

Meca, A., Cruz, B., Veniegas, T. K., Allison, K. K., Santibanez, L., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (2023). Cultural Identity Configurations: A Latent Profile Analysis of Ethnic/Racial and US Identity Process and Content. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 52, 105-121. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-022-01690-6>

Zhang, J., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (2023). The association of acculturative stress and rule-breaking behaviors among Latino youth from farmworker communities: A moderated mediation analysis. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1037/cdp0000581>

Gonzales Backen, M. A., Bamaca, M., Bermudez, D. L., & Iturriaga, V. F. (2023). The role of autonomy granting and ethnic racial socialization in Mexican-origin girls' ethnic-racial identity trajectories. *Developmental Psychology*, 59(10), 1921–1932. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1037/dev0001588>

Bermudez, D. L., Iturriaga, V. F., Marroquin, C., Garza, R., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (2023). The role of familism in food insecurity, role overload, and depressive symptoms among Latinx youth. *Journal of Latinx Psychology*, 11(4), 322–335. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1037/lat0000231>

Gryzwacz, J. G., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Liebman, A., Trejo, M., Ordaz Gudino, C., & Tovar-Aguilar, J. A. (2022). Comparative effectiveness of training alternatives for the EPA's worker protection standard regulation among immigrant Latino farmworkers. *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, 64. doi:[10.1097/jom.0000000000002368](https://doi.org/10.1097/jom.0000000000002368)

- Carlos Chavez, F. L., Gonzales Backen, M. A., & Perez Rueda, A. M. (2022). International migration, work, and cultural values: A mixed-method exploration among Latino adolescents in U.S. agriculture. *Family Relations*, 71. doi:10.1111/fare.12603
- Rodil, J. C., Meca, A., Allison, K. K., Martinez-Fuentes, S., Cowan, I. K., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (2022). Measurement invariance testing for the United States Identity Scale (USIS) across Black, White, Hispanic, and Asian American college students. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 86, 134-144. doi:10.1016/j.ijintrel.2021.12.001
- Meca, A., Moreno, O., Cobb, C., Lorenzo-Blanco, E. I., Schwartz, S. J., Cano, M. A., Zamboanga, B. L., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Szapocznik, J., Unger, J. B., Baezconde-Garbanati, L., & Soto, D. W. (2021). Directional effects in cultural identity: A family system approach for immigrant Latina/o families. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 50, 965-977. doi:10.1007/s10964-021-01406-2
- Rayburn, A. D., Gonzales Backen, M. A., & McWey, L. (2021). Living under the shadows: Experiences of Latino immigrant families at risk for deportation. *Family Relations*, 70, 359-373. doi:10.1111/fare.12534
- Meca, A., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Rodil, J., Cowan, I., Sharma, S., & Webb, T. (2021). The Ethnic Identity Scale: Affirmation, really? *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.
- Carlos Chavez, F. L., Gonzales Backen, M. A., & Grzywacz, J. G. (2021). The work-life experiences, stressors, and psychosocial adjustment of Latino adolescents in U.S. agriculture. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*. doi:10.1111/jora.12640
- Chung, G. H., Lee, J., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (2020). Context of biethnic acceptance, biethnic identity affirmation, and life satisfaction among biethnic adolescents in South Korea. *Journal of Adolescence*, 80, 242-253. doi:doi: 10.1016/j.adolescence.2020.03.004
- Meca, A., Gonzales Backen, M., & Hassell, T. (2020). Development of the United States Identity Scale: Unpacking Affirmation and Commitment. *Journal of Latinx Psychology*, 8, 127-141. doi:10.1037/lat0000135
- Meca, A., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Davis, R., Rodil, J., Soto, D. W., & Unger, J. B. (2020). Discrimination and ethnic identity across the transition to adulthood: Establishing directionality among Latino/a Youth. *Developmental Psychology*, 56, 982-992. doi:10.1037/dev0000908
- Lee, T. K., Meca, A., Unger, J. B., Zamboanga, B. L., Baezconde-Garbanati, L., Gonzales Backen, M. A., & Schwartz, S. J. (2020). Dynamic transition patterns in acculturation among Hispanic adolescents. *Child Development*, 91, 78-95. doi:10.1111/cdev.13148

- Killoren, S. E., Monk, J. K., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Kline, G. C., & Jones, S. K. (2020). Perceived Experiences of Discrimination and Latino/a Young Adults' Personal and Relational Well-being. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 49, 1017-1029.
- Meca, A., Zamboanga, B. L., Lui, P., Schwartz, S. J., Lorenzo-Blanco, E. I., Gonzales Backen, M., Cano, M. A., Szapocznik, J., Soto, D. W., Unger, J. B., Baezconde-Garbanati, L., Kubilus, R., Villamar, J. A., & Lizzi, K. M. (2019). Alcohol initiation among recently immigrated Hispanic adolescents: Roles of acculturation and sociocultural stress. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. doi:10.1037/ort0000352
- Grzywacz, J., Gonzales Backen, M., Liebman, A., Marín, A. J., Trejo, M., Ordaz Gudino, C., Garcia-Rendon, M., Economos, J., & Tovar-Aguilar, J. A. (2019). Attending to pesticide exposure and heat illness among farmworkers: Results from an attention placebo-controlled evaluation design. *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*, 16. doi:10.1097/JOM.0000000000001650
- Gonzales Backen, M., Holcomb, J. E., & McWey, L. (2019). Cross-ethnic Measurement Equivalence of the Children's Depression Inventory among Youth in Foster Care. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*. doi:10.1177/1063426619838539
- Gonzales Backen, M. (2019). Parenting Practices and Adjustment Profiles among Latino Youth in Rural Areas of the United States. *Social Sciences*, 8, 184-195. doi:10.3390/socsci8060184
- Lee, T. K., Meca, A., Unger, J. B., Zamboanga, B. L., Baezconde-Garbanati, L., Gonzales Backen, M., Lorenzo-Blanco, E. I., Cano, M. A., Des Rosiers, S. E., Soto, D. W., Villamar, J. A., Pattarloo, M., Lizzi, K. M., Szapocznik, J., & Schwartz, S. J. (2018). Dynamic transition patterns in acculturation among Hispanic adolescents. *Child Development*. doi:10.1111/cdev.13148
- Gonzales Backen, M., Meca, A., Lorenzo-Blanco, E. I., Des Rosiers, S. E., Cordova, D., Soto, D. W., Cano, M. A., Oshri, A., Zamboanga, B. L., Baezconde-Garbanati, L., Schwartz, S. J., Szapocznik, J., & Unger, J. B. (2018). Examining the temporal order of effects of ethnic identity and perceived discrimination among Hispanic immigrant adolescents. *Developmental Psychology*, 54, 929-937. doi:10.1037/dev0000465
- Jones, S., Killoren, S. E., Alfaro, E. C., & Gonzales Backen, M. (2018). Mexican American college students' perceived experiences of discrimination, ethnic identity, and adjustment: The protective role of sibling support. *Emerging Adulthood*, 6, 280-287. doi:https://doi.org/10.1177/2167696817711606
- Kogan, S. M., Allen, K. A., Gonzales Backen, M., Bae, D., & Cho, J. (2018). Romantic relationships among emerging adult African American Men: A latent profile analysis. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. doi:10.1177/0265407518776130

- Gonzales Backen, M., Bámaca-Colbert, M. Y., Noah, A., & Rivera, P. M. (2017). Cultural profiles among Mexican-origin girls: Associations with psychosocial adjustment. *Journal of Latina/o Psychology*, 5, 157-172. doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/lat0000069
- Reynolds, J. E., Gonzales Backen, M., Allen, K. A., Schwartz, S. J., Hurley, E. A., Donovan, R. A., Hudson, M., Agocha, B., & Williams, M. (2017). Ethnic identity of Black emerging adults: The role of parenting and ethnic -racial socialization. *Family Issues*, 2200-2224. doi:10.1177/0192513X16629181
- Reynolds, J. E., & Gonzales Backen, M. (2017). Ethnic-Racial Socialization and the Mental Health of African Americans: A Critical Review. *Journal of Family Theory and Review*, 9, 182-200. doi:10.1111/jftr.12192
- Bamaca-Colbert, M. Y., Gonzales Backen, M., Henry, C. S., Kim, P. S., Roblyer, M. Z., Plunkett, S. W., & Sands, T. (2017). Family profiles of cohesion and parenting practices and Latino youth adjustment. *Family Psychology*, 1-18. doi:10.1111/famp.12314
- Kim, P. S. Y., Bámaca-Colbert, M. Y., Jian, N., & Gonzales Backen, M. (2017). Friends' cultural orientation as a mediator between familial ethnic socialization and ethnic identity among Mexican-origin adolescent girls. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 23, 291-299. doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/cdp0000123
- Meca, A., Sabet, R. F., Farrelly, C., Benitez, C. G., Schwartz, S. J., Gonzales Backen, M., Lorenzo-Blanco, E. I., Unger, J. B., Zamboanga, B., Baezconde-Garbanati, L., Picariello, S., Des Rosiers, S., Soto, D. W., Pattarroyo, M., Villamar, J. A., & Lizzi, K. M. (2017). Personal and cultural identity development in recently immigrant Hispanic adolescents: Links with psychosocial functioning. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 23, 348-361. doi:10.1037/cdp0000129
- Gonzales Backen, M. A., Bámaca-Colbert, M. Y., & Allen, K. (2016). Ethnic Identity Trajectories among Mexican-origin Girls during Early and Middle Adolescence: Predicting Future Psychosocial Adjustment. *Developmental Psychology*, 52, 790-797. doi:http:// dx.doi.org/10.1037/a0040193
- Lorenzo-Blanco, E. I., Meca, A., Unger, J. B., Romero, A., Gonzales Backen, M., Piña-Watson, B., Cano, M. A., Zamboanga, B. L., & Schwartz, S. J. (2016). Latino parent acculturation stress: Longitudinal effects on family functioning and youth emotional behavioral health. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 30, 966-976. doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/fam0000223
- Rivera, P. M., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Yedlin, J., Brown, E. J., Schwartz, S. J., Caraway, S. J., Weisskirch, R. S., Kim, S. Y., & Ham, L. S. (2015). Family Violence Exposure and Sexual Risk-Taking among Latino Emerging Adults: The Role of Posttraumatic Stress Symptomology and Acculturative Stress. *Journal of Family Violence*, 30, 967-976. doi:10.1007/s10896-015-9735-5

- Gonzales Backen, M., Dumka, L. E., Millsap, R. E., Yoo, H. C., Schwartz, S. J., Zamoanga, B. L., Weisskirch, R. S., Rodriguez, L., Castillo, L. G., Kim, S. Y., Brown, E. J., Whitbourne, S. K., & Vazsonyi, A. T. (2015). The Role of Social and Personal Identities in Self-Esteem among Ethnic Minority College Students. *Identity, 15*, 202-220. doi:10.1080/15283488.2015.1055532
- Schwartz, S. J., Unger, J. B., Baezconde-Garbanti, L., Zamboanga, B. L., Lorenzo-Blanco, E. I., Des Rosiers, S., Romero, A. J., Cano, M. A., Gonzales Backen, M., Cordova, D., Huang, S., Villamar, J. A., Soto, D. W., Pattarroyo, M., & Szapocznik, J. (2015). Trajectories of Cultural Stressors and Effects on Mental Health and Substance Use among Hispanic Immigrant Adolescents. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 56*, 433-439.
- Gonzales Backen, M. A. (2013). An application of ecological theory to ethnic identity formation among biethnic adolescents. *Family Relations, 62*, 92-108. doi:10.1111/j.1741-3729.2012.00749.x
- Gonzales Backen, M. A., & Umaña-Taylor, A. J. (2011). Examining the role of physical appearance in Latino adolescents' ethnic identity. *Journal of Adolescence, 34*, 151-162. doi:10.1016/j.adolescence.2010.01.002
- Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Updegraff, K., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (2011). Mexican-origin adolescent mothers' stressors and psychosocial functioning: Examining ethnic identity affirmation and familism as moderators. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence, 40*, 140-157. doi:10.1007/s10964-010-9511-z
- Alfaro, E. C., Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Bámaca, M. Y., & Zieders, K. H. (2009). Latino adolescents' academic success: The role of discrimination, academic motivation, and gender. *Journal of Adolescence, 32*, 941-962. doi:10.1016/j.adolescence.2008.08.007
- Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Gonzales Backen, M. A., & Guimond, A. (2009). Latino adolescents' ethnic identity: Is there a developmental progression and does growth in ethnic identity predict growth in self-esteem? *Child Development, 80*, 391-405. doi:10.1111/j.1467-8624.2009.01267.x
- Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Vargas-Chanes, D., Garcia, C. D., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (2008). A longitudinal examination of Latino adolescents' ethnic identity, coping with discrimination, and self-esteem. *Journal of Early Adolescence, 26*, 16-50. doi:10.1177/0272431607308666
- Kiang, L., Yip, T., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Witcow, M., & Fuligni, A. (2006). Ethnic identity and the daily psychological well-being of adolescents from Mexican and Chinese backgrounds. *Child Development, 77*, 1338-1350. doi:10.1111/j.1467-8624.2006.00938.x

Invited Encyclopedia Entries

Gonzales Backen, M., & Holcomb, J. E. (in press). Race/Ethnicity in Families: Overview. In *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Intimate and Family Relationships*. London.

Presentations

Refereed Papers at Conferences

Cruz, B., Meca, A., Wright, A., Allison, K., Santibanez, L., Scurry, M., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (presented 2023). *U.S. identity in Latinx youth: Examining discrimination, bicultural stress, and personal identity development as predictors*. Paper presented at the meeting of Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. A., & Meca, A. (presented 2022). *Familial ethnic socialization and ethnic-racial identity among Latino adolescents: The moderating role of personality*. Paper presented at Special Topic meeting on Construction of the 'other': Development, consequences, and applied implications of prejudice and discrimination, Society for Research on Child Development. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. A., Bermudez, D., & Iturriaga Silva, V. (presented 2021). *The role of ethnic socialization, discrimination, and language brokering in ethnic-racial identity among Latinx adolescents*. Paper presented at the meeting of Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Child Development. (National)

Carlos Chavez, F. L., Gonzales Backen, M., Perez Rueda, A., & Grzywacz, J. (presented 2018, November). *Family decisions and Latino emancipated migrant youth: A qualitative inquiry*. Paper presented at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, San Diego, CA. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. (presented 2018, November). *Parenting practices and risk profiles among rural Latino youth*. Paper presented at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, San Diego, CA. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. (presented 2018, April). *Intersections of context and minority-status risk: Predicting binge drinking among Latino youth*. Paper presented at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN. (National)

Jones, S., Killoren, S., Alfaro, E., Gonzales Backen, M., & Kline, G. (presented 2016, November). *Mexican American College Students' Experiences of Discrimination*. Paper presented at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M., Schwartz, S. J., Cano, M. A., Zamboanga, B. L., Piña-Watson, B., & Romero, A. J. (presented 2016, May). *Longitudinal associations between negative*

contextual experiences and adjustment among Hispanic immigrant youth: The mediating role of bicultural stress. Paper presented at Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, CA. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M., Meca, A., Lorenzo-Blanco, E. I., Des Rosiers, S. E., Cordova, D., & Unger, J. B. (presented 2016, April). *Examining the temporal order of ethnic identity and perceived discrimination among Hispanic adolescents from immigrant families.* Paper presented at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Society for Research on Adolescence. (National)

Allen, K., Kogen, S. M., Gonzales Backen, M., & Cho, J. (presented 2015, November). *Childhood adversity predicts romantic relationship profiles among rural African American young adult men.* Paper presented at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, BC. (International)

Reynolds, J. E., Gonzales-Backen, M. A., Allen, K. A., Schwartz, S. J., Hurley, E. A., Donovan, R. A., Hudson, M., Agocha, B., & Williams, M. (presented 2014, November). *Ethnic Identity of Black Emerging Adults: The Role of Parenting and Ethnic Socialization.* Paper presented at Annual Meeting, National Council of Family Relations, Baltimore, MD. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. A., Dumka, L. E., Millsap, R. E., Yoo, H., Schwartz, S. J., Zamboanga, B., Weisskirch, R. S., Rodriguez, L., Castillo, L. G., Kim, S. Y., Brown, E. J., Whitbourne, S. K., & Vazsonyi, A. T. (presented 2014, March). *Identifying personal-social identity profiles among ethnic minority emerging adults using latent profile analysis.* Paper presented at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, TX. (National)

Rivera, P. M., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Yedlin, J., Brown, E., & Schwartz, S. (presented 2013, November). *Family violence, PTSD, and sexual risk-taking among Latino young adults.* Paper presented at Annual Conference, National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX. (National)

Bámaca-Colbert, M. Y., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Kim, P. S. Y., Reeves, D. M., Plunkett, S. W., & Sands, T. (presented 2013, April). *Parent-adolescent relationship profiles and the psychological well-being of Latino youth.* Paper presented at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Child Development, Seattle, WA. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. A. (presented 2011, November). *Ethnic identity theory: The case of adolescents from dual-heritage families.* Paper presented at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL. (National)

- Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Updegraff, K., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (presented 2010, March). *Mexican-origin adolescent mothers' stressors and psychosocial functioning: Ethnic identity affirmation and familism as moderators*. Paper presented at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, PA. (National)
- Gonzales Backen, M. A., & Umaña-Taylor, A. J. (presented 2009, March). *Latino adolescents' familial ethnic socialization and ethnic identity affirmation: Examining physical appearance as a moderator*. Paper presented at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Child Development, Denver, CO. (National)
- Gonzales Backen, M. A., Umaña-Taylor, A. J., & Alfaro, E. C. (presented 2008, November). *Discrimination and self-esteem: Familial ethnic socialization and ethnic identity as protective*. Paper presented at Annual Meeting, National Council for Family Research, Little Rock, AR. (National)
- Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Gonzales Backen, M. A., & Guimond, A. (presented 2008, March). *Latino adolescents' ethnic identity: Examining growth in ethnic identity as a predictor of growth in self-esteem*. Paper presented at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL. (National)
- Bámaca, M. Y., Alfaro, E. C., Gonzales Backen, M. A., & Umaña-Taylor, A. J. (presented 2007, November). *An examination of Latino adolescents' autonomy and parent-adolescent conflict*. Paper presented at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Pittsburgh, PA. (National)
- Alfaro, E. C., Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Bámaca, M. Y., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (presented 2007, November). *Latino adolescents' academic motivation: the cumulative effect of academic support*. Paper presented at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Pittsburgh, PA. (National)
- Gonzales Backen, M. A., Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Alfaro, E. C., & Bámaca, M. Y. (presented 2007, November). *Physical appearance and ethnic identity formation among Latino adolescents*. Paper presented at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Pittsburgh, PA. (National)

Invited Presentations at Conferences

- Gonzales Backen, M. (presented 2017, November). *Research Methods and Populations*. Presentation at Annual Theory Construction and Research Methods Workshop, National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL. (National)

Refereed Presentations at Conferences

- Cano, M. A., Bursac, Z., Lorenzo-Blanco, E. I., Unger, J. B., Córdova, D., Gonzales Backen, M., Baezconde-Garbanati, L., & Schwartz, S. J. (accepted). *Moderators of the longitudinal effect of ethnic discrimination on binge drinking among adolescent Hispanic immigrants*. Poster presentation to be given at Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, CA. (National)
- Rodil, J., Davis, R., Robles, K., Meca, A., Gonzales Backen, M., Soto, D., & Unger, J. (presented 2019, March). *Discrimination and ethnic identity across the transition to adulthood*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Child Development, Baltimore, MD. (National)
- Grzywacz, J. G., Marín, A. J., Gonzales Backen, M., Tovar, A., Trejo, M., Ordaz Gudino, C., Garcia-Rendon, M., & Liebman, A. K. (presented 2018, November). *Improving pesticide and heat stress knowledge among Latino farmworkers: Phase I of PISCA*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA. (National)
- Carlos Chavez, F. L., Gonzales Backen, M., & Schwartz, S. J. (presented 2018, April). *A multidimensional approach to acculturative stress: Associations with depressive symptoms and religious identity in Latino youth*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN. (National)
- Carlos Chavez, F., Armstrong, J., Gonzales Backen, M., & Harris, G. (presented 2017, November). *Health outcomes of discrimination and limited resources on African Americans*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL. (National)
- Carlos Chavez, F. L., Armstrong, J., Gonzales Backen, M., & Harris, G. (presented 2017, November). *Health outcomes of discrimination and limited resources on African Americans*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL. (National)
- Gonzales Backen, M., & Bamaca-Colbert, M. (presented 2017, April). *Maternal Autonomy Granting and Familial Ethnic Socialization as Predictors of Mexican-Origin Girls' Ethnic Identity Trajectories*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Child Development, Austin, TX. (National)
- Ferrill, J., Gonzales Backen, M., London-Johnson, A., & Grzywacz, J. (presented 2017, April). *Neighborhood Context and Mental Health Outcomes in Adolescents: The Moderating Effect of Parenting Behaviors*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Child Development, Austin, TX. (National)
- Gonzales Backen, M., Bamaca-Colbert, M., Noah, A., & Rivera, P. (presented 2016, November). *Mexican-origin girls' cultural orientation: A family embedded approach*. Poster

- presentation at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN. (National)
- Carlos Chavez, F., Gonzales Backen, M., Murray, K., Withers, M., Cho, S., & Schwartz, S. (presented 2016, November). *The impact of acculturative stress on Latino college students: The protective role of mother nurturance*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN. (National)
- Iheanacho-Dike, E., Ferrill, J., Carlos, F. L., & Gonzales Backen, M. (presented 2016, October). *Understanding the immigrant experience: How mental health mediates the relationship between perceived discrimination and self-reported physical health*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, Collaborative Family Healthcare Association, Charlotte, NC. (National)
- Reynolds, J. E., & Gonzales Backen, M. (presented 2016, September). *Impact of ethnic-racial socialization and identity on mental health*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Indianapolis, IN. (National)
- Gonzales Backen, M., Carlos, F. L., & Schwartz, S. J. (presented 2016, May). *The association between cultural stressors and well-being among Latino youth: The moderating role of ethnic identity*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, CA. (National)
- Gonzales Backen, M., Bámaca-Colbert, M. Y., & Reynolds, J. E. (presented 2016, April). *Discrimination, peer stress, and psychosocial outcomes among Mexican-origin adolescent girls: Examining the order of effects*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD. (National)
- Thorpe, S. Y., Murray, K., & Gonzales Backen, M. (presented 2016, April). *The effects of gender and condom usage on pre- and post-hookup relationship desire and communication among college students*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD. (National)
- Carlos, F. L., Gonzales Backen, M., Iheanacho-Dike, E., Fincham, F. D., & Schwartz, S. J. (presented 2016, April). *The impact of acculturative stress on psychological well-being among Latino college students: The protective role of religious identity*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD. (National)
- Reynolds, J. E., & Gonzales Backen, M. (presented 2016). *Impact of ethnic-racial socialization and identity on mental health*. Presentation at Annual Meeting, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Indianapolis, IN. (National)
- Withers, M., Gonzales Backen, M., Montgomery, J., & Carlos Chavez, F. (presented 2015, September). *Depression History, Familism, Therapy, and Adult Depression*. Poster

presentation at Annual Meeting, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Austin, TX. (National)

Reynolds, J. E., Gonzales Backen, M., & McWey, L. (presented 2015, September). *Race, Ethnicity and Depression among At-Risk Youth*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Austin, TX. (National)

Bamaca-Colbert, M. Y., Calderon-Lopez, S., Gayles, J., & Gonzales Backen, M. (presented 2015, April). *Developmental and interpersonal correlates of depressive symptoms in a multiethnic sample of youth in Spain: Gender, age, and immigrant status differences*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Child Development, Philadelphia, PA. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. A., Bámaca-Colbert, M. Y., & Allen, K. (presented 2014, March). *Ethnic identity trajectories among Mexican-origin females during early and middle adolescence: Predicting psychosocial well-being*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, TX. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. A., Bámaca-Colbert, M. Y., & Rivera, P. M. (presented 2012, November). *Cultural-ethnic profiles among Mexican-origin female adolescents*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. A., Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Updegraff, K. A., & Derlan, C. (presented 2011, March). *Intergenerational transmission of ethnic identity within Mexican-origin families: Examining at-risk and community-based samples*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Child Development, Montreal, QC. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. A., & Umaña-Taylor, A. J. (presented 2010, March). *Latino adolescents' perceptions of familial ethnic socialization: Predicting change during adolescence*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, PA. (National)

Gonzales Backen, M. A., Alfaro, E. C., & Umaña-Taylor, A. J. (presented 2009, November). *Latina mothers' and adolescents' ethnic identity: The role of relationship quality*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, San Francisco, CA. (National)

Derlan, C. L., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Umaña-Taylor, A., & Updegraff, K. (presented 2009, March). *An examination of ethnic identity, self-esteem, and depressive symptoms among pregnant Mexican-origin adolescents*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Child Development, Denver, CO. (National)

- Bamaca, M. Y., Foley, A. N., Umaña-Taylor, A., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (presented 2009, March). *Examining culturally informed risk and protective factors among Mexican-origin adolescent girls*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Child Development, Denver, CO. (National)
- Gonzales Backen, M. A., Alfaro, E. C., Umaña-Taylor, A. J., & Bámaca, M. Y. (presented 2008, March). *The influence of discrimination on Latino adolescents' academic achievement: The role of physical appearance*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL. (National)
- Gonzales Backen, M. A., Umaña-Taylor, A. J., & Alfaro, E. C. (presented 2007, March). *The influence of familial ethnic socialization and skin color on ethnic identity among Latino adolescents*. Poster presentation at Biennial Meeting, Society for Research on Child Development, Boston, MA. (National)
- Alfaro, E. C., Gonzales Backen, M. A., Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Bámaca, M. Y., & Zieders, K. H. (presented 2006, November). *Discrimination, familism, and Latinos' academic success*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN. (National)
- Gonzales Backen, M. A., Bámaca, M. Y., Zieders, K. H., Umaña-Taylor, A. J., & Alfaro, E. C. (presented 2006, November). *Latino adolescents' depressive symptoms: The influence of stress and parental support*. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting, National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN. (National)

Invited Lectures and Readings of Original Work

- Umaña-Taylor, A. J., Updegraff, K. A., & Gonzales Backen, M. A. (2009, June). *Findings from the Supporting MAMI Project: How cultural factors can protect Mexican-origin teen mothers from the effects of common stressors*. Delivered at Department of Health and Human Services, Adolescent and Family Life Research Webcast, Rockville, MD. (National)

Contracts and Grants

Contracts and Grants Funded

- Gonzales Backen, M. A. (May 2022–Aug 2022). *The Role of Behavioral Autonomy and Ethnic-Racial Socialization in Mexican-Origin Girls' Ethnic-Racial Identity Trajectories*. Funded by Committee on Faculty Research Support, Florida State University. Total award \$20,000.

Gonzales Backen, Melinda Airr (PI). (Aug 2018–May 2019). *McKnight Junior Faculty Development Fellowship*. Funded by Florida Education Fund. (N/A). Total award \$15,000.

Gonzales Backen, Melinda Airr (PI). (May 2017–Aug 2017). *COFRS: Substance Use Among Latino Adolescents from Farmworker Families: Examining Risk and Resiliency*. Funded by FSU CRC. Total award \$14,000.

Grzywacz, Joseph G (PI), Tovar, Antonio (Co-PI), & Gonzales Backen, Melinda Airr (Co-I). (Sep 2016–Sep 2021). *PISCA: Pesticide & Heat Stress Education For Latino Farm workers That is Culturally Appropriate*. Funded by Occupational Safety and Health Administration. (UFDSP00011563). Total award \$1,250,000.

Carlos Chavez, Fiorella Luisa (Co-PI), Grzywacz, Joseph G (PI), & Gonzales Backen, Melinda Airr (Co-PI). (Aug 2016–Aug 2018). *The Health and Cultural Challenges of Male Latino/Hispanic Emancipated Migrant Farmworker Youth (EMY): A Pilot Study*. Funded by Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society. Total award \$4,000.

Gonzales Backen, M. (Jul 2014–Jun 2016). *Alcohol Use among Latinos Adolescents: Examining the Impact of Cultural and Familial Strengths and Challenges*. Funded by National Institutes of Health, Loan Repayment Program/National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities. Total award \$12,902.

Gonzales Backen, Melinda Airr (PI). (May 2013–Aug 2013). *FYAP: Ethnic Identity Trajectories Among Mexican-Origin Females During Early and Middle Adolescence: Predicting Psycho-social Well-Being*. Funded by FSU CRC. Total award \$20,000.

Contracts and Grants Pending

Gonzales Backen, M. (Jul 2019). *Intersections of Neighborhood, Culture, and Family Factors in Predicting Sexual Behaviors among Adolescent Hispanic Immigrants*. Submitted to National Institutes of Health.

Gonzales Backen, Melinda Airr (Co-PI), & Grzywacz, Joseph G (PI). (Jun 2019). *Tailoring WPS Curricula to Creole-speaking Haitian Farmworkers*. Submitted to Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Contracts and Grants Denied

Gonzales Backen, Melinda Airr (PI). (Jun 2018). *Intersections of Neighborhood, Culture, and Family Factors in Predicting Sexual Behaviors among Adolescent Hispanic Immigrants*. Submitted to National Institutes of Health.

Gonzales Backen, M. (Nov 2015). *COFRS: Alcohol Use among Latino Adolescents from Farmworker Families: Examining the Impact of Cultural and Familial Stressors and Strengths*. Submitted to FSU CRC.

Gonzales Backen, M. (Nov 2015). *Alcohol Use among Latino Adolescents from Farmworker Families: Examining the Impact of Cultural and Familial Stressors and Strengths*. Submitted to National Institutes of Health.

Gonzales Backen, M. A. (Feb 2014). *Alcohol Use among Latino and Asian American Young Adults: Examining the Impact of Cultural Strengths and Challenges*. Submitted to The Foundation for Alcohol Research.

Gonzales Backen, M. (Nov 2012). *Disparities in Psychological and Physiological Health among Latino Youth: Predicting Outcomes through a Cultural Lens*. Submitted to National Institutes of Health, Loan Repayment Program.

Additional Research Training and Activities

Gonzales Backen, M. (2015). *Tobacco and Marijuana Use among Hispanic Adolescents: Examining the Impact of Cultural Strengths and Stressors*. National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Service

Florida State University

FSU University Service

Panel Member, CARE Summer Bridge Program (2019).

Grant Reviewer, Committee on Faculty Research Support (2019).

Faculty Advisor, Children Beyond Our Borders FSU Chapter (2015–2019).

Panel Member, CARE Summer Bridge Program (2018).

Grant Reviewer, Committee on Faculty Research Support (2017).

Grant Reviewer, Committee on Faculty Research Support (2016).

Selection Committee Member, Office of Distance Learning Awards (2015).

Grant Reviewer, Committee on Faculty Research Support (2014).

FSU College Service

Committee Member, College of Human Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee
(2017–present).

Alternate Representative for the College of Human Sciences, Faculty Senate (2016–2018).

Committee Member, College of Human Sciences Scholarship Committee (2013–2014).

Oral Presentation Judge, Annual College of Human Sciences Research and Creativity Day
(2013).

FSU Department Service

Chair, Department of Family and Child Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee
(2017–present).

Graduate Program Director, Family and Child Science (2017–present).

Committee Member, Department of Family and Child Sciences Executive Committee
(2017–present).

Committee Member, Department of Family and Child Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee
(2015–2017).

Committee Member, Family and Child Sciences Department Chair Search Committee
(2014–2015).

Chair, Department of Family and Child Sciences Scholarship Committee (2013–2014).

Committee Member, Assistant Professor Search Committee (2013–2014).

The Profession

Editorial Board Membership(s)

Journal of Youth and Adolescence (2017–present).

Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology (2016–present).

Guest Reviewer for Refereed Journals

Journal of Early Adolescence (2018–present).

Child Development Perspectives (2016–present).

Developmental Psychology (2016–present).

Family Relations (2016–present).

Identity (2016–present).

Journal of Clinical Psychology (2016–present).

Journal of Latinx Psychology (2016–present).

Journal of Youth and Adolescence (2016–present).

Child Development (2014–present).

Developmental Psychology (2014–present).

Journal of Research on Adolescence (2014–present).

Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology (2013–present).

Emerging Adulthood (2013–present).

Journal of Adolescence (2009–present).

Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology (2016).

Social Problems (2011–12).

Journal of Counseling Psychology (2009).

Reviewer for Textbooks

Adolescence (17th edition), Santrock, McGraw-Hill (2018).

Families with Adolescents (2013–2014).

My Dynamic Child, Pearson (2014).

I Never Knew I had a Choice: Explorations in Personal Growth (2011).

Chair of a Symposium

Gonzales Backen, M. (Chair). (2018, April). *Predicting Risky Behavior in Latino Youth: Directions for Intervention and Prevention*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.

Gonzales Backen, M. (Chair). (2016, April). *Longitudinal Studies of Identity, Culture, and Health among Hispanic Adolescents*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.

Reviewer or Panelist for Grant Applications

National Science Foundation (2019).

National Science Foundation (2018).

Service to Professional Associations

Conference Submission Reviewer, National Council on Family Relations (2009–2019).

Invited Conference Submission Reviewer, Society for Research on Adolescence (2013–2017).

Invited Conference Submission Reviewer, Society for Research on Child Development (2016).

The Community

Workshop Organizer and Presenter, The Adolescent Brain, College of Advanced Judicial Studies (2014).