
Profile

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What district do you live in? *

Chapel Hill Town limits (Purple)

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If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

1-3 years

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Eligible

Question applies to Housing Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Housing Advisory Board *

Affordable Housing Advocate

Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

Planning Commission

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

- Email
- Internet

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

Non-Chapel Hill Board Experience

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

Long relevant life experience in lower-income and affordable housing, due to disability and poverty. Lifelong interest in anti-poverty programs and work -- including: 1964 North Carolina Fund Volunteers "First 100 College Students" for volunteer antipoverty program; working in US "War on Poverty" in 1965-68 as Summer Intern in Research, Policy, Programming, and Evaluation, and in Community Action Program; volunteer outreach work in black voter registration prior to 1964 US election.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

A long life of diverse and relevant experience -- including: birth and growing up in/returning to North Carolina (41 years), living in DC (1 year), (US territory of) Puerto Rico (14 years), California (2 years), upstate New York (1 year), and Georgia (21 years). Due to my diverse experience of living in Puerto Rico, I experienced and enjoyed substantial acculturation (often as a minority of one); and evaluate, consider and self-classify myself as bicultural/biethnic North American/Hispanic Latino. Speak Spanish.

Question applies to Planning Commission

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in city planning, design field, environment, housing, transportation or related fields? If yes, please explain.

BA in Sociology (Duke), M. of Planning Degree (U-Puerto Rico), PhD in City and Regional Planning (UC-Berkeley)," JD Degree (Georgia State). Specialized education in socio-economic demography and social programs and policies planning --which I have taught in Cornell University and U. of Puerto Rico schools of planning, and in which I worked for Puerto Rico Planning Board. Drafted US agency report on "Social Conditions and Human Services Programs in Puerto Rico" for US Economic Study of PR.

[2022-Summary Resume for Chapel Hill Boards and Commissions.docx](#)

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Ethnicity *

Other

Gender *

Male

If other, please describe:

Biethnic North American/Hispanic

Please select your age from the following list. *

over 55

Advocate: Disability, Senior,
Affordable Housing,
Hispanic/Latino

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

Yes No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

Yes No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

Yes No

Ethics Statement

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Kent Earnhardt, JD,
PhD

Summary Resume for Chapel Hill Boards and Commissions

Education: Duke University; Durham, NC: BA in Sociology --- Univ. of Puerto Rico; San Juan, PR: Master of Planning (Urban, Regional, Social, Economic) --- UC-Berkeley; Berkeley, California; PhD in City and Regional Planning --- Georgia State University College of Law; Atlanta, Georgia: Juris Doctorate (JD).

Work Experience: My work experience extends over fifty-seven years, since I graduated from Duke University in 1965 -- when I first went to work in DC in the think tank of the "War on Poverty". I learned from and still consider relevant all my work experience. Due to a lifelong disability of mental illness of depression, first diagnosed at Duke University in 1962; my extended education; and going on Social Security Disability Insurance in 1992 - most of my work experience has transitioned over time from past paid employment work to diverse and ongoing volunteer work over a period of thirty years. I also consider all of my Lived Life Experience quite relevant. Detailed resumes of my employment and volunteer work are available.

Publications/Presentations: My publications relate to my past fifteen-year academic and professional residence and work in Puerto Rico -where I learned Spanish, and experienced acculturation, such that I now consider myself bicultural/biethnic. Those publications include Politics and Population in the Caribbean, and Development Planning and Population Policy in Puerto Rico (my PhD dissertation for UC-Berkeley). My presentations include a long list about Social Security Disability Work Incentives presented at many Disability Advocacy Conferences (detailed list available).

Honors: My honors are primarily volunteer service on multiple boards, etc. including: Wake County Human Services Board to represent persons with mental illness -- until services divested under Mental Health Medicaid Waiver to Alliance. Then served maximum of two terms on Wake County Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC). (Pending member of Orange County CFAC.) Member of NAMI-NC Board of Directors (several years).

Have served on three NC Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Boards, and also on their Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Advisory Councils: (1) Governor's Advocacy Council for Persons with Disabilities (GACPD), (2) Carolina Legal Services (CLA). and (3) Disability Rights North Carolina (DRNC). Current Member of Monarch NC Board of Directors (several years).

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What district do you live in? *

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If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

Greater than 10 years

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Eligible

Question applies to Board of Adjustment

Select a Seat Category for Board of Adjustment *

Chapel Hill Town Resident

Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board Champion

Which Board is your First Choice? *

Planning Commission

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

Email

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

Chapel Hill Board Experience

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I have a masters' degree in City and Regional Planning from UNC Chapel Hill and have worked as a professional planner since 2013. In my current job, which is located in Chapel Hill I have held since July 2019, I work with local governments throughout the country to help them plan their communities and make comprehensive revisions to their development codes. That has proven very helpful during my service on the Board of Adjustment, and I think will be a very helpful perspective on the Planning Commission, especially as the town undertakes its own development code rewrite. In addition, my primary means of transportation is my electric bike and I perform most of my regular errands such as grocery shopping via bike. Relying on my bike for transportation gives me a good perspective into how and where Chapel Hill succeeds in making it easy to live, work, and play without relying on a car, as well as where the Town falls short. In light of the growing threat of climate change and our desire to increase the Town's commercial tax base, relieving residents of some of the Town's relatively high property tax burden, I think my perspective using very low-carbon means of transportation would be useful as the town considers its future development patterns.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

As discussed above, I am a professional planner. I have a law degree (I am not admitted to practice in the North Carolina), which helps me understand the legal limitations around the types of zoning regulations that the Town can implement and enforce, as well as the role of the Board of Adjustment in adjudicating appeals from decisions of the Planning Commission and the Historic District Commission, among others, and the Planning Commission's role as a decision-making body and as an advisory body. In addition, I have served as chair of the Board of Adjustment where adherence to procedure is critical, due to the quasi-judicial nature of our proceedings, and have become comfortable with running a meeting and using Robert's Rules of Order.

Question applies to Board of Adjustment

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in city planning or related fields? If yes, please explain.

Yes. As discussed above, I have a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from UNC and have worked as a professional planner for nearly ten years, and an important part of my current job is drafting zoning ordinances, including procedures for boards of adjustment and drafting the standards that apply to the boards' decisionmaking. I have served as chair of the Board of Adjustment since last summer and am familiar with the rules of adjudicating meetings, both in my role as chair and from my professional work.

Question applies to Planning Commission

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in city planning, design field, environment, housing, transportation or related fields? If yes, please explain.

Yes. As discussed above, I have a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from UNC and have worked as a professional planner for nearly ten years. For five years I worked at GoTriangle on various regional transit-related transportation planning projects, and since that time I have worked for a local private consulting forms on planning projects throughout the southeast and the nation, primarily involving updates to zoning and subdivision ordinances.

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Ethnicity *

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

Male

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

35-54

Planner _____

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

Yes No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

Yes No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

Yes No

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What district do you live in? *

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If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

4-9 years

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Eligible

Question applies to Board of Adjustment

Select a Seat Category for Board of Adjustment *

Chapel Hill Town Resident

Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

None Selected

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

Advisory Board or Council member

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

Non-Chapel Hill Board Experience

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I've served on numerous boards, committees and task forces, both public and private. I'm an attorney and have been a real estate developer, understanding governmental processes from top to bottom. My experience and comprehension include years of dealing with many inclusive and relevant factors including, but not limited to economic, environmental and humanistic realities.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

My work has included motion picture and theater production, global development of business opportunities working with foreign governments and entities on behalf of corporate interests in emerging economies, being a University Instructor of Business Law, an author, writer, business consultant. My avocation has always been politics and good government, justice and opportunity for all.

Question applies to Board of Adjustment

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in city planning or related fields? If yes, please explain.

One unique experience was my acquisition of a 2,000-acre "defunct" platted and zoned (since 1972) real estate development near Houston, Texas in 2007 where I then spent 8 years renovating, excavating and saving the investment. This required environmentally conscious excavation of lakes, miles of riverfront, campgrounds, roads, etc., implementing a sales and marketing department, working with County & School Taxing, Assessing & First Responder departments, rewriting the outdated CCRs completely, creating Architectural Guidelines for property owners, hiring and training a staff of 75 locals, rehabbing & operating the Water & Sewer systems that serviced the property, and every element of an independent community not governed by any City or County development rules. I built a construction company for lot improvements in the subdivision. It was a long 8 years! From there I moved here to the Triangle 5 years ago.

Question applies to Planning Commission

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in city planning, design field, environment, housing, transportation or related fields? If yes, please explain.

My previous answer would apply here as well.

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Ethnicity *

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

Female

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

over 55

Investments & Law

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

Yes No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

Yes No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

Yes No

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What district do you live in? *

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If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

0-12 months

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Eligible

Question applies to Housing Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Housing Advisory Board *

Homeowner or Tenant

Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

Planning Commission

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

Other (provide additional information below)

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Community Member

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

Little or No Experience

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I am a graduate student at UNC Chapel Hill and the President of the Graduate and Professional Student Government. I am eager to get students more connected to the town and its future. I have also lived in the area longer than the application implies; I moved to Carrboro in 2019, and only just moved within the Chapel Hill city limits this summer.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

I am an experienced writer and researcher, but also have extensive experience with constituent outreach and with administrative policy and negotiation thanks to my role in graduate student government. I meet regularly with the Chancellor, Provost, Vice Chancellors, Deans and other officials at UNC, as well as conducting regularly scheduled constituents meet-and-greets designed to ensure that I hear from normal students and not just those who are motivated to join student government.

Question applies to Planning Commission

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in city planning, design field, environment, housing, transportation or related fields? If yes, please explain.

My experience is primarily natural lived experience: I have been a tenant in a large rental complex and am now a tenant in a house. I relied regularly on public transit during the first three years of my time in Chapel Hill, but am now living in an area that is not served by Chapel Hill transit. I am eager to learn about city planning and design, and I do have some familiarity with budgets thanks to my work at Chapel Hill.

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Ethnicity *

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

Male

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

25-34

Graduate Student

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

Yes No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

Yes No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

Yes No

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What district do you live in? *

Orange County-ETJ (Blue)

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If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

4-9 years

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Eligible

Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

Orange County-Extra Territorial Jurisdiction Resident (ETJ)

Which Board is your First Choice? *

Planning Commission

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

Internet

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Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

Little or No Experience

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I'm interested in serving on the Planning Commission because I love living in Chapel Hill and hope to offer my perspectives in a manner that results in positive and useful contributions to the Commission and the Town. In particular, I'm interested in working to find solutions that balance the growth of this region while preserving the qualities that make this place special. As a husband and father of two biracial children - both of whom were born at UNC Medical Center - I'm interested in working collaboratively with others to make Chapel Hill a place that welcomes people of all races, ethnicities, religions, orientations, and backgrounds — and that opportunities remain available to all. I believe diversity/equity/inclusion should be a foundational aspect of any decision-making body, including the Planning Commission, and would seek to promote that view if offered an opportunity to serve on the Commission. Finally, I care deeply about the environment and believe efforts should be made to protect it. Our family loves to spend time together outside - we regularly enjoy activities such as walking through Hunt Arboretum, fishing along Morgan Creek, and taking our kids to the playground at Umstead Park. I strongly believe that Chapel Hill's natural spaces not only increase quality of life, but provide financial value to the Town and its residents, and as such, projects that drastically impact or reduce natural spaces should be considered carefully.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

As a regulatory lawyer, I tend to approach issues with an eye toward understanding the key issues, the applicable rules and regulations, and the goals of the interested parties. I frequently assist clients with complex legal issues, and am well-versed in statutory interpretation. One common aspect of my work is to ask questions to find clarity and understanding. I believe that my legal background could be a useful resource for the Planning Commission. Likewise, working with clients often requires patience and humility, and I would bring those qualities to my work on the Planning Commission. Lastly, as a former federal employee, I believe public service is important, and that such service can offer meaningful opportunities to shape the communities we live in.

Question applies to Planning Commission

Do you have special interest, experience, or education/training in city planning, design field, environment, housing, transportation or related fields? If yes, please explain.

Yes - I am very interested in working with stakeholders to promote environmental sustainability, identify potential solutions related to housing availability and food insecurity, and encourage growth that aligns with the natural beauty of this area.

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Ethnicity *

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender *

Male

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

35-54

Attorney

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

Yes No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

Yes No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

Yes No

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I Agree

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Alternate Phone

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What district do you live in? *

Chapel Hill Town limits (Purple)

[Please consult the town maps HERE if you are unsure.](#)

If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

Greater than 10 years

The Council encourages you to visit a meeting of the group that you are interested in serving on. Please choose no more than two groups from the list below to which you would like to apply.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning Commission: Eligible

Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

Community Design Commission Champion

Which Board is your First Choice? *

Planning Commission

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

Other (provide additional information below)

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

I have serviced in the past with the sustainability committee.

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

Chapel Hill Board Experience

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I bring experience and earnest to serve my town. I'm the first black elder of upcch.org. Thus adding a unique perspective to our committee

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

I've served on the Sustainability committee in the past.

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When I came to Chapel Hill it was through public housing. I was able to fight my way through and become habit home ownership.

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African American

Gender *

Male

If other, please describe:

Please select your age from the following list. *

over 55

IT computers

Occupation

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Yes No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

Yes No

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Question applies to Planning Commission

Select a Seat Category for the Planning Commission *

Chapel Hill Resident

Which Board is your First Choice? *

Planning Commission

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

Advisory Board or Council member

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

Question applies to multiple boards

How do you describe your previous advisory board experience?

Non-Chapel Hill Board Experience

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I am an engaged resident of Chapel Hill. Furthermore, I'm the Chief Operating Officer at El Centro Hispano. I oversee five departments including; economic development, education, community and civic participation, community health, and community support. I approach this work from the perspective of the social determinate of health, that is the conditions in the environment by which people are born, live, play, learn, and work.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

I bring experience in community engagement, community assessments, strategic planning, and operations. Furthermore, I am a parent of East Chapel Hill High Graduate and a local artist.

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In addition to the experienced described above and on my CV I have an acute interest art and cultural representation.

[Erik Valera CV October 2022.pdf](#)

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Hispanic

Gender *

Male

If other, please describe:

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35-54

Nonprofit Executive

Occupation

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Yes No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

Yes No

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Qualifications

Experience, skills, and knowledge include:

- Nonprofit Management
- Nonprofit Governance
- Grant Making and Philanthropy
- Social Marketing
- Program Evaluation
- Public Speaking
- Program Development
- Strategic Planning
- Public Policy
- Event Planning
- Fundraising
- Community Mobilization
- Fluent in Spanish

Education

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles, CA, Baccalaureate of Arts (BA) in Communication Studies, 2006

Work Experience

EL CENTRO HISPANO, Durham, NC

Chief Operating Officer – October 2021 – Present

Description: El Centro Hispano works to strengthen the community, build bridges, and advocate for equity and inclusion. In this role I plan, coordinate, and direct programs at the highest level with department managers.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Direct the organization's budget activities to fund operations.
- Plan and direct programmatic goals, objectives, and activities.
- Supervise department managers and information technology.

COMMUNITYWORX, Carrboro, NC

Chief Operating Officer – August 2019 – October 2021

Description: CommunityWorx mission is enriching lives by building collaborative partnerships and transforming charitable donation into educational and community investments. Serving the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community with two thrift shops and a co-working space dedicated to youth-serving, nonprofit organizations. Catalyzing partners working to close racial and economic opportunity gaps by convening stakeholders, capacity-building assistance, and community grants.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Developing and evaluating programs.
- Leading the 2019 brand change from PTA Thrift Shop to CommunityWorx.
- Managing internal communications and external affairs.

YOUTH FORWARD, Carrboro, NC

Executive Director - August 2018 – August 2019

Description: As lead administrator responsible for a philanthropic fund that provides grants to youth serving non-profit organizations in Carrboro and Chapel Hill, NC. Additionally, we served to build the capacity of our nonprofit partners and build connection with community.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Overseeing all organizational programs.
- Garnering financial support from donors and funders.
- Managing all administrative aspects of the organization.

LATINO COMMISSION ON AIDS, New York, NY (based in Chapel Hill, NC)

Program Director - April 2012 – August 2018

Description: A leadership positions within the organization's capacity building division, primarily serving; not for profit organizations, government agencies, and grassroots community coalitions.

Duties include but not limited to:

- Provided training and technical assistance with a focus on health equity, organizational development, and management.
- Developed training curricula utilizing evidence-based models.
- Facilitates strategic planning for organizations.
- Developed social marketing campaigns for social impact.
- Strengthen organizations by providing professional coaching and leadership development.
- Represent the program and its position on both mainstream and Spanish language media.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, School of Medicine- Chapel Hill, NC

Research Project Manager – July 2007 – April 2012

Description: Managed several research protocols focusing on community health.

Duties include but not limited to:

- Managed qualitative and quantitative research projects.
- Provide trainings and technical assistance for collaborating organizations.
- Led community engagement strategy.
- Supervised program staff.
- Developed clinical program to support Latinx and African American youth.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY, Public Health –Los Angeles, CA

Research Counselor January-1994 – July 2007

- Recruited, interviewed, and collected data for various epidemiological research projects.
- Managed research databases.
- Liaison to community-based organizations.
- Liaison to Public Health Laboratories.

Public Service and Community Engagement

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISPANIC/LATINO AFFAIRS – Raleigh, NC

Advisory Council Member appointed by Governor Roy Cooper, 2022 – Present

The council advises the Governor on issues relating to the Hispanic/Latino community in North Carolina, supports state efforts toward the improvement of race and ethnic relations and provides a forum for discussion of issues concerning the Hispanic/Latino community.

CARRBORO BUSINESS ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

2022- Present

The Carrboro Business Alliance (CBA), founded in 2014 on the shared belief that "LOCAL MATTERS," is now more than 100 LOCAL BUSINESSES COLLABORATING TO HELP CARRBORO THRIVE. The CBA is governed by an active LEADERSHIP COUNCIL and two committees, and all members are Carrboro-serving enterprises.

DUKE CANCER INSTITUTE COMMUNITY OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND EQUITY STEERING COMMITTEE

2022 – Present

Reducing the burden of cancer and promoting health equity by harnessing the strengths of our communities, innovative science and transformative partnerships.

EL CENTRO HISPANO – Durham, NC

Board Member Emeritus, Served 2011-2019

Mission: A 501 (c)3 grassroots community-based organization dedicated to strengthening the Hispanic/Latino community and improving the quality of life of Hispanic/Latino residents in Durham, Carrboro, Chapel Hill and surrounding areas.

- Served as Board Chair from 2012-2015.
- Serves on Finance and Executive committees.
- Maintaining a positive relationship with community and represent the organization at community forums.
- Provided support with fundraising and grant writing.

NUESTRO SOUTH PODCAST – North Carolina

Producer – January 2019 – Present

In collaboration with LatinxED and partners at the University of Oregon [we developed a podcast](#) intended to engage Latinx young adults living in the south. The program is an opportunity for our audience to see themselves in southern historical figures. Further, we promote for our communities to shape their own narratives using facts, critical discussion, and humor.

GSK – Research Triangle Park, NC

Community Impact Awards, Review Committee, 2016 and 2017

Reviewed proposals for GSK initiative to recognize innovative and transformational, Triangle based, nonprofit organizations for their impact on community health.

COLLABORATORY OF AIDS RESEARCHERS FOR ERADICATION (CARE)

Community Advisory Board Member – 2015 – Present

CARE aims to do what no single laboratory or company can do: PURSUE A COMPREHENSIVE COLLABORATIVE SEARCH FOR APPROACHES TO ERADICATE HIV.

Publications

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Mann, L., Valera, E., Hightow-Weidman, L. B., & Barrington, C. (2014). [Migration and HIV risk: life histories of Mexican-born men living with HIV in North Carolina](#). Culture, health & sexuality, 16(7), 820-834.

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