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EDUCATION

- 2017 PhD in Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Dissertation: *The Time to Love: Ideologies of “Good” Parenting at a Family Service Organization in the Southeastern United States*
- 2006 Joint MA in Anthropology and Women’s & Gender Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. Master’s Thesis: *Youth Gender Violence Prevention Programs*
- 2004 BA in Anthropology (Minors in Women’s Studies and English Literature), University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Honors Thesis: *Finding Balance: Women’s Challenges Combining Work and Family*
- 2003 Study Abroad Program, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid, Spain

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-Present Assistant Research Professor, Department of Child and Family Studies, College of Community and Behavioral Sciences, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS

- 2023 **Abella, A.D.**, Hordge-Freeman, E., Conner, K., Armstrong, A., Wilson, R., & Landers, M. (under review). Parent and Staff Insights to Understanding Challenges with Engaging Black Families in Early Childhood Programs. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*.
- 2021 **Abella, A.D.**, Landers, M., Ismajli, F. *et al.* (2022). Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementing a Police-Mental Health Collaborative to Improve Pathways to Treatment. *J Behav Health Serv Res*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11414-021-09782-0>
- 2021 Callejas, L.M., Jayaram, L., & **Abella, A.D.** (2021). “‘I Would Never Want to Live That Again:’ Exploring Mothers’ Experiences with Child Welfare Prevention Services to Better Understand their Acquired Knowledge.” *Child Welfare: A Special Issue on Poverty and Child Welfare Services*, 99(4).
- 2020 Callejas, L., **Abella, A.D.**, Ismajli, F. (2020). “Rapid Ethnographic Assessment of Pandemic Restrictions in Child Welfare: Lessons from Parent and Provider Experiences.” *Human Organization*, 79 (4). <https://doi.org/10.17730/1938-3525-79.4.304>

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2024 Cruz, A., Walker, C., Shockley, C., & **Abella, A.D.** (January, 2024). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Quarterly Summative Report, Year 4, Quarter 1*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.
- 2023 Landers, M., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, & Anderson, R. (November, 2023) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Year 5 Annual Evaluation Report*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida.
- 2023 Callejas, L., Monsalve-Serna, M., Shockly, C., Joseph, R., **Abella, A.D.**, Gamache, P., & Martin, J. (November 2023) Section 3. Operationalizing Equity and Measuring the Impacts of Using and “Equity Lens.” In, Callejas, L., (Ed) (2023) *Evaluating and Measuring Equity Report. (Report No. 2). Statewide Evaluation: Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction Health Equity Initiative*. Department of Child & Family Studies, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.
- 2023 Callejas, L., **Abella, A.D.**, Jarvis, J., Lindsey, L., Gamache, P., & Burrus, T. (November 2023) Section 2. Interviews with Grassroots and BIPOC-Led Organizations: Understanding Community Behavioral Health Needs and Responsive Approaches. In, Callejas, L., (Ed) (2023) *Evaluating and Measuring Equity Report. (Report No. 2). Statewide Evaluation: Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction Health Equity Initiative*. Department of Child & Family Studies, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.
- 2023 Callejas, L., **Abella, A.D.**, Jarvis, J., & Lindsey, L. (November 2023) Section 1. Provider Perspectives on Behavioral Health Equity in Indiana. In, Callejas, L., (Ed) (2023) *Evaluating and Measuring Equity Report. (Report No. 2). Statewide Evaluation: Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction Health Equity Initiative*. Department of Child & Family Studies, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida.
- 2023 **Abella, A.D.**, Landers, M., & Joseph, R. (November, 2023). *Enhanced Jail Diversion (EJD) Final Cumulative Report*. Submitted to Hillsborough County Criminal Justice Division and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). GAN: 19-0658.
- 2023 Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, Walker, C., Shockley, C. (October, 2023). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Annual Formal Report, Year 3*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.
- 2023 Cruz, A., Walker, C., Shockley, C., & **Abella, A.D.** (July, 2023). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Quarterly Summative Report, Year 3, Quarter 3*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.

- 2023 **Abella, A.D.**, Vargo, A., Cruz, Coy, L., A. Massey, O., Von der Embse, N., Martin, J. (June, 2023). *Cross-Site Analysis and Case Study of STOP Program Grantee Perspectives on Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program Implementation*. Final Research Report. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice and Archived with the National Archive for Criminal Justice Data. GAN: 2020-RF-CX-0001.
- 2023 Landers, M., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, & Anderson, R. (April, 2023) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Year 5 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida.
- 2023 Cruz, A., Walker, C., Shockley, C., & **Abella, A.D.** (April, 2023). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Quarterly Summative Report, Year 3, Quarter 2*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.
- 2023 **Abella, A.D.**, Landers, M., & Joseph, R. (April, 2023). *Enhanced Jail Diversion (EJD) Quarterly Report, Year 5, Quarter 1*. Submitted to Hillsborough County Criminal Justice Division and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). GAN: 19-0658.
- 2023 **Abella, A.D.**, Vargo, A., Cruz, A., Coy, L., Massey, O., Von der Embse, N. (January, 2023). *Cross-Site Analysis and Case Study of STOP Program Grantee Perspectives on Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program Implementation*. Research Performance Project Report, Annual Year 2. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice. GAN: 2020-RF-CX-0001.
- 2023 **Abella, A. D.**, Landers, M., Reeves, V. (February, 2023). Preliminary Study of the *Telehealth Remote Access Crisis Evaluation (TRACE) Program*. Submitted to Directions for Living and Largo Police Department. USF New Researcher Internal Award.
- 2023 Cruz, A., Walker, C., Shockley, C., & **Abella, A.D.** (January, 2023). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Quarterly Summative Report, Year 3, Quarter 1*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.
- 2022 **Abella, A.D.**, Landers, M., & Joseph, R. (November, 2022). *Enhanced Jail Diversion (EJD) Annual Report, Year 4*. Submitted to Hillsborough County Criminal Justice Division and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). GAN: 19-0658.
- 2022 Landers, M., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, & Anderson, R. (November, 2022) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Year 4 Annual Evaluation Report*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida. University of South Florida.

- 2022 Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, Johnson, M., Shockley, C., & Walker, C. (October, 2022). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Annual Formative Report, Year 2*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.
- 2022 **Abella, A.D.**, Landers, M., & Joseph, R. (October, 2022). *Enhanced Jail Diversion (EJD) Quarterly Report, Year 4, Quarter 3*. Submitted to Hillsborough County Criminal Justice Division and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). GAN: 19-0658.
- 2022 **Abella, A.D.**, Vargo, A., Johnson, M., Cruz, A. Massey, O., Von der Embse, N. (July, 2022). *Cross-Site Analysis and Case Study of STOP Program Grantee Perspectives on Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program Implementation*. Research Performance Project Report, Semi-Annual Year 2. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice. GAN: 2020-RF-CX-0001.
- 2022 Cruz, A., Johnson, M., Shockley, C., & **Abella, A.D.** (July, 2022). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Quarterly Summative Report, Year 2, Quarter 3*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.
- 2022 **Abella, A.D.**, Landers, M., & Joseph, R. (July, 2022). *Enhanced Jail Diversion (EJD) Quarterly Report, Year 4, Quarter 3*. Submitted to Hillsborough County Criminal Justice Division and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). GAN: 19-0658.
- 2022 Cruz, A., Johnson, M., Shockley, C., & **Abella, A.D.** (April, 2022). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Quarterly Summative Report, Year 2, Quarter 2*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.
- 2022 Landers, M., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, & Anderson, R. (April, 2022) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Year 4 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida. University of South Florida.
- 2022 **Abella, A.D.**, Vargo, A., Johnson, M., Cruz, A. Massey, O., Von der Embse, N. (January, 2022). *Cross-Site Analysis and Case Study of STOP Program Grantee Perspectives on Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program Implementation*. Research Performance Project Report, Annual Year 1. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice. GAN: 2020-RF-CX-0001.
- 2022 Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, Johnson, M., Shockley, C. (January, 2022). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Quarterly Summative Report, Year 2, Quarter 1*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.

- 2021 Landers, M., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, Dollard, N., and Ismajli, F. (November, 2021) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Year 3 Annual Evaluation Report*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida. University of South Florida.
- 2021 Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, Johnson, M., Ismajli, F., Shockley, C. (October, 2021). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Annual Formative Report, Year 1*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.
- 2021 **Abella, A.D.**, Hordge-Freeman, E., Connor, K., Wilson, R., Landers, M., Armstrong, L. *Understanding Challenges to Engagement with Parent Education and Early Childhood Programming in a Historically Black Neighborhood*. (2021, September). Submitted to the Task Force for Understanding Blackness and Addressing Anti-Black Racism in Our Local, National, and International Communities.
- 2021 Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, Johnson, M., Ismajli, F., Shockley, C. (July, 2021). *Florida Pediatric Behavioral Health Collaborative Quarterly Summative Report, Quarter 1, Year 1*. Submitted to the Florida Department of Health.
- 2021 **Abella, A.D.**, Vargo, A., Johnson, M., Cruz, A. Massey, O., Von der Embse, N. (July, 2021). *Cross-Site Analysis and Case Study of STOP Program Grantee Perspectives on Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program Implementation*. Research Performance Project Report, Interim Year 1. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice. GAN: 2020-RF-CX-0001.
- 2021 **Abella, A.D.**, Landers, M., & Ismajli, F., (April, 2021). *Evaluation of the Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance (PICA) Implementation, Annual Report Year 3: Final Report*. Submitted to the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network. University of South Florida.
- 2021 Landers, M., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, Dollard, N., and Carmona, Y. (April, 2021) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Year 3 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida. University of South Florida.
- 2021 Callejas, L.M., Yampolskaya, S., **Abella, A.D.**, & Ismajli, F. (April, 2021). *Semi-Annual Local Evaluation Report*. Parent Partners for Families of Miami-Dade County. Tampa, FL. Submitted to Citrus Family Care. University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Child and Family Studies.
- 2021 Landers, M., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.D.**, Dollard, N., and Carmona, Y. (April, 2021) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Year 3 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida. University of South Florida.

- 2020 **Abella, A.**, Landers, M., Ismajli, F., and Carmona, Y. (October, 2020). *Evaluation of the Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance (PICA) Implementation, Annual Report Year 2*. Submitted to the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network. University of South Florida.
- 2020 Vargo, A., Menendez, P., **Abella, A.**, Coy, L., Thomas, C., Landers, M. (September, 2020). *Evaluation of Department of Children and Families Core and Specialty Track Pre-Service Training, Final Report*. Submitted to the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. University of South Florida.
- 2020 Landers, M., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.**, Dollard, N., and Carmona, Y. (April, 2020) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Year 2 Semi-Annual Evaluation Report*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida. University of South Florida.
- 2020 **Abella, A.**, Landers, M., and Carmona, Y. (April, 2020). *Evaluation of the Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance (PICA) Implementation, Annual Report Year 2*. Submitted to the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network. University of South Florida.
- 2020 Vargo, A., Menendez, P., **Abella, A.**, Coy, L., Thomas, C., Landers, M. (2020). *Evaluation of Department of Children and Families Core and Specialty Track Pre-Service Training, Year 2 Quarter 4 Progress Report*. Submitted to the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. University of South Florida.
- 2019 Vargo, A., Menendez, P., **Abella, A.**, Coy, L., Thomas, C., Landers, M. (2019). *Evaluation of Department of Children and Families Core and Specialty Track Pre-Service Training, Year 2 Quarter 3 Progress Report*. Submitted to the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. University of South Florida.
- 2019 Landers, M., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.**, Dollard, N., Ismajli, F., and Carmona, Y. (2019) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Year 1 Annual Evaluation Report*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida. University of South Florida.
- 2019 Vargo, A., Menendez, P., **Abella, A.**, Coy, L., Thomas, C., Landers, M. (2019). *Evaluation of Department of Children and Families Core and Specialty Track Pre-Service Training, Year 2 Quarter 2 Progress Report*. Submitted to the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. University of South Florida.
- 2019 **Abella, A.**, Landers, M., and Carmona, Y. (2019). *Evaluation of the Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance (PICA) Implementation, Interim Report Year 2*. Submitted to the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network. University of South Florida.
- 2019 Landers, M., Armstrong, M.I., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.**, Dollard, N. (2019) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Quarterly Report of*

- Evaluation Activities, Year 1 Quarter 4*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida. University of South Florida.
- 2019 Vargo, A., Menendez, P., **Abella, A.**, Coy, L., Thomas, C., Landers, M. (2019). *Evaluation of the Department of Children and Families Core and Specialty Track Pre-Service Training, Year 2 Quarter 1 Progress Report*. Submitted to the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. University of South Florida.
- 2019 Landers, M., Armstrong, M.I., Cruz, A., **Abella, A.**, Dollard, N. (2019) *Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Quarterly Report of Evaluation Activities, Year 1 Quarter 3*. Submitted to Family Support Services of North Florida. University of South Florida.
- 2019 **Abella, A.**, Armstrong, M., Landers, M., and Carmona, Y. (2019). *Evaluation of the Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance (PICA) Implementation, Annual Report Year 1*. Submitted to the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network. University of South Florida.
- 2019 Armstrong, M. Johnson, M., Sowell, K., Vargo, A. **Abella, A.** (2019). *Utah IV-E Waiver Implementation Analysis Final Report*. Submitted to the University of Utah College of Social Work. University of South Florida.
- 2019 Vargo, A., Menendez, P., **Abella, A.**, Coy, L., Thomas, C., Landers, M. (2019). *Evaluation of the Department of Children and Families Core and Specialty Track Pre-Service Training, Year 1 Quarter 4 Progress Report*. Submitted to the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. University of South Florida.
- 2019 **Abella, A.**, Dollard, N., Armstrong, M., Robst, J., Landers, M., Cruz, A., Shockley, C., Anderson, R., Murrin, M., Tapanes, M., Khalil, D., Carmona, Y. (2019). *Sarasota County Child and Youth Mental Health Environmental Scan*. Submitted to Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation and Gulf Coast Community Foundation. University of South Florida.
- 2018 Vargo, A., Menendez, P., **Abella, A.**, Coy, L., Thomas, C., Landers, M. (2018). *Evaluation of the Department of Children and Families Core and Specialty Track Pre-Service Training, Year 1 Quarter 3 Progress Report*. Submitted to the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. University of South Florida.
- 2018 **Abella, A.**, Armstrong, M., and Landers, M. (2018). *Evaluation of the Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance (PICA) Implementation, Interim Report Year 1*. Submitted to the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network. University of South Florida.
- 2018 Vargo, A., Menendez, P., **Abella, A.**, Coy, L., Thomas, C., Landers, M. (2018). *Evaluation of the Department of Children and Families Core and Specialty Track Pre-Service Training, Year 1 Quarter 2 Progress Report*. Submitted to the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. University of South Florida.

- 2018 Vargo, A., Menendez, P., **Abella, A.**, Coy, L., Thomas, C., Landers, M. (2018). *Evaluation of the Department of Children and Families Core and Specialty Track Pre-Service Training, Year 1 Quarter 1 Progress Report*. Submitted to the Florida Institute for Child Welfare. University of South Florida.
- 2018 Armstrong, M. Johnson, M., Sowell, K., Vargo, A. **Abella, A.** (2018). *Utah IV-E Waiver Implementation Analysis Year 5*. Submitted to the University of Utah College of Social Work. University of South Florida.
- 2017 Armstrong, M. Johnson, M., Sowell, K., Vargo, A. **Abella, A.** (2017). *Utah IV-E Waiver Implementation Analysis Year 4*. Submitted to the University of Utah College of Social Work. University of South Florida.
- 2016 Armstrong, M. Johnson, M., Sowell, K., Vargo, A. **Abella, A.** (2016). *Utah IV-E Waiver Implementation Analysis Interim Report*. Submitted to the University of Utah College of Social Work. University of South Florida.

COMMENTARIES

- 2023 **Abella, A. D.**, "How Florida's Housing Crisis is Breaking Social Services," *Tampa Bay Times*. February 18, 2023. <https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2023/02/18/how-floridas-housing-crisis-is-breaking-social-services-column/>
- 2020 **Abella, A. D.**, Ismajli, F., Callejas, L. M. Exploring the Potential Benefits of Virtual Child Welfare Services. *COVID-19 and Child Welfare: Challenges and Responses*, 7-11. CWLA Press.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2023 **Abella, A. D.** (2023). Review of *Police Response to Mental Health Calls for Service: Gatekeepers and Street Corner Psychiatrists* by Kayla Jachimowski & Jonathon A. Cooper, *Criminal Justice Review*. <https://doi-org.ezproxy.lib.usf.edu/10.1177/07340168231161763>
- 2022 **Abella, A. D.** (2022). Review of *Parenting Empires: Class, Whiteness, and the Moral Economy of Privilege in Latin America* by Ana Y. Ramos-Zayas, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 28(4). <https://doi-org.ezproxy.lib.usf.edu/10.1111/1467-9655.13837>

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

- 2022 – 2023 Co-Investigator, Statewide Evaluation of the Indiana Department of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) Health Equity Program. Funded by the Indiana DMHA.
- 2022 - 2023 Lead Evaluator (4th and 5th years), Evaluation of the Hillsborough County Enhanced Jail Diversion Program. Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

- 2021 – 2022 Principal Investigator, Evaluation of Officer Skill and Confidence in Addressing Mental Health Crises through the Telehealth Remote Access Crisis Evaluation (TRACE) Program. Awarded by the University of South Florida New Researcher Internal Grant Program.
- 2021 – 2022 Co-Principal Investigator, Understanding the Effects of COVID-19 Restrictions on Foster Care Services in the Florida Panhandle. Awarded by the University of South Florida Internal Grant Program for the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences faculty.
- 2021 – 2023 Multiple Principal Investigator, Cross-Site Analysis and Case Study of STOP Program Grantee Perspectives on Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program Implementation. Awarded by the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.
- 2020 – 2025 Co-Principal Investigator, Florida Pediatric Mental Health Collaborative Evaluation. Funded by the Florida Department of Health.
- 2021-2021 Co-Principal Investigator, Challenges to Engagement with Parent Education and Early Childhood Programming in a Historically Black Neighborhood. Awarded by the University of South Florida Internal Grant Program for Understanding Addressing Blackness and Anti-Black Racism in our Local, National, and International Communities.
- 2019 – 2020 Co-Investigator, Miami-Dade IMPACT (Identify, Measure, and Prevent Addiction and Childhood Trauma) Project Evaluation. Funded by The Administration for Children & Families.
- 2019 – 2021 Co-Investigator, Preserving Families and Protecting Children (PFPC) Regional Partnership Grant (RPG 5). Sub-Contract funded by Family Support Services of North Florida via award from the Children’s Bureau.
- 2018 - 2021 Principal Investigator, Evaluation of the Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance (PICA) Implementation. Funded by the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network.
- 2018 - 2019 Principal Investigator, Sarasota County Child and Youth Mental Health Environmental Scan. Awarded by the Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation.
- 2017 – 2020 Project Director, Evaluation of Florida’s Child Welfare Pre-Service Training. Funded by the Florida Institute for Child Welfare at Florida State University.
- 2016 – 2019 Qualitative Analyst, Utah IV-E Waiver Demonstration Implementation Analysis. Subcontract with University of Utah via award from Administration for Children and Families. National Child Welfare Leadership Institute (NCWLI) Evaluation.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

- 2021– Instructor, Evaluation of Clinical Practice in Diverse Settings (SOW 6438), Master of Social Work Graduate Program, School of Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. Fall 2021, 2022, 2023.
- 2022– Instructor, Program Development and Implementation in Children’s Mental Health. Master of Science in Child and Adolescent and Behavioral Health Program (MHS 6096), Child and Family Studies Department, University of South Florida. Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.
- 2019 Co-Instructor, Applied Leadership in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health (MHS 6626) Master of Science in Child and Adolescent and Behavioral Health Program, Child and Family Studies Department, University of South Florida. Fall 2019.
- 2019– Academic Advisor, Master of Science in Child and Adolescent and Behavioral Health Program, Child and Family Studies Department, University of South Florida
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida

CONFERENCES

- 2024 **Abella, A.D.**, “Breaking the Spell of ‘Brain Science’ on Early Childhood Development Programs.” Society for Applied Anthropology 84th Annual Conference, March, 2024, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2024 **Abella, A.D.** & Vargo, A. “School Resource Officers as Mental Health Supports: Transformational Collaboration or Convenient Solution?” Society for Applied Anthropology 84th Annual Conference, March, 2024, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2023 Landers, M.D., **Abella, A.D.**, Revels, T., Thomas, C., Johnson, R., “Preserving and Supporting Families Affected by Substance Misuse.” Family Focused Treatment Association Annual Conference, July 2023, Columbus, OH.
- 2023 Cruz, A. & **Abella, A.D.** “Applying Implementation Science to School Mental Health and Violence Prevention Programs.” 10th Annual Translational Research in Adolescent Substance Use Conference, University of South Florida, April 2023, Tampa, FL.
- 2023 **Abella, A.D.** Paper Presentation, “Police Mental Health Collaboratives: Challenges to Shifting from Criminal Justice to Social Justice.” Society for Applied Anthropology 83rd Annual Conference, March 2023, Cincinnati, OH.
- 2022 Abella, A.D., Landers, M., Johnson, R., Revels, T. Paper Presentation, “Understanding the Impact of Additional Professional Supports for Families Involved in a Non-Judicial Preservation Program.” Florida Behavioral Health Conference, August 2022, Orlando, FL.

- 2022 Abella, A.D., & Callejas, L. Paper Presentation, "Capturing Worker Reflections on Supporting Families Involved in Child Welfare through Voice Memos." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, March 2022, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2022 Abella, A.D., & Armstrong, L. Paper Presentation, "Using Ethnographic Methods to Understand Barriers to Program Engagement among Black Families in a Low-Income Neighborhood." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, March 2022 (virtual).
- 2021 Abella, A.D., Paper Presentation "Parental Negotiation of Professional Advice on Early Childhood Development." American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, November 2021 (virtual).
- 2021 Abella, A.D., Landers, M. Webinar, "Police Mental Health Co-Responder Programs in Florida: Considerations for Different Models." [Criminal Justice, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center Quarterly Webinar](#), June 2021 (virtual).
- 2021 Abella, A. D., Callejas, L. M., Ismajli, F. Panelist, "COVID-19 and Child Welfare: Challenges and Responses." [Child Welfare League of America Webinar Series](#), March 2021 (virtual).
- 2021 Callejas, L. M., Abella, A. D., Ismajli, F. Paper Presentation, "I feel like COVID was just an excuse...I'm doing everything but it's always something." Applying Anthropology to Understand the Implications of COVID-19 Restrictions on Miami-Dade's Child Welfare System. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 2021 (virtual).
- 2021 Abella, A.D. Panelist, "Strategies for Adapting Implementation Frameworks to Program Evaluations in the Behavioral Health Field." Invited Panel Discussion: Implementation Science Principles in Behavioral Health Practice: Implementation, Evaluation, and Community Practice. 2021 Institute for Translational Research Education in Adolescent Drug Abuse, March 2021 (virtual).
- 2021 Abella, A.D. Panelist, "Maternal Health and Family Life." [Institute for Black Life Annual Conference](#), February 2021 (virtual).
- 2021 Abella, A. Roundtable Paper, "Work Hesitancy Among Mothers with Preschool Children: The Influence of Attachment Parenting." Work Family Researchers Network Virtual Conference Series, January 2021 (virtual).
- 2020 Abella, A., Landers, M. Think Tank Session, "Data in the Dark -- The Limitations of Capturing the Full Story in Human Services Evaluation." American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, October 2020 (virtual).

- 2020 Abella, A., Landers, M. Paper Presentation, "Preliminary Evaluation Findings from a Police Mental Health Collaboration." Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) Conference, November 2020 (virtual).
- 2020 Landers, M., Cruz, A., Abella, A., Cruz, C., Johnson, R. Invited Presentation, "Addressing the Needs of Families Affected by Substance Abuse through FAST—A Voluntary, Non-Judicial Program." Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau, June 2020 (Virtual).
- 2020 Abella, A., Landers, M. (March 2020; Conference cancelled). Paper Presentation, "Collaborative Efforts to Reduce Jail Use among Individuals with Untreated or Undertreated Mental Illness." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 57th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

GUEST LECTURES

- 2021 "COVID-19 Restrictions in Child Welfare: Rapid Ethnographic Assessment Lessons Learned." Applied Anthropology, Troy University, Fall 2021.
- 2018 "Gender and Parenting in a Cross-Cultural Perspective." Gender in Global Perspectives, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida, October 4, 2018.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2009 Recipient, Women's Leadership Award, University of South Florida
- 2006 Recipient, Anthropology Graduate Research Grant, Brandeis University
- 2004 Recipient, Women's Studies Graduate Fellowship, Brandeis University

STUDENT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2017 Principal Investigator (Dissertation Research), [*The Time to Love: Ideologies of "Good" Parenting at a Family Service Organization in the Southeastern United States*](#) Anthropology Department, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2016-2017 Research Assistant, Department of Child and Family Studies, College of Community and Behavioral Sciences, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, USF, Tampa, FL
- 2015 Graduate Assistant, Sociology Department, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2011-2012 Graduate Assistant, Anthropology Department, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2021- Member, Scholar Strategy Network
- 2020- Member, Society for Applied Anthropology

- 2019- Member, American Evaluation Association
- 2019-2022 Member, American Anthropological Association

SERVICE

- 2023 Research Advisor, Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality (HOPE)
- 2023- Manuscript Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Child and Family Studies*
- 2022- Manuscript Peer Reviewer, *Ethos*
- 2021- Manuscript Peer Reviewer, *Human Organization*
- 2019-2022 Member, Product Development and Research Committee, Frameworks, Tampa, FL
- 2018- Community Grants Reviewer, Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL
- 2019- Manuscript Peer Reviewer, *The Journal of Primary Prevention*
- 2019- Manuscript Peer Reviewer, *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*

SELECT WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2006-2011 Director of School Programs (promoted to), Frameworks (formerly The Ophelia Project and Boys Initiative or OPBI, Inc.) – Tampa, FL

SELECT MEDIA EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Quoted In, “Study outlines obstacles to mental health care for Sarasota youth,” *Suncoast News Network*, 3/26/19: <https://www.snntv.com/story/40200387/study-outlines-obstacles-to-mental-health-care-for-sarasota-youth>
- 2019 Quoted In, “Mental health scan seeks to transform mental health care in Sarasota County,” *YourObserver.com*, 3/27/19: <https://www.youobserver.com/article/mental-health-scan-seeks-to-transform-mental-health-care-in-sarasota-county>
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2009 Roundtable Participant, "Teens and Violence," *It's Your Turn*, Fox 13 Tampa, 5/27/09

SELECT CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAININGS

2021 CITI Program Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Training
2021 Active Shooter Response Training, University of South Florida
2021 Title IX Responsible Employee Training, University of South Florida
2020 Online Instructor Certification Course, University of South Florida
2020 Kognito Mental Health Training, "At-Risk for College and University"
2018 Preventing Sexual Harassment on Campus Training, University of South Florida

SKILLS

Methods and Practices: Ethnography, Participant Observation, Community Based Participatory Research, Survey Design, Qualitative and Quantitative Data Analysis, Semi-Structured Interview, Focus Group Facilitation, Curriculum Development, Rapid Ethnographic Assessment (REA), Electronic Voice Diary

Technical: Atlas.ti, IBM SPSS Statistics, Microsoft Office, Qualtrics, Survey Monkey, Scrivener, Audacity, Prezi