Second Cohort

2018-2020

Fiorella Carlos Chavez (Ph.D., Florida State University)
Human Development & Family Science

Fiorella’s research examines the health impact of stressors among Latinx individuals and families as well as the acculturative stress on Latinx college students’ psychosocial outcomes. Her dissertation work studied Latinx migrant farmworkers and contributes to understanding of how family decisions and relationships help Latinx youth manage life challenges.

Hector Lamadrid (Ph.D., Virginia Tech)
Geological Sciences

Hector’s research examines fluid-rock interactions in natural systems. He has made methodological advancements in fluid inclusion analysis techniques, specifically in relation to Roman spectroscopy as a way to determine fluid inclusion in minerals. Hector’s research advances understanding of the roles of fluids in chemical reactions in Earth’s deep interior.

Kaleea Lewis (Ph.D., University of South Carolina)
Public Health; Women’s & Gender Studies

Kaleea’s research intersects with public health, sociology, and psychology. She examines racism within the institution of higher education, specifically the challenges faced by Black students and faculty as well as the psychosocial well-being of minority students. Her research takes an intersectional approach to studying experiences and perceptions of practices within higher education.

Yang Li (Ph.D., University of Michigan)
Nursing

Yang researches the impact of maternal childhood maltreatment and trauma-related psychopathology on perinatal outcomes. Specifically, her work has examined the concept of Allostatic Load as a physiologic manifestation of multiple systems among the mothers and how they relate to posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and childbearing outcomes.