

# PARTNERSHIPS IN PROGRESS

**Beatriz Padilla** was interviewed for a media piece by [Portuguese Radio-Television](#) (RTP) while conducting fieldwork in Madeira. The interview focused on her work researching the migration of Venezuelans to the US, Argentina, and Portugal, representing the largest and fastest migration and refugee flows in the world. The interview highlighted her work for the UNI project, *The Venezuelan Humanitarian Crisis: Migration, Trauma and Resilience*.



**Lindsey Rodriguez** collaborated with UNI partner Dr. Sherry Stewart of Dalhousie University in order to submit a Research Development grant to the Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse, with a focus on women drinking to cope in response to interpersonal conflict. Dr. Rodriguez visited Dalhousie University in October, 2019 to begin writing an invited chapter, as well as to host a Dyadic Relationships and Alcohol Workshop with Dr. Ken Leonard an expert in alcohol and relationships. Dr. Stewart, in turn, will be traveling to USF in February, 2020 to give a colloquium in support of the UNI project, *Problematic Alcohol and Other Substance Use among Women and Links to Mental, Physical, and Relational Health*.

**Redwan Alqasemi** has been working with his partners at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand on the coding and algorithms necessary for their first trip in support of the UNI project, *Achieving Full Robotic Autonomy through Human Demonstration, Robot Observation, and Deep Learning*.



**Kimberly Walker** and Heather Owens (doctoral student in the USF College of Public Health) met with UNI partner Dr. Zimet, Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Co-Director of the Center for HPV Research, in November 2019. This visit to Indiana University School of Medicine allowed the research team to conduct interviews with parents on the topic of empowering parents to make decisions to vaccinate their children for HPV. Dr. Walker has already submitted for a Bill and Melinda Gates grant and this research team is also working on an NIH grant that expands on this work to include family empowerment of HPV decision making. This work is in support of the UNI project, *Development of an Online HPV Vaccination Decision Making Tool for Parents of Children Ages 9-18*.

**Jean Kabongo and Thomas Becker** along with their partners from University of Ghana, Makerere University, and University of Johannesburg have created the survey instrument for their pilot study and have shipped the survey to Ghana, South Africa, and Uganda. This research team has also created training materials and begun training the research assistants for the UNI project, *The Resilience of Entrepreneurs in Developing Economies: Implications for Organizational and Regional Effectiveness*.



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**Wendy Rote** has submitted an IRB application to the Pinellas County Schools IRB in preparation for data collection. Her colleague, Dr. Skyler Thomas Hawk of Chinese University of Hong Kong is currently translating and backtranslating these measures into Chinese to understand overparenting as a construct and compare the motives underlying this behavior cross-culturally. This work is in support of the UNI project, *Cross-Cultural Equivalence of Overparenting Behaviors among Adolescent Youth*.



**Jack Wilkins** travelled to the University of Calgary in October to collaborate with UNI partner Dr. Jeremy Brown. During this visit Professor Wilkins and Dr. Brown appeared as feature performers at [UC Monday Night Jazz concert series](#) and recorded new music at OCL Recording Studios in Calgary in support of *The Saxophone Legacy Project*.

**Roger Peters** has worked with colleagues from Universidad Catolica in Asuncion, Paraguay to plan upcoming trips to USF in January 2020 and to Paraguay in March 2020. The trip to USF will include discussions of substance abuse screening and assessment procedures for female inmates and community-based alternatives to incarceration programs at Hillsborough County Jail and Lowell Correctional Institution. The research team will meet with Wardens, Assistant Wardens, medical/mental health staff and conduct interviews with several female prisoners to discuss substance abuse treatment needs and services. A USF campus-wide colloquium will be provided by Professors Roger Peters, Graciela Barreto, and Cecilia Munoz on the global crisis of incarceration of women with substance use disorders. They will discuss results from the UNI research project of female prisoners in Paraguay, and comparative analysis of screening, assessment, and treatment approaches for drug-involved female prisoners in Paraguay and the U.S. This work will support the UNI project, *Examining Treatment Needs and Alternatives to Incarceration among Substance-Involved Women in the Justice System*.

**E. Christian Wells** travelled to San Diego State University in August to meet with project partners and present a paper on Water, Health & Environmental Justice in Marginalized Communities at the Annual Meeting of the American Chemical Society in support of his UNI Award *Improving Water and Sanitation Infrastructure in Marginalized Communities*.



**Joan Reid** has made a trip to Simon Fraser University to meet with UNI partner Dr. Eric Beauregard to create a dataset of 600 cases and mapped out their analytic plan for data analysis in support of the UNI project, *Detecting Predictors for Sexual Assault Lethality Using Computational Techniques*.

