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EDUCATION

2020-2025	DOCTORATE DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES	Rice University, TX
2020-2023	MASTERS DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES	Rice University, TX
2014-2018	BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	UNIBE, DR

PUBLICATIONS

Veras-de-Jesus, I. (2020). Estrés y estrategias de afrontamiento en docentes. *Revista De Investigación Y Evaluación Educativa*, 7(1), 26-35. <https://doi.org/10.47554/revie2020.7.17>

- Funded by the program “Joven Investigador” or Young Researcher in English, where recipients are granted funds to conduct a research study related to education. The program is sponsored by the Dominican Institute for Evaluation and Research of Educational Quality (IDEICE).

Garcini L.M., **Veras-de Jesús, I.**, Gudooru, K., & Garza, M.T. (submitted). Lifestyle medicine and mental health among historically marginalized ethnic and racial communities: Cultural and contextual considerations. In Fagundes, C.P., & Majd, M, *Mental Health in Lifestyle Medicine*, Taylor & Francis Press.

SCHOLARSHIPS / AWARDS

2023 - 2024 **DIVERSITY SCHOLAR AWARD – AMERICAN PSYCHOSOMATIC SOCIETY**

2022 **POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD**

Sarabu, V., Le, K., **Veras-de Jesús, I.**, Garza, M., Garcini, L. (2022, January). What hurts the most: Trauma and cardiometabolic health among undocumented Latinx Immigrants. Poster presentation at the 5th Annual Cardio Renal Connections Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

2021 **POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD**

Sarabu, V., Le, K., **Veras-de Jesús, I.**, Garza, M., Garcini, L. (2021, December). What hurts the most: Trauma and cardiometabolic health among undocumented Latinx Immigrants. Poster presentation at the 24th Annual Department of Medicine Research Day, San Antonio, Texas.

2020 **FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATE STUDIES**

2014 – 2018 **LIDERES DEL MAÑANA SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

GRANTS / FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 **COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT**
- Social Sciences Research Institute (SSRI) – Rice University
 - Title: A Biobehavioral Approach to the Study of Trauma, Health Risk and Cognitive Functioning among Asylum-Seekers
 - Fagundes, C., Fischer-Baum, S., Garcini, L., Martin, R., Mercado, A., Payan, T., **Veras de Jesús, I.** *names in alphabetical order
 - Amount: \$25,000
 - Period: 2022 – 2025
- 2022 **HEALTH CONFIANZA SCHOLAR AWARD**
- University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSC-SA)
 - Title: Facilitators for Building Trust in Sources of Health Information During and Beyond COVID-19
 - Ambriz, Ginjupalli, An, **Veras De Jesús**, Co-PIs
 - Garcini & Garza, Mentors
 - Amount: \$25,000
 - Period: 4/1/2022 – 4/3/2023
- 2021 **EXPANDING HORIZONS FELLOWSHIP**
- Provides students the opportunity to conduct research-related travel that will benefit the local communities connected to their research, while expanding the students' knowledge and experience.
 - Project: Studying Stress-Related Inflammation, Physical and Mental Health Among Denationalized Dominicans from Haitian Descent in the Dominican Republic
 - Amount: \$6,000
 - Matching funds:
 - BMED Lab \$6,000
 - VOCES Lab \$6,000
 - Current project budget: \$18,000
- 2020 **RICE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP**
- Covers tuition for graduate program
 - Annual stipend

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2022 **STaRT@RICE**
- *Statistical Training and Research Techniques*
 - Scholarship awarded for attendance

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – 2020 **RESEARCH DEPARTMENT (UNIBE)** **Santo Domingo, DR**
Administrative Assistant
- 2017 **CENTRO DE ORIENTACIÓN E INVESTIGACIÓN INTEGRAL (COIN)** **Santo Domingo, DR**
Intern at Psychology Department
- 2017 **HOSPITAL GENERAL DE LA PLAZA DE LA SALUD** **Santo Domingo, DR**
Intern at Mental Health Department
- 2015 - 2016 **COLEGIO ESCUELA NUEVA** **Santo Domingo, DR**
Paraprofessional of 3 students with ADHD and Absence Seizures
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017 – 2020 **NEUROCOGNITION AND PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY LABORATORY (UNIBE)** **Santo Domingo, DR**
Junior Researcher
- 2018 **IDEICE – MINISTRY OF EDUCATION** **Santo Domingo, DR**
Junior Researcher – Programa Joven Investigador (Young Researcher Program)
- 2017-2018 **INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE AND GLOBAL HEALTH (UNIBE)** **DR**
Leader Interviewer – Leader Transcriber and Coder
- Project: Health Belief Model Evaluation for Arboviral Infection Prevention in Clinical Settings using Media-Rich Mobile Technology (**UNIBE-CDC-Georgia Tech**)
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LEADERSHIP ROLES

- DEI Representative – Psychology Graduate Student Association (2022-2023)
Ring Member – Fulbright@Rice (2022-2023)
Secretary – Black Graduate Student Organization (2021-2022)
Vice-President - Psych Students Association (2016-2017)
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REPORTS

Paulino-Ramirez, R., Sánchez-Vincitore, L.V., Ruiz-Matuk, C., Mencía-Ripley, A., **Veras-de Jesús, I.**, Marx, G., & Robinson, S.J. (2018). FINAL REPORT: Health Belief Model Evaluation for Arboviral Infection Prevention in Clinical Settings using Media-Rich Mobile Technology.

- **Technical Partners:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Centers for Global Health (CGH) and Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (CELS), EPI-INFO Team Georgia Institute of Technology, Institute for People and Technology
- **Implementing Mechanism:** CDC Cooperative Agreement with Training Programs in Epidemiology and Public Health Interventions Network-TEPHINET

CONFERENCES

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Veras-de Jesús, I., (2019). *Racial/ethnic micro?agressions and its psychophysiological effects: Literature review*. Presented at XIV Congreso Caribeño de Psicología, Santo Domingo, DR.

Veras-de Jesús, I., (2018). *Stress and coping mechanisms in high school teachers*. Presented at 9no. Congreso Internacional IDEICE, Santo Domingo, DR.

Paulino-Ramírez, R., Marx, G.E., Robinson, S.J., Sánchez –Vincitore, L.V., Ruiz-Matuk, C., Paziraei, A., Mones, L., De Los Santos, A., De Jesús, L.A., De Los Santos, G., Goico-Montes de Oca, E., Pérez –Tavarez, J., González –Cury, D., **Veras-de Jesús, I.**, Abreu-Fuertes, Y., Henríquez-Hidalgo, S., González –Ferrua, M., Rodríguez-Lauzurique, R.M., Mercedes, A.L., Tejeda, J., Roedán-Oliver, F., Rodríguez-Ramírez, L., Henríquez-Cross, A., & Abreu-María, N., (2018). *Zika Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices among Women of Child-Bearing Age-Dominican Republic, 2016-2017*. Presented at V Simposio Internacional Sobre Vigilancia, Monitoreo Y Control De Vectores Implicados En La Transmisión De Enfermedades Zoonoticas, Santa Clara, Cuba. Abstract published in: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Jose_Iannacone/publication/328853739_Abstract_Book_del_V_Simposio_Internacional_sobre_Vigilancia_Monitoreo_y_Control_de_Vectores_Implicados_en_la_Transmision_de_Enfermedades_Zoonoticas/links/5be6c3b2a6fdcc3a8dcba132/Abstract-Book-del-V-Simposio-Internacional-sobre-Vigilancia-Monitoreo-y-Control-de-Vectores-Implicados-en-la-Transmision-de-Enfermedades-Zoonoticas.pdf

Veras-de Jesús, I., & Ruiz-Alma, L., (2018). *Gender role, perceived stress and coping mechanisms in domestic employees*. Presented at XV Congreso Caribeño de Psicología, Puerto Plata, DR.

Veras-de Jesús, I., González, A., Aquino, A., Perdomo, A., Melo, M.A., Yi-Peguero, D., Cabrera, E., & Pérez, Y. – Delegation of the Dominican Republic, (2017). *Developing civic competence that promotes justice and active participation*. Presented at 2017 Global Youth Trends Forum, Taipei, Taiwan.