

CURRICULUM VITAE
Alfred Gene Pérez

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ACADEMIC DEGREES

2014 Doctor of Philosophy, Social Welfare, The University of Chicago
2001 Master of Social Work, University of Michigan
1998 Bachelor of Arts, Social Work, San José State University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016 – Present *Assistant Professor*, California State University, Stanislaus
2014 – 2016 *Assistant Professor*, University of Texas at San Antonio
 Faculty Affiliate, The Child and Adolescent Policy Research Institute at The
 University of Texas at San Antonio
2011 – 2012 *Lecturer*, University of Illinois at Chicago
2009 – 2010 *Lecturer*, The University of Chicago
2007 – 2013 *Adjunct Faculty*, Loyola University Chicago

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004 – 2005 *Senior Policy Advisor*, Arizona Governor’s Office on Children, Youth and Families,
 Phoenix, AZ
2003 – 2004 *Policy Analyst*, Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care, Washington, DC
2001 – 2003 *Research Assistant*, Westat, Rockville, MD
2000 – 2001 *Casey Family Programs Fellow*, Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children and
 Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC
1998 – 2000 *Outreach Coordinator*, California Youth Connection, San Francisco, CA
1997 – 1998 *Child Protection Worker (Social Worker I)*, Santa Clara Co. Social Services Agency,
 Department of Children and Family Services, San José, CA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016 – Present Co-Principal Investigator
 Young Adult Medicaid Study (YAMS). Study assesses the health literacy of former
 foster care youth and seeks to understand perceptions and experiences with
 obtaining, understanding, and using healthcare insurance former foster youth are
 eligible for through the Affordable Care Act.
2016 – Present Co-Principal Investigator, Texas Institute for Child & Family Well-being at the
 University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work
 Texas Youth Permanency Study (TYPS). A prospective longitudinal research study
 examining the post-permanency experiences and long-term developmental
 outcomes of older youth.
2015 – Present Principal Investigator
 Well-being and Foster Care Transitions: Federal Chafee Service Awareness and Utilization.
 Secondary data analysis of federal National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD)
 and Adoption and Foster Care Reporting System (AFCARS) data.
2009 – 2014 Principal Investigator, University of Chicago
 The Chicago Permanency Study. A qualitative study that explored the experiences of
 young adults who exited foster care as adolescents through legal permanency (e.g.,
 adoption, guardianship or relative placement) and how these experiences shape
 relational permanency with their caretakers during young adulthood. Funded
 through the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, \$45,000
2007 – 2009 Co-Principal Investigator, Chapin Hall for Children at the University of Chicago

An Evaluation of Campus Support Programs in California and Washington State, funded through the Stuart Foundation and Walter S. Johnson Foundation, \$52,000

1999 -2000

Principal Investigator, California Youth Connection

Foster Youth Perspectives on Family Preservation Initiatives, funded through the S.H. Cowell Foundation, \$30,000

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Chor, B., Petras, H., & Pérez, A. (Forthcoming). Youth subgroups who receive John F. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program services. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*.

Pérez, A. G. (2017). [Classifying relational permanence among young adults who exited foster care through legal permanence as adolescents](#). *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, 98(3), 179-189. doi 10.1606/1044-3894.2017.98.31

Gill, E., Christensen, C., & Pérez, A. G. (2017). [The sale of the Atlanta Hawks: Is it racism or white ownership playing the race card?](#) *Journal of Sport Media*, 12(1), 113-140. doi 10.1253/jsm.2017.0005

Rolock, N., Pérez, A.G., White, K.R., & Fong, R. (2017). [From foster care to adoption: A 21st century challenge](#). *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal* doi: 10.1007/s10560-017-0499-z

Rolock, N., & Pérez, A.G. (2016). [Three sides to a foster care story: An examination of the lived experiences of young adults, their foster care records, and the space in between](#). *Qualitative Social Work*. doi:10.1177/1473325016666410

Christensen, C., Gill, E., & Pérez, A. G. (2016). [The Ray Rice domestic violence case: Constructing black masculinity through newspaper reports](#). *Journal of Sport & Social Issues*, 40(5), 363 -386. doi:10.1177/0193723516655576

Perez, A. & Teasley, M. (2015). [Improving educational outcomes of school-age children and youths involved in public systems](#). *Children & Schools*, 37(4), 195-197. doi: 10.1093/cs/cdv029

Courtney, M. E., Lee, J. & Pérez, A.G. (2011). [Receipt of help acquiring life skills and predictors of help receipt among current and former foster youth](#). *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33(12), 2442-2451. doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2011.08.026

Dworsky, A. & Pérez, A. G. (2010). [Helping former foster youth graduate from college through campus support programs](#). *Children and Youth Services Review*, 32(2), 255-263. doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2009.09.004

Pérez, A. G. (2004). [Five commentaries: Looking to the future \(Commentary #2\)](#). *The Future of Children*, 14, (1), 175-189.

Book Reviews, Editorials, Reports & Other Publications

Adkins, T., Faulkner, M., & Pérez, A. (2016). *Texas Youth Permanency Study: Literature Review*. Austin, TX: Upbring.

Pérez, A. G. (2015, April 15). Children living in transition: Helping homeless and foster children and families. [Review of the book [Children living in transition: Helping homeless and foster children and families](#), ed. by Cheryl Zlotnick]. *Journal of Children and Poverty*, 21, 71 -73. doi: 10.1080/10796126.2015.1031729

Pérez, A. G. (2014). Does legal permanence translate into relational permanence among young adults with foster care histories? *The National Resource Center for Adoption's Roundtable*, 27(2), 10 – 11.

Dworsky, A. & Pérez, A. G. (2009). *Helping foster youth graduate from college: Campus support programs in California and Washington State*. Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall Center for Children.

Courtney, M., Dworsky, A., Ruth-Cusick, G., Havlicek, J., Pérez, A., & Keller, T. (2007). *The Midwest evaluation of adult functioning: Outcomes at age 21*. Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall Center for Children.

Emig, C., Badeau, S., Gesiriech, S., Murry, K., Outley, A., Russo, G., & Pérez, A. (2004). *Fostering the future: Safety, permanence and well-being for children in foster care*. Washington, DC: Pew Commission on

Children in Foster Care

Hines, A., Lee, P.A., Drabble, L., Lemon, K., Chow, J., **Pérez, A.**, & Snowden, L.R. (2003). *An evaluation of factors related to the disproportionate representation of children of color in Santa Clara County's child welfare system*. San José, CA: County of Santa Clara Social Services Agency.

Pérez, A. G., O'Neil, K., & Gesiriech, S. (2003). *Demographics of children in foster care*. Washington, DC: Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care.

Pérez, A. (2003). *Family preservation initiatives: Foster youth share their perspective for change*. San Francisco, CA: California Youth Connection.

Pérez, A. (2003). *Forgotten teens: Social workers can make a difference*. *Ongoing*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan School of Social Work.

Pérez, A. (2000). Sink or swim: Foster youth staying afloat in the adult world. *Daily Living: A Quarterly Devoted to Adolescent Independent Living*. Tulsa, OK: National Resource Center for Youth Services, University of Oklahoma, 14(2), 4-6.

Publications in Preparation

Hoffman, S. & **Pérez, A.G.** (Under review). Health literacy among young adults formally in foster care. *The Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*

Pérez, A. G., Gill, E., & Clark, L. "There is a thin line between discipline and child abuse: A case study of child abuse in the Adrian Peterson discourse.

Pérez, A. G., Harris, R., & Chor, B. Chafee Foster Care Independent Living Services profiles of youth aging out of foster care.

Pérez, A. G. & Harris, R. At-risk youth's use of independent living services aging out of foster care.

Pérez, A. G. & Harris, R. Geographic and child welfare policy determinants of youth's receipts of independent living services.

Pérez, A. G., Valera, P., & Thornton, A. G. "Longing for attachment with mama": Retrospective accounts of foster care alumni's attachment styles with biological parents.

PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS

Refereed Academic Presentations

Pérez, A.G. (2017). *An examination of the policy and personal challenges of translating state-sanctioned permanence among foster care alumni*. Paper presentation at 2017 annual meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montréal, Québec, Canada

Pérez, A. G. & Harris, R. (2016, August). *Well-being and foster care transitions: Service awareness and utilization*. Roundtable presentation at the 111th American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA

Chor, B., Petras, H., & **Pérez, A. G.** (2016, June). *Identifying Foster Care Youth Subgroups Who Receive John F. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program Services Under the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999*. Poster presentation at the Society for Prevention Research 24th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Christensen, C., Gill, E., & **Pérez, A. G.** (2016, May). *The Ray Rice domestic violence case: Constructing black masculinity through newspaper reports*. Paper presentation at the 12th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign-Urbana, IL

Pérez, A.G. (2016, January). *"Longing for attachment with mama": Retrospective accounts of foster care alumni's attachment styles with biological parents*. Paper presentations at the 20th Annual Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC

Rolock, N. & **Pérez, A.G.** (2016, January). *Defining permanence: An examination of the lived experiences of*

young adults compared to their foster care case records. Poster presentation at the 20th Annual Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC

Pérez, A.G. (2016, January). *“Longing for attachment with mama”: Retrospective accounts of foster care alumni’s attachment styles with biological parents*. Paper presentations at 5th International Conference on Adoption Research, Auckland, New Zealand

Rolock, N. & **Pérez, A.G.** (2016, January). *Defining permanence: An examination of the lived experiences of young adults compared to their foster care case records*. Paper presentation at 5th International Conference on Adoption Research, Auckland, New Zealand

Pérez, A.G. (2016, January). *Does legal permanence translate into relational permanence? The accounts of young adults with foster care histories*. Paper presentation at 5th International Conference on Adoption Research, Auckland, New Zealand

Pérez, A.G. (2015, January). *Does legal permanence translate into relational permanence? The accounts of young adults with foster care histories*. Paper presentation at 19th Annual Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA

Henly, J.R. (organizer), Samuels, G. M., Roth, B., Gunn, A., Hardesty, M., **Pérez, A.**, Vorhies, V., Darrow, J. H., Moragne, K., Sichling, F., Frank-Miller, E., Ortiz, C., McMillin, Jones, A., & Leone, C. (2014, January). *Roundtable on qualitative dissertation research: Learning from doctoral student peers*. Discussant at 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), San Antonio, TX.

Pérez, A.G. and Dworsky, A. (2010, August). *An introduction to campus support programs: Findings from an implementation study*. Paper presentation at the National Pathways to Adulthood Conference sponsored by the National Resource Center for Youth Development, Chicago, IL

Pérez, A.G., García, T. & Velasquez, M. (2010, March). *The power of one: Supporting foster youth in higher education*. Paper presentation at the annual NASPA: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

Pérez, A.G. and Courtney, M. (2008, January). *Predictors of receipt of independent living services*. Paper presentation at 12th Annual Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC

Pérez, A.G. and Dworsky, A. (2008, October). *Evaluating campus support programs for former youth in California and Washington state*. Paper presentation at Creating a Blueprint: Building Support for Students from Foster Care on Higher Education Campuses sponsored by California College Pathways, San José, CA

Invited Keynotes, Lectures, Panels, Workshops, & Other Presentations

Harven, A., Brodie, K., Harvey, V., Kincaid, J., & **Pérez, A.G.** (2016, November). *Social justice and the new political climate: Aftermath of an election*. Invited panelist at the Social Justice in the Central Valley conference sponsored by California State University, Stanislaus College of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Turlock, CA

Pérez, A.G. (2016, November). *Classifying relational permanence among young adults who exited foster care through legal permanence*. Invited keynote address at the International Conference on Innovations in Family Engagement sponsored by the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect at the University of Colorado Denver, Fort Worth, TX

Pérez, A.G. (2016, October). Invited facilitator at the 5th Annual Social Work Practice-Research Roundtable, Sacramento, CA

Pérez, A.G. (2016, March). *Preparing foster youth for young adulthood*. Invited keynote address at the Road to Your Future: 4th Annual Foster Youth Conference sponsored by the City of Richmond, CA Police Department and Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties Independent Living Skills Programs, Richmond, CA

Pérez, A.G. (2015, November). *Is permanence policy a panacea?* Invited Child Welfare Lectureship at the Listening, Learning, and Uniting for Permanency 2015 child welfare conference sponsored by

the Child and Family Research Institute at the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Pérez, A.G. (2015, June). *Rescripting the foster care narrative to improve educational outcomes of youth*. Invited lecture at the University of California, Merced, Merced, CA

Pérez, A.G. & Thornton, A. G. (2015, June). *Positive youth development: Using a strengths-based approach to help young adults transition from foster care to young adulthood*. Conducted Title IV-E training for Region 8, Texas Department of Family and Protective Service, San Antonio, TX

Pérez, A.G. (2014, October). *Does legal permanence endure?* Invited research presentation at the National Family Builders Network Meeting, Providence, RI

Pérez, A.G. (2012, June). *Moving beyond categorical modes of permanence: Unpacking assumptions of permanency planning practice and policy*. Invited keynote address at the Youth Permanency Summit sponsored by the Nebraska Families Collaborative, Omaha, NE

Pérez, A.G. (2010, August). *Independence and self-sufficiency or dependence and disconnectedness: Revisiting if 'Are we helping young people prepare for young adulthood?'* Invited opening plenary keynote address at the annual National Pathways to Adulthood Conference sponsored by the National Resource Center for Youth Development, Chicago, IL

Pérez, A.G. (2010, March). *Policies and programs that help foster youth transition to adulthood*. Invited presentation at Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Seminar, University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams School of Social Work, Chicago, IL

Pérez, A.G. (2009, December). *What research tells us: Young people during the transition to adulthood*. Invited presentation at the In Transition: A National Dialogue Regarding Policy & Practice for Older Youth in Foster Care meeting, Washington, DC

Pérez, A.G. (2009, July). *Foster care in America: A call to action for our children*. Invited presentation at the annual meeting of the National Urban League Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

Pérez, A.G. (2009, February). *Foster youth rising above the demographic storm*. Invited panelist at the meeting of the College Board Western Regional Forum, Denver, CO

Pérez, A.G. (2007, November). *From the 'system' to the ivory tower: Supporting former foster youth in their pursuit of higher education*. Invited keynote address at the Creating a Blueprint: Building Support for Students from Foster Care on Higher Education Campuses sponsored by California College Pathways, Santa Clara, CA

Pérez, A.G. (February, 2005). *On their own: From foster care to self-sufficiency*. Invited lecture at the Five Day of Justice Lecture Series sponsored by Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown, PA

Pérez, A.G. (2003, October). *Adoption and Safe Families Act's (ASFA's) legal orphans – A necessary evil? A discussion of the wisdom and need for terminating parental rights when no prospective adoptive parent has been identified*. Invited panelist at the 5th Annual National Symposium: Examining the First Five Years of ASFA, Capital University Law School, Columbus, OH

Pérez, A.G. (2002, January). *Social workers' role in helping vulnerable children and families*. Invited keynote address at the I Dream a World Conference sponsored by the University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD

Pérez, A.G. (2001, February). *Journalist role in shaping the narrative of youth in transition*. Invited keynote address at the Casey Journalism Center on Children Annual Conference, Washington, DC

Pérez, A.G. (2001, August). *Five survivor strategies for staying afloat in the adult world*. Invited keynote address at the National Pathways to Adulthood Conference sponsored by the National Resource Center for Youth Services, Glorieta, NM

Pérez, A.G. (2001, July). *Sink or swim: Foster youth staying afloat in the adult world*. Invited keynote address at the California Statewide Independent Living Conference sponsored by the National Resource Center for Youth Services, Santa Cruz, CA

Pérez, A.G. (1999, December). Invited featured speaker at the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 Bill Signing Ceremony, White House, Washington, DC

Pérez, A.G. (1999, January). *Advocating for children and families*. Invited panelist at the 5th Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conference sponsored by Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

Pérez, A.G. (1999, June). *A child's journey through California's foster care system*. Invited keynote address at the annual meeting of the California Community College Foundation, Sacramento, CA

Pérez, A.G. (1998, October). Invited testimony on the needs of aged-out foster youth before the California State Assembly Human Services Committee, Sacramento, CA.

TEACHING

California State University, Stanislaus, Master of Social Work Program

2016 – Present SW 5002: Social Welfare Policy and Services for Social Justice II
SW 5025: Current Trends in Social Work Research
SW 5030: Foundation I: Generalist Social Work Practice Using a Strengths Perspective
SW: 5040/41 Field Instruction I & II

University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Social Work

2014 – 2016 SWK 5103: Social Problems and Social Welfare Policy Analysis
SWK 5303: Foundations of Social Work I
SWK 6951: Independent Study – Contemporary Child Welfare Policy and Practice:
Exploring Post-Permanency Experiences among Older Youth
SWK 6951: Independent Study – The Transition to Adulthood among Young Adults Who
Exited Foster Care Through Adoption and Guardianship

University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work

2011 – 2012 SOCW 582: Practice III: Practice with Children and Families
SOCW 583: Practice IV: Practice with Children and Families

University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration

2009 – 2010 SSA 471: Child Welfare Practice and Policy

Loyola University Chicago, Graduate School of Social Work

2007 – 2013 SOWK 506: Methods of Social Work Research
SOWK 606: Practicum in Research in Social Work

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP

2016-17 *Chair*, Graduate Project, Amber Simmons. Master of Social Work Candidate, California State University, Stanislaus, Master of Social Work Program. *Raising awareness of suicide on college campuses through storytelling*
Member, Thesis Committee, Tsola Ekpokai. Master of Social Work Candidate, California State University, Stanislaus, Master of Social Work Program. *Intersexuality and decision making of Nigerian parents*
2015-16 *Member*, Thesis Committee, Kristin Flores. Master of Science Candidate, University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Urban and Regional Planning. *“Policy recommendation to address the current state of youth homelessness in San Antonio.”*

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

California State University, Stanislaus

2016 – Present *Member*, Assessment of Student Learning Subcommittee, CSU Stanislaus
Member, Faculty Search Committee, Master of Social Work Program
Member, Admissions Committee, Master of Social Work Program
Member, Research and Evaluation Committee, Master of Social Work Program
2016 *Member*, Field Education Committee, Master of Social Work Program

University of Texas at San Antonio

2015 – 2016 *Chair*, Committee on Field Education, Department of Social Work
Member, Committee on Graduation Ceremonies, University of Texas at San Antonio
Member, Graduate Council, The Graduate School at the University of Texas San Antonio
2014 – 2016 *Banner Marshal*, College of Public Policy at the University of Texas at San Antonio

The University of Chicago

2013 – 2014 *Coordinator*, Doctoral Teaching Workshop, School of Social Service Administration

- 2011 – 2013 *Moderator/Facilitator*, Men of Color Forums, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs
 2010 – 2011 *Coordinator*, Doctoral Theory Workshop, School of Social Service Administration
 2008 – 2009 *Member*, Independent Review Committee for the University of Chicago Police Department

AD-HOC REFEREE

American Journal of Men's Health, Children and Youth Services Review, Families in Society, Journal for Social Action in Counseling and Psychology, and Journal of Research on Adolescence

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2017– Present *Member*, Kaiser Permanente Member/Patient Advisor Council in the Central Valley Area
 2017– Present *Member*, Research Alliance for the Center for Adolescent Health Promotion for Youth in Care, Texas Institute for Child & Family Well-being at University of Texas at Austin
 2015 – Present *Consultant*, Child Welfare Capacity Building Collaborative, The Capacity Building Center for States, Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 2004 – 2005 *Member*, Arizona Governor's Child Protection Services Oversight Committee
Member, Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism
 2000 – 2010 *Trustee*, Journalism Center for Children and Families, Philip Merrill College of Journalism, University of Maryland, College Park
 2000 – 2008 *Grant Reviewer*, Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Grant Reviewer, Family and Youth Services Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Grant Reviewer, Office of Family Assistance, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 2000 – 2005 *Member*, Advisory Committee on Independent Living Services for Foster Youth, Child Welfare League of America
Member, National Advisory Committee on Youth Development, Child Welfare League of America
Member, Standing Workgroup on the Developing Data Elements, Instruments, and Implementation Planning for the National Youth in Transition (NYTD), Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Member, Standing Workgroup on the Performance Measurement for the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 1998 – 1999 *Member*, California Blue Ribbon Commission on Out-of-State Placements
 1998 – 1999 *Co-Chair*, California Group Home Law Enforcement Task Force

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

- 2016 *Poll Worker*, 2016 Presidential General Election, Stanislaus County Office of County Clerk/Recorder Registrar of Voters Elections Division, Modesto, CA
 2014 – 2016 *Big Brother*, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of South Texas, San Antonio, TX
 2012 – 2014 *Friends First Mentor*, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, Chicago, IL
 2000- 2004 *Big Brother*, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the National Capital Area, Lanham, MD

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

Society for the Study of Social Problems
 Society for Social Work Research
 Council on Social Work Education
 National Foster Care Coalition
 National Association of Social Workers