



Spotlight on

**Barbara Baquero**  
Core Investigator, HPRC  
Affiliate Faculty, Latino Center for Health

New faculty member Barbara Baquero comes to HPRC, the Latino Center for Health, and the UW with a research background in designing community-based interventions to reduce health disparities. She teaches HSERV 514: Social Determinants of Population Health and Health Disparities. Barbara shared with us some of her background and her thoughts about the work she does.

**How do you think your early life and education influenced your career path?**

My earlier life experiences with my family and community have informed and nurtured my education and career choices. Community engagement and involvement were always part of our family life. These experiences led me to study psychology as an undergraduate; I became interested in human behavior and how people interact with their communities. Public health, combining these interests, became the perfect career—and my passion.

**What do you see as the importance of health promotion and health disparities research?**

Health promotion and health disparities research are critical to the health of the nation. These fields of research should lead the movement to address and change structural factors, in order to eliminate barriers to health equity and support the opportunity of health for all.

**What would you like to achieve with your work?**

I would like my research findings and products to inform interventions that reduce health disparities for Latinos and other disadvantaged groups. But mostly I would like to produce work that shows what health equity looks like, while training communities and professionals to continue the work.

**What do you like to do in your "free time" - away from work?**

I like to be outdoors, enjoying the sun, and now, in the Pacific Northwest, the mountains and ocean. Free time means exploring new places, trying new foods, and going for hikes with my husband and our dog Tamal.



**HPRC students selected for Husky 100**

Each year, the UW selects 100 graduate and undergraduate students who exemplify Husky leadership and commitment to inclusion and equity in

the classroom and community. Out of 1,800 nominees, two of our HPRC students, Meagan Brown, PhD candidate in Health Services, and Marissa Jackson, MPH candidate in Health Services, were selected as winners. We congratulate them on this well-deserved recognition!

[Learn more about the Husky 100](#)



**Community Advisory Board Meeting**

Friday, April 26 | 8:45 am to 12:00 pm  
At Tukwila Community Center [Directions](#)



**Seminar May 9**

**How and Why King County Modernized Its Workplace Well-Being Strategy**

**Date:** Thursday, May 9 - 10:00 am to 11:00 am PST  
**Presenter:** Janna Wilson

**Attend in person:** UW Tower 14th Floor - Glass Conference Room [Location](#)

**Attend via webinar:**  
[Join online here](#)  
Meeting ID: 730-693-565  
Join by phone: 408- 638-0968

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**HPRC People**

News and updates about HPRC staff, faculty, and Community Advisory Board (CAB):

- Congratulations to affiliate HPRC investigator **Wendy Barrington**, who has been promoted to associate professor in the School of Nursing.
- Farewell to **Lauren Bardin**, who served for two years as project manager with our cancer prevention team. We wish Lauren well in her new position at a healthcare consulting organization.
- **Caitlin Mayotte** has been promoted to research coordinator and will provide data management and analyses support across various HPRC project teams.
- Welcome to new research coordinator **Erica Bourget**, who will coordinate a suite of contracts with the Washington State Department of Health for projects looking to increase delivery of evidence-based arthritis, hypertension, and high blood cholesterol interventions.
- Graduate Staff Assistant **Emma Biegacki** is working at HPRC during spring quarter. Emma will support the planning and management of CAB-related events, as well as overall Center administration and coordination.
- Healthy Brain Research Network (HBRN) Scholar and MPH candidate **Jenny Wool** has joined HPRC to assist Basia Belza and Lesley Steinman on the national pilot of a social isolation screening tool. Welcome!
- Farewell to two departing CAB members: **Kimberly Wicklund**, Director of Community Health & Benefit, Kaiser Permanente, who first joined the CAB in 2009 and served as chair from 2011-2013; and **Kelsey Stefanik-Guizlo**, Northwest Region Director, Community Health Strategies, American Diabetes Association, who joined the CAB in 2017. We thank them for their outstanding service and community representation.

**Recent Publications**

Linnan LA, Leff MS, Martini MC, Walton AL, Baron S, Hannon PA, Abraham J, Studer M "Workplace health promotion and safety in state and territorial health departments in the United States: a national mixed-methods study of activity, capacity, and growth opportunities." BMC Public Health 19(1): 291 (2019 Mar 12) [Abstract](#)

Liu M, Miyawaki CE "What Types of Physical Function Predict Program Adherence in Older Adults?" Rehabil Nurs (2019 Jan 18) [Abstract](#)

Ko LK, Taylor VM, Mohamed FB, Do HH, Gebeyaw FA, Ibrahim A, Ali AA, Winer RL ""We brought our culture here with us": A qualitative study of perceptions of HPV vaccine and vaccine uptake among East African immigrant mothers." Papillomavirus Res 7(): 21-25 (2018 Dec 27) [Abstract](#)  
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