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Current Position

Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Universidad Industrial de Santander—UIS, Bucaramanga, Colombia, 2013-Present.

Education

Ph.D., Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Holland, 2016 (expected)

Dissertation: “Gender relations in Gold and Petroleum Mining Economies. Two Case Studies from Colombia”

Professors: Kees Koonings – Elisabet Rasch

M.A., International Cooperation and Humanitarians Issues, Universidad Internacional de Andalucía, España. 2002.

Thesis: “The development’s right in the Colombian Constitution of 1991”

B.A., Social Work, Universidad Industrial de Santander, Colombia. 1997.

Publications

Books

“An Experience to Influence. Children’s Public Policies in Bucaramanga – Colombia”

Publisher: SYC Cultural Project of systems and computers S.A. Bucaramanga – Colombia.

First Edition: 2008.

Pages: 84, co-author - ISBN 978-958-708-326-2

“Of Dreams and Shadows. Sexual Exploitation of Children in Downtown Bucaramanga – Colombia”

Publisher: Publicom, Bucaramanga – Colombia.

First Edition: 2008.

Pages: 149, co-author - ISBN 978-958-98846-0-7

“The Right of Participation, Perspectives of Children and Youth from Bucaramanga – Colombia”

Publishing: UIS Publications

First Edition: 2008

Pages: 122, co-author - ISBN 978-958-44-8083-5

Chapters in Books

*Article: “The Neo-liberal Model of Development Research and Practice in Social Work and Social Policy.

Publisher: Atlantea Series, No. 4

First Edition: 2008

Pages: 12, co-author.

Journal Articles

Rojas, Mauricio; Méndez, Raquel. (2016) "Pregnancy in Adolescents: A Quantitative Scale social reading", *Health Review*, Vol. 48 No 1

Rojas, Mauricio, Méndez, Raquel, Álvarez, Carmén. (2016) "The Role of the Family in the Normalization of the Pregnancy at an Early Age" *Encounters Review* 14 (1)

Boira, Santiago; Carbajosa, Pablo, Méndez, Raquel. (2015) "Fear, Conformity and Silence, Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Areas of Ecuador" *Psychosocial Intervention Review* PSI-40 Madrid

Méndez, Raquel; Rojas, Mauricio. (2014). "Gender: An Invisible but Substantive Variable in Higher education" *Sophia Review* No. 10 Vol. 1

Méndez, Raquel; Rojas, Mauricio. (2012) "Strategies for the Development of Social Networks for Supporting the Promotion of Sexual and Reproductive Rights" *Virtual Review*, No.35.

Rojas Mauricio; Méndez, Raquel. (2012) "Systematization of Experiences in the Protection of Children in Urban Contexts" *Encounters Review* No. 1.

Méndez, Raquel; Rojas, Mauricio; Moreno, Diana. (2012). "Sexual Exploitation of Children: the Pathways to Abuse". *Research & Development Review* Vol. 20, No 2

Méndez, Raquel; Montero, Leticia; Rojas, Mauricio. (2012). "Child Sexual Abuse: the Power of Preventive Approaches" *Tendency & Challenges Review* Vol.17 No 2

Manuscripts under Review

Méndez, Raquel; Boira, Santiago; Rojas, Mauricio. The Foreigner in Love: Other Forms of Colonization in Contexts of Gold and Oil. *Feminist Studies Review*. Submitted December 2015

Méndez, Raquel; Rojas, Mauricio Boira, Santiago. The Couple Relationship in Contexts of Gold and Petroleum mining in Colombia: Jealousy, Violence and Hegemonic masculinities. *Latin American Perspectives*. Submitted February 2016.

Manuscripts in Progress

Méndez, Raquel. "Gender and Parental Relationship in Mining Contexts". Draft May 2016. To be revised and submitted for journal review in 2016.

Méndez, Raquel "More Informality, More Women. Realities about Inequality in Gold Extraction" Draft December 2015. To be revised and submitted for journal review in 2016.

Méndez, Raquel "Male Deals and Labor Possibilities for Women in Petroleum Extraction" Draft March 2016. To be revised and submitted for journal review in 2016.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Méndez, Raquel. "Innovation and Communication Improvement toward Gender Equality in Higher Education"

Pre-Doctoral Professional Experience

* Presidential Council for Special Programs

Position: Regional advisor of promoting rights and strengthening networks of peace.

Period: October 2007 – July 2009

* Project "Dignifying us": Care program for street children and youth of Colombia
COLB7-310/97/0192

Position: General Coordination in coordinating Public Policies Result.

Period: March 2005 – September 2007

* CORPLAN - Metropolitan Corporation of Planning and Development of Bucaramanga

Position: Consultant

Period: April 2002 – June 2002

* Government of Bucaramanga - Department of Education

Position: Advisor for Educational Projects

Period: March 2002 – March 2005

* ECOPETROL - Division East Center - Office external relations

Position: General Coordination Program CENPROCIC (Rural Integral Promotion Center).

Period: November 1995 – December 2001

Teaching Experience

* Universidad Industrial de Santander

Position: Teaching Research at School of social work

Period: August 2009 – Present date

* Universidad Industrial de Santander

Position: Teaching chair of National Social Problems - Practices I and II at

School of social work

Period: June 2002 – July 2009

Research Activity

* Director of the Research Group: Population, Environment and Development G-PAD
Attached to COLCIENCIAS.

Period: 2010 - 2013

* Coordinator of the research TAGUA seed, attached to the research group and registered
in the Colombian network of science and technology.

Period: 2009 - 2010

* Project Director of research "Realities about the commercial sexual exploitation of
children in the commune Center Bucaramanga: Book publication. Government of
Bucaramanga: 2007.

* Co-researcher: The right to participate, a look from the children and youth in the city of
Bucaramanga.

Period: October 2007 - October 2008.

Financial Entity (Contractor): UIS – ICBF

* Co- researcher: Systematizing the experience for the dignity of children and youth at-risk
in the streets of Bucaramanga.

Period: March 2005 – September 2007

Financial Entity (Contractor): European Union

* Co-Director research: Evaluative Research Strategies for the prevention of sexual child
abuse in the Department of Santander. Agreement with the Secretary of Health.
Completed research.

Period: 2010

Financial Entity (Contractor): Government of Santander

* Co-researcher. Quality of life research in Bucaramanga: The perception of the citizen.

Funding: Industrial University of Santander,

Period: 2010

Funding: Industrial University of Santander

* Principal Researcher: Selected Research Call Carolina Foundation 2011. Rights situation
of girls and women in contexts of economic processes in palm oil, gold and petroleum.
Case studies in Santander.

* Research Director: Commercial sexual exploitation of children in Bucaramanga. Investigation approved by the internal Call University of Jaen 2011.

* Co-researcher: Research women and men at the University. Socio - demographic, educational and occupational profiles from a gender perspective in four Colombian universities. Case: Industrial University of Santander- 2012 – 2013
Funding project FEGES (Nuffic)

* Main project researcher: Perceptions, feelings, imaginations and opinions of the adolescents in the municipality of Bucaramanga – Colombia, against early pregnancies.
Period: 2012 - 2013
Financing Agreement: University of Jaén – Spain.

* Main project researcher: Strategy for children and adolescents at violence-free schools.
Period: 2014 – 2015
Funding: Government of Santander.

* Principal project investigator of public policy Women and Equity in 18 municipalities of Santander.
Period: 2015
Funding: Government of Santander.

* Main project researcher: Social, economic and cultural study about Guantiva Wasteland.
Period: 2014 – 2015
Funding: Alexander Von Humboldt Institute.

* Co-project researcher: The national student movement MANE. From a gender perspective on the experience of student leaders of the Industrial University of Santander (UIS) and the National University (UN) of Bogotá - Colombia.
Period: 2015 – 2016
Funding: Universidad Industrial de Santander

* Co- researcher Mining and Armed Conflict: Reconstruction of the Slaughter of South Bolivar Minguiillo from a differential approach.
Period: 2014 – 2016
Funding: Colciencias

* Co- researcher Reconciling biodiversity conservation and agricultural production in agroforestry cultivation systems in the Colombian Andes: a model for Colombia's post conflict era. GEF Satoyama Project

Period: 2016 – Present date. Ongoing research
Funding: Colciencias

* Co- researcher “Construction of territorial peace from three rural experiences about familiar agriculture and agroecology as communitarians models for post conflict. Study about Magdalena Middle and Santander during 2006 y 2016
Period: 2016 – Present date. Ongoing research
Funding: Colciencias

Presentations

“Loves as Daily Scenery of Gender Relation in Mining Contexts of Gold and Petroleum. Two Case Studies from Colombia VIII International Congress CEISAL Spain, June 2016

“Sexual Exploitation of Children. Emerging Field of Social Work Professional Intervention”, IX Congress State of the faculties of Social work. Spain, February 2012

“The Neo-liberal Model of Development Research and Practice in Social Work and Social Policy” Social Political and Social Work Congress, Nicaragua, April 2007

Professional Service

External Evaluator for Accreditation National Center CAN, Education National Ministry, 2014 - present

Member Founder, Network for the Childhood of Bucaramanga, Colombia. 2007-present

External Evaluator Political Reflection Review 2013 Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga

External Evaluator Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas 2015

Member Delegate of Social Work Schools in Directive Committee of Social Work National Council,

March 2014 – March 2015.

Professional Affiliations

Social Work Professional National Council 2000 - present

Slow Food Chapter Bucaramanga, 2015 - present