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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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| NAME: Schiaffino, Melody |
| eRA COMMONS USER NAME (agency login): MSCHIAFF |
| POSITION TITLE: Assistant Professor |

EDUCATION/TRAINING *(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.)*

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| INSTITUTION AND LOCATION | DEGREE (if applicable) | Completion Date  MM/YYYY | FIELD OF STUDY |
| University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri | BA | 05/2001 | Interdisciplinary Studies and Spanish Dual |
| University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida | MPH | 05/2008 | Epidemiology and Grad Cert. Biostatistics |
| University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida | PHD | 08/2014 | Health Services Research |

### A. Personal Statement

I am a bi-lingual, bi-cultural health services disparities researcher with a focus on the study of health system structures and processes to examine disparities in outcomes for vulnerable populations. This contextual approach to disparities research emphasizes the importance of understanding how policies and organizations play a critical role in the delivery of safe, equitable care. As a system-level disparities researcher my focus marries population and patient and hospital outcomes using multi-disciplinary methods including survey and spatial methods to better understand context multi-dimensionally. I am currently an Assistant Professor in the Graduate School of Public Health in the College of Health and Human Services at San Diego State University (SDSU) in San Diego, CA, a core investigator in the Institute of Behavioral and Community Health (IBACH) also at SDSU, and a new associate member at NCI-CCC Moores Cancer Center at UCSD. I have demonstrated a record of productive efforts to becoming an independent health disparities researcher in an area of population, organizational, patient, and policy relevance and my record to date is an indicator of my potential given my relative career stage.

1. Nielson CM, Schiaffino MK, Dunne EF, Salemi JL, Giuliano AR. Associations between male anogenital HPV infection and circumcision by anatomic site sampled and lifetime number of female partners. J Infect Dis 2009; 199:7‐13. PMID: [19086813](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Associations+between+male+anogenital+HPV+infection+and+circumcision+by+anatomic+site+sampled+and+lifetime+number)
2. Hall AG, Schumacher JR, Cannell MB, Berry JB, Schiaffino M, Park S. Tobacco use in Florida: comparisons between adults living with and without disabilities. Disabil Health J. 2013 Jul;6(3):213-9. PubMed PMID: [23769480](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23769480/).
3. Schiaffino MK, Al-Amin M, Schumacher JR. Predictors of language service availability in U.S. hospitals. Int J Health Policy Manag. 2014 Oct;3(5):259-68. PubMed PMID: [25337600](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25337600/); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC4204745](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4204745/).

### B. Positions and Honors

Positions and Employment

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| 2006 - 2008 | Research Associate II, Clinical Epidemiology, Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL |
| 2008 - 2009 | Partnership Program Coordinator (RC II), NCI-Cancer Information Service, Tampa, FL |
| 2009 - 2011 | Health Science Specialist (GS11-1), Department of Veterans Affairs, Tampa, FL |
| 2010 - 2014 | Pre-Doctoral Fellow and Graduate Assistant, Health Services Research, Gainesville, FL |
| 2013 - 2014 | Instructor of record, Introduction to the US Healthcare System, Gainesville, FL |
| 2014 - | Core Investigator, Institute for Behavioral and Community Health (IBACH), San Diego State University Research Foundation, San Diego, CA |
| 2014 - | Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego State University , San Diego, CA |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | 2015 - |  | | Associate Member, Moores Cancer Center, UCSD, San Diego, CA |

Other Experience and Professional Memberships

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| 2002 - 2002 | Reviewer, ParentLink Project, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO |
| 2007 - 2008 | Cultural Orientation Workgroup, DrPH Competency Model, Association of Schools of Public Health |
| 2009 - 2011 | Member, American Statistical Association |
| 2009 - 2012 | Reviewer/Scientific Advisor, Susan G. Komen for the Cure Suncoast, St. Pete, FL |
| 2012 - | Member, Academy of Management |
| 2012 - 2012 | Ad Hoc Reviewer, AcademyHealth Policy Track |
| 2012 - 2013 | Member, Dean’s Committee on Diversity and Cultural Competence, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL |
| 2014 - | Faculty Member , American Public Health Association |
| 2014 - | Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine |
| 2014 - | Reviewer, Early Career Reviewer (ECR) Program at the Center for Scientific Review CSR-NIH, Bethesda, MD |

Honors

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| 2012 | Promising Scholar Award, Southern Management Association |
| 2013 | Hispanic Alumni Scholar, Colonel Farris Award, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL |
| 2014 | Hall of Fame, Office of the President , University of Florida, Gainesville, FL |
| 2014 | GREW Fellow, San Diego State University Foundation, San Diego, CA |

### C. Contribution to Science

1. Conceptualizing the multi-dimensional delivery of language services using spatial-organizational theory and methods.
2. Continued building of a research area in contextual-spatial research and methods related to health delivery systems, policy, and quality outcomes.

Complete List of Published Work in My Bibliography:  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/1bqXzXvya-B/bibliography/40403349/public/?sort=date&direction=ascending>

### D. Research Support

Ongoing Research Support

Summer Undergraduate Grant Program, SDSU Schiaffino (PI) 2015/05/30-2015/08/31

Analysis of factors associated with culturally competent care in hospitals

The goal of this project is to continue mentoring undergraduate students in data analysis and writing with expansion in the sample to include findings from two states.

Role: PI

Faculty Mini-Grant, SDSU Schiaffino (PI) 2015/01/15-2015/12/31

Systematic Literature Review and Mentorship

The goal of this project is to mentor a talented undergraduate student in the development and execution of a systematic review of literature related to the provision of language services in U.S. hospitals to improve our understanding of the nature of disparities in the delivery of services to non-English speaking patients.

Role: PI