

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: **REBECA WONG, Ph.D.**

PRESENT POSITION AND ADDRESS:

Jan 2008 - Present P. & S. Kempner Distinguished Professor in Health Disparities
Professor and Vice-Chair for Research,
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EDUCATION:

08/1987 Ph.D., University of Michigan, Economics
(Population Economics, Econometrics/Economic Development)
01/1983 M.A., University of Michigan, Applied Economics
04/1981 B.S., Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, Actuarial Science

PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

07/2004-12/2007 Associate Director, Maryland Population Research Center University of
Maryland – College Park
07/2006-12/2007 Senior Research Scientist, Maryland Population Research Center, University of
Maryland – College Park
06/2005-06/2006 Guest lecturer, University of Michigan Interuniversity Consortium for Political
and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Workshop on Minority Aging and Health

09/2001-06/2006	Associate Research Scientist, Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland
08/2004-08/2006	Instructor, summer course on Aging, Poverty and Wellbeing, National Institute of Public Health, Mexico
01/2002-05/2002	Mentor, McNair Post-baccalaureate Program to introduce minority students to research careers, University of Maryland
09/2001-12/2007	Faculty Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland
01/2001-05/2001	Instructor, University of Maryland
1999	Graduate instructor, Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Georgetown University
1999	Graduate instructor, Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health, Montgomery County Campus
1998-2001	Research Associate Professor, Department of Demography, Georgetown University
1997-2004	Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Population Dynamics, School of Hygiene and Public Health, The Johns Hopkins University
1997-1998	Research Assistant Professor, Department of Demography, Georgetown University
1994-1997	Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Demography, Georgetown University
1987-1997	Assistant Professor, Department of Population Dynamics, School of Hygiene and Public Health, The Johns Hopkins University
1986	Visiting Fellow, Center for Population Studies, Harvard University
1984	Research Assistant and Fellow, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
1983	Teaching Assistant, Department of Statistics, University of Michigan
1980-1983	Assistant Professor of Mathematics for Social Sciences, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana de Mexico, Mexico City
1979-1981	Senior Researcher, Biostatistics Office, Secretary of Health and Public Assistance, Mexico City
1978-1979	Junior Researcher, Evaluation Office, Secretary of Public Education, Mexico City
1977-1979	Statistical Analyst, Sampling and Statistics Office, Secretary of Budget and Programming, Mexico City
1977, 1979	Teaching Assistant, Graduate Program, El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City
1977	Teaching Assistant, Science Faculty, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, Mexico City

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

Area of Research

Old-age consequences of life cycle economic and family decisions.
Old-age consequences of lifestyle risk factors.
Mortality and old-age health consequences of Mexico-U.S. migration.
Cross-national comparisons of health and social inequality in Latin America.
Cross-national comparisons of catastrophic health expenditures in Latin America.

Grant support

Current

5 R01 AG018016-10 (Wong)
NIH/NIA
The Mexican Health and Aging Study – II

The proposed study aims to design and field the 3rd and 4th waves of data collection in Mexico. This is a longitudinal prospective study of Mexican aging starting with a national sample of persons aged 50 and older, with the first two waves fielded in 2001 and 2003. Funds are requested also to archive and disseminate the 3rd and 4th rounds as well as the resulting integrated database containing all four waves.
Role: PI

5 T32 AG000270-16 (Wong)
NIH/NIA
Health of Older Minorities

The goal of this pre- and post-doctoral training program is to recruit academically promising candidates into the study of health of older minorities.
Role: PI

5 R03 AG048809-02 (Wong)
NIH/NIA
Dynamic of Economic Well-Being and Health in a Rapidly-Aging Developing Economy: the Case of Mexico

The immediate project goal is to identify how various dimensions of health affect economic well-being for different groups in a rapidly aging country, Mexico
Role: PI

2 P30 AG024832-11 (Volpi)
NIH/NIA
UTMB Claude D. Pepper Older American Independence Center (OAIC)

The Center has been continuously funded since 2000 with a mission to improve physical function and independence in older adults. The theme for the next cycle of our OAIC is to “Identify pathways of physical function loss and gain and develop targeted interventions to improve functional recovery from illness in older adults”.
Role: Co-Investigator

1 T32 AG051131-01(Markides)
NIH/NIA

Clinical and Behavioral Science Training in Aging and Health Disparities

The proposed MD-PhD program in clinical and behavioral sciences on health disparities in aging will focus on core areas of strengths in minority aging and health disparities research at UTMB, including: Hispanic and Hispanic/Latino health and aging, and disparities in health outcomes in older adults. In concert with the recently accredited graduate program in Population Health Sciences, we are proposing an integrated curriculum throughout medical school and the graduate years that will address both clinical aspects and cutting edge research on health disparities in older adults.

Role: Mentor

1 R01 AG051158-01 (Wong)

NIH/NIA

MHAS Cognitive Aging Ancillary Study

The overall goal of the proposed project is to assess the prevalence and risk factors of dementia and other cognitive impairments in Mexico with a harmonized approach, working with similar studies globally that use national samples and a population-based approach.

Role: PI

2P2C HD065702-06 (Ottenbacher)

NIH

Center for Large Data and Data Sharing in Rehabilitation

The overall goal of the Center is to build research capacity in the following areas: identifying, accessing, analyzing, and disseminating information from large public use administrative and health care datasets and surveys relevant to rehabilitation and disability research; and archiving existing rehabilitation and disability research datasets so they are available for shared use by investigators and for secondary analysis.

Role: Core Director

Past

R01 HD051764 - National Institute on Child Health and Human Development

"Social Disparities in Health among Latinos"

(PI A. Pebley, UCLA, for period 7/1/07-6/30/12)

R01 AG025533 - National Institute on Aging

"Health Conditions among Elderly in Latin America"

(PI R. Wong, for period 9/1/05-6/30/10)

R03 AG026509 - National Institute on Aging

"The Past Context: supplementing survey data on aging in Mexico" (PI R. Wong, for period 7/06-6/08)

R01 AG18016 - National Institute on Aging

"Mexican Health and Aging Study (MHAS)"

(PI B. Soldo, U. Penn, for period 7/99-7/04)

R55, Shannon Award - National Institute on Aging

"Immigration and Intergenerational Transfers"

(PI R. Wong, for period 10/97-12/98)

K01 AG 000647 - National Institute on Aging

"Economics of Intergenerational Transfers: U.S. Hispanics. Special Emphasis Research Career Award for

Economics and Demography of Aging"
(PI R. Wong, for period 8/94-12/98)

R01 NR002091- National Institute for Nursing Research
"Model for Reorganizing Nursing Resources"
(PI D. Gordon, for period 4/90-3/92)

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
"Population Change and Public Health: A U.S.-Mexico Collaborating Universities Project"
(PI R. Wong, for period 10/91-9/00)

Rockefeller Foundation (http://www.rockfound.org/library/annual_reports/1990-1999/1990.pdf)
"Household Structure in Urban Mexico and Implications for Women's Market Activities"
(P.I. R. Wong, for period 6/90-10/91)

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
"Child Survival, Fertility Control and Population Growth"
(P.I. W.H. Mosley, for period 4/89-6/92)

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

International

- 2013- Present External Member of Academic Council, Evaluating Committee, Department of Population Studies, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico.
- 2010-Present Member, WHO/PAHO Regional Consulting Committee on Aging and Health
- 2011-2013 Member, Board of Directors, Mexican Society of Demography (SOMEDE)
- 2011-2013 Investigator, Advisory Board, Age of onset of breast cancer in Latin America and the Caribbean: a multidisciplinary approach to understanding determinants and health policy implications (INSP, Fundación Mexicana para la Salud, and Glaxo Smith Kline)
- 2010-2012 Member, Frailty Operative Definition-Consensus Conference (FOD-CC)
- 2005-2009 Founding Member and Coordinator, Network for Research on Latin American and Caribbean Aging, REALCE
- 2004-2008 Member, Panel on Ageing. International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)
- 2002-2010 Co-Chair, International Outreach Committee, Population Association of America (PAA)
- 2002-2005 Member, Advisory Board for the SABE study on Wellbeing of the Elderly in the Americas, Panamerican Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)
- 2002, 2003 Member, International Evaluation Committee for the Interamerican Research Award on Social Security Research, Interamerican Conference on Social Security
- 1998- 1999 Member, Review Committee, Interagency Agreements, NIH-NIA
- 1998- 1999 Consultant for Gender and the Economy in Mexico; the World Bank; Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Division. Consultant for Health and Aging in Mexico; the World Bank; Developmental Research Group

1998 Consultant and Ad Hoc Member Advisory Board, Panamerican Health Organization, Project SABE (Health, Aging and Well Being of the Elderly in the Americas), World Health Organization.

National

2013 – Present Member, ASPPH Aging in Public Health Council, Association of Schools of Public Health

2012-Present Ad-Hoc Reviewer, NIH Center for Scientific Review, June 2012, Nov 2012, Sep 2013, Feb 2014, Feb 2015

2017-Present Member, National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Population's planning for Workshop on Future Directions for the Demography of Aging

2013 – 2017 Member, Board of Overseers, General Social Survey (GSS) funded by NSF.

2014- 2015 Co-Chair, National Academy of Sciences, Steering Committee on Scientific Foundation for Policymaking to Meet the Challenges of Aging in Latin America

2013-2014 Member, National Academy of Sciences, Committee on the Long-Run Effects of the Aging U.S. Population – Phase II

2011-2013 Member, Board of Directors, Population Association of America

2008-2012 Standing Member, Social Sciences and Population Studies Study Section, NIH

2005-2006 Special Emphasis Review Panel, Social Science and Population Studies, NIH

2002-2003 Consultant for International Migration; U.S. Census Bureau International Migration Group

1998 Small Grant Review in Economics Special Emphasis Panel NIH-NIA

1996-1997 Special Review Committee, Site Visit Team, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH-NICHD

1994 National Institute of General Medical Sciences (Behavioral Sciences), Minority Biomedical Research Support Review Panel, NIH-NIGMS

1994 National Science Foundation Expert Reviewer, Economics Program

1990 Outside expert reviewer, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, AIDS Research Review Committee, NIH-NIAID

UTMB

2017-Present Member, Grant Reviews and Oversight Group, University Strategic Research Group.

2014-Present Vice-Chair for Research, Department of PMCH

2017-Present Post-Tenure Review Committee, Department of PMCH

2014-Present Member, University Research Executive Committee

2010-Present Member, GSBS Graduate School Program Review Committee.

2016-Present Member, University Faculty Grievance Board

- 2016-Present Member, University Presidential Scholars Committee
- 2014-2015 Chair, School of Medicine Appointments and Promotions Committee
- 2012-2014 Member, School of Medicine Appointments and Promotions Committee
- 2014 Chair, Search Committee for the position of Faculty in Health Policy and Management, Department of PMCH
- 2009-2014 Member, Graduate Policy Committee, Preventive Medicine and Community Health (PMCH)
- 2008-2014 Member, UTMB Committee for Health Care Delivery Theme Curriculum, School of Medicine
- 2010-2012 Member, Preventive Medicine and Community Health (PMCH) Appointments and Promotions Committee
- 2010-2011 Member, Search Committee for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose and Throat), School of Medicine
- 2010 Member, Search Committee for the Position of Director, PAHO/WHO Center for International Training, School of Medicine
- 2010 Member, Search Committee for the position of Gnitzinger Endowed Professor for Research on Aging, School of Nursing
- 2009-2012 Member, UTMB Diversity Council

University of Maryland

- 2006-2007 Community Research Committee, Multi-university CTSA Proposal, University of Maryland
- 2005 University Search Committee for Associate Vice-President of Research Development, University of Maryland
- 2004 University Task Force on NIH Funding, University of Maryland.
- 2004 Chair, Search committee for Project Manager of Information Technology, Maryland Population Research Center
- 2003 Search committee for Director, NIH-funded Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland
- 2002 Mentor. McNair Post-baccalaureate Program to introduce minority students to research careers, University of Maryland

Other

Scientific Sessions Chaired / Discussion Leader

1. Wong, R., Chair. "Session: Selectivity of Migrants from the U.S. to Mexico" Mexican Society of Demography (Sociedad Mexicana de Demografía) Meeting 2010, November 3-4, Mexico City.

2. Wong, R., Leader. International Experiences in Collaborative Research on Aging. National Forum on Aging and Health, 25-28 August 2010, Mexico City.
3. Wong, R., Discussant. "Session: Economic Perspectives on Intrafamily Resource Flows." Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2008, April 17, 2008, New Orleans.
4. Wong, R., Chair. "Session: Binational Approaches of Mexican Demography." Mexican Society of Demography (Sociedad Mexicana de Demografía) Meeting 2008, October 9, 2008, Mérida, Mexico.
5. Wong, R., Chair. "Session 5: Aging in Developing Countries." Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2006, March 30, 2006, Los Angeles.
6. Wong R, Chair. "Session: El envejecimiento poblacional en México: implicaciones para los sistemas de salud (Population Aging in Mexico: Implications for the Health Care System)" 11th Research Congress on Public Health National Institute for Public Health (Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública) March 3, 2005, Cuernavaca, Mexico.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

A. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT UTMB:

a. Teaching:

School of Medicine (SOM/SCOA):

2009-Present Minority Aging Trainee Research Seminar

b. Students/Mentees/Advisees/Trainees:

Post-doctoral fellows:

Marc A. Garcia, PhD 2016 - present

Brian Downer, PhD, 2014-2015

Carlos Diaz-Venegas, PhD, 2012-2015

Tiago Alexander, Visiting Scholar, Brazil, 2013

Maria Monserud, PhD, 2010-2012

Simone Mafra, PhD, 2010-2011

Kerstin Gerst, PhD Gerontology, 2009-2010

Holly Beard, PhD Health Services Research 2009

Martina Gallagher, RN, PhD, 2009

Ph.D. students (Main Advisor):

Paige Birkelbach (PMCH) – PhD Pre-doctoral student, 2016- present

Joseph Saenz (PMCH), PhD Pre-doctoral student, 2012-2016

Rafael Samper-Ternent, MD, PhD Pre-doctoral student, 2008 - 2012

Master's students:

Mabel Caban, MD, 2009

Undergraduate students:

Donald Warren, MSTAR student, summer 2009

c. Chair/Member of Ph.D. Supervisory Committee for:

External Member, Dissertation Committee, Jacqueline M. Torres, 2010-2014. PhD Public Health, University of California, Los Angeles.

External Member, Dissertation Committee, Diana Avila-Garcia, PhD Epidemiology, Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, Mexico, 2013 - Present.

External Member, PhD Dissertation Committee, Claudia Diaz, Pardee RAND Graduate School. Graduated May 2012.

Chair, Dissertation Committee, Rafael Samper-Ternent, MD, PhD. Graduated November 2012.

Member, Dissertation Committee, Chris Messenger, PhD Candidate, 2009-Present

Member, Dissertation Committee, Thuyquynh N. Do, PhD. Graduated 2014

Member, Dissertation Committee, Jacqueline M. Hirth, PhD, 2009- 2010, "The Effects of Social Networks and Social Support on the Relationship between Race/ Ethnicity and Disability in Older Adults"

Member, Dissertation Committee, Kristin Sheffield, PhD Candidate, 2009-2010, "Changes in the Prevalence of Cognitive Impairment among Older Americans, 1993-2004: Overall Trends and Differences by Race/Ethnicity and Socioeconomic Status"

External Member, Dissertation Committee, Cesar Gonzalez-Gonzalez, 2009-2011 (at El Colegio de Mexico graduate program in Demography)

External Member, Dissertation Committee, Maria Cecilia Gonzalez-Gonzalez, 2009-2011 (at National School of Public Health, Mexico)

External Member, Dissertation Committee, Betty Manrique, 2009-2011 (at National School of Public Health, Mexico)

B. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, 2001-2007:

a. Teaching

2001 Instructor, Social Demography (undergraduate course)

b. Students/Mentees/Advisees/Trainees

Doctoral research assistants:

Rong Wang, PhD Sociology, 2005-2007

Yyannú Cruz-Aguayo, PhD Public Affairs, 2005-2007

Juan Cristobal Ruiz-Tagle, PhD Economics, 2005-2007

Lekha Subaiya, PhD Sociology, 2004-2005

Juan José Díaz, PhD Economics, 2003-2005

Ching-Yi Shieh, PhD Sociology, 2002-2004

Pablo Ortiz, MBA School of Business, 2002-2004

Julio Cáceres del Piano, PhD Economics, Summer 2002

Yyannú Cruz-Aguayo, PhD Economics, 2001-2003

c. Chair/Member of Ph.D. Supervisory Committee for:

Member, Dissertation Committee, Yyannú Cruz, PhD Public Affairs, 2007, "The impact of labor training programs in Mexico"

Member, Dissertation Committee, Javier Espinosa, PhD Economics, 2006 "The causality and characterization of the widowhood effect"

Member, Dissertation Committee, Aparna Sundaram, PhD Sociology, 2005 "Modernization, life course, and marriage timing in Indonesia"

Member, Dissertation Committee, Lekha Subaiya, PhD Sociology, 2005 "Elders resources and family support in Bangladesh"

Co-director of dissertation, Ching-Yi Shieh, PhD Sociology, 2005 "Gendered labor force structure and the adult children's provision of transfers to their elderly parents"

Member, Dissertation Committee, Julio Cáceres del Piano, PhD Economics, 2005 "Female labor force participation and obesity"

Member, Dissertation Committee, Juan José Díaz, PhD Economics, 2005 "The selection bias of matching estimators," and "Birth spacing and the gender composition of children"

Member, Dissertation Committee, Jennifer Godwin, PhD Economics, 2003, "Elderly Parents' Expectations and Realizations of Informal Care from Adult Children: An Economic Perspective"

d. Chair/Member of Master's Thesis Supervisory Committee for:

John C. Scott M.A. Sociology, 2002 "Is phased retirement a state of mind? The role of individual preferences"

Sherri King McNair post-baccalaureate research program 2002 (Mentor) "Health and wealth differentials across racial and ethnic groups of the U.S. elderly"

e. Chair of Undergraduate Thesis Supervisory Committee for:

Anna Cowell Honors bachelor's Sociology, 2005 (thesis director) "Socioeconomic and occupational covariates of health insurance coverage in the U.S."

C. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH:

a. Teaching

1999 Instructor, Economics of Population (graduate course)

1987-1998 Department of Population Dynamics. Instructor or Co-instructor: Economics of Population (graduate course)
Food Policy and Population (graduate course)
Economic Demography (undergraduate course) Economics of Aging (ad hoc lecturer)
Population and the Economy (ad hoc lecturer)

Economics of Family Planning (ad hoc lecturer)

D. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE:

a. Teaching

1999 Instructor, Quantitative Methods III (graduate course)

E. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MEXICO

a. Teaching

2004-2008 Instructor, summer course on Aging, Poverty and Wellbeing

F. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN INTERUNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RESEARCH (ICPSR)

a. Teaching

2005, 2006 Guest lecturer, Summer Workshop on Minority Aging and Health, June.

G. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT EL COLEGIO DE MEXICO, MEXICO CITY

a. Teaching

1979 Teaching Assistant in Statistics, Graduate Programs

H. TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTONOMA DE MEXICO, MEXICO CITY

a. Teaching

1977 Teaching Assistant in Econometrics

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Population Association of America

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population

Gerontological Society of America

Sociedad Mexicana de Demografía (Mexican Society of Demography)

Asociación Latinoamericana de Población (Latin American Population Association)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Editorship

2004-2007 Deputy Editor, *Demography*

Editorial Board

2005-Present Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Aging and Health*, Sage

1998-Present Member, Editorial Board, *Papeles de Población* (Papers on Population), Center for Research and Advanced Studies on Population Autonomous, University of Mexico, Mexico Publications

2011-2016 Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*.

2016-Present Member, Editorial Board, *Demography*

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer for

Social Biology

Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences

Journal of Aging and Health

Panamerican Journal of Public Health

American Journal of Public Health

Demography

International Journal of Aging and Human Development

Journal of Clinical Nutrition

International Family Planning Perspectives

Economic Development and Cultural Change

World Development

Population and Development Review

Population Research and Policy Review

Health Affairs

Population Reference Bureau

Salud Pública de México

Obesity

Grant Reviewer for

National Institutes of Health, Social Sciences and Population Studies Study Section

National Institutes of Health, Center for Scientific Review

PUBLISHED:

A. ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS:

1. Rontoyanni, V.G., Avila, J.C., Kaul, S., Wong, R., & Veeranki, S.P. (2017) Association between Obesity and Serum 25(OH) D Concentrations in Older Mexican Adults. *Nutrients*, 9(2), 97. PMID: 28146127.
2. Downer, B., Garcia, M. A., Saenz, J., Markides, K., & Wong, R. The Role of Education in the Relationship between Age of Migration to the United States and Risk of Cognitive Impairment among Older Mexican Americans. *Research on Aging*. 2017. [Epub ahead of print]. PMID: 28367726.
3. Valderrama-Hinds, L. M., Al Snih, S., Rodriguez, M.A., & Wong, R. (2017) Association of arthritis and vitamin D insufficiency with physical disability in Mexican older adults: findings from Mexican Health and Aging Study. *Rheumatol Int.*, 37(4), 607-616. PMID: 27904949.
4. Suemoto, C. K., Ueda, P., Beltrán-Sánchez, H., Lebráo, ML., Duarte, YA., Wong, R., & Danaei, G. (2017) Development and Validation of a 10-Year Mortality Prediction Model: Meta-Analysis of Individual Participant Data from Five Cohorts of Older Adults in Developed and Developing Countries. *J Gerontol Biol Sci Med Sci*, 72(3) 410-416. PMID: 2752206.
5. Saenz, JL., & Wong, R. (2016) Educational Gradients and Pathways of Disability Onset among Older Mexicans. *Res Aging*, 38(3), 299-321. PMID: 26966253.
6. Beltrán-Sánchez, H., Palloni, A., Riosmena, F., & Wong, R. (2016) SES Gradients among Mexicans in the United States and in Mexico: A New Twist to the Hispanic Paradox? *Demography*, 53(5) 1555-1581. PMID: 27655408.
7. Torres, J. M., Rizzo, S., & Wong, R. Lifetime Socioeconomic Status and Late-life Health Trajectories: Longitudinal Results from the Mexican Health and Aging Study. *J Gerontol B Psychol Sci Soc Sci*. 2016. [Epub ahead of print]. PMID: 2714082.
8. Díaz-Venegas, C., Reistetter, T. A., & Wong, R. Differences in the Progression of Disability: A U.S.-Mexico Comparison. *J Gerontol B Psychol Sci Soc Sci*. 2016. [Epub ahead of print]. PMID: 27436102.
9. Downer, B., Chen, N. W., Wong, R., & Markides, K. S. (2016). Differences in Self- Reported Health and Disability between Mexican and Mexican American Adults Aged 80 and Over. *Journal of Aging and Health*. doi: 10.1177/0898264316656508.
10. Downer, B., Kumar, A., Mehta, H. B., Al Snih, S., & Wong, R. (2016). The Effect of Undiagnosed Diabetes on the Association between Self-Reported Diabetes and Cognitive Impairment among Older Mexican Adults. *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias*. doi: 10.1177/1533317516653824. PubMed PMID: 27303061.
11. Downer, B., Veeranki, S. P., & Wong, R. (2016). A Late Life Risk Index for Severe Cognitive Impairment in Mexico. *J Alzheimers Dis*, 52(1), 191-203. doi: 10.3233/JAD-150702. PubMed PMID: 27060940.
12. Kumar A, Wong R, Ottenbacher KJ, Al Snih S. Prediabetes, undiagnosed diabetes, and diabetes among Mexican adults: findings from the Mexican Health and Aging Study. *Ann Epidemiol*. 2016;26(3):163-70. PMID: 26872919; PMCID: PMC4863452.
13. Peterson MD, McGrath R, Zhang P, Markides KS, Al Snih S, Wong R. Muscle weakness is associated with diabetes in older Mexicans: The Mexican Health and Aging Study. *J Am Med Dir*

- Assoc. 2016. [Epub ahead of print]. PMID: 27450948; NIHMS ID: NIHMS796259; PMCID: PMC5039066.
14. Díaz-Venegas C, Reistetter TA, Wang CY, Wong R. The progression of disability among older adults in Mexico. *Disabil Rehabil.* 2016;38(20):2016-27. PMID: 26729017; PMCID: PMC4935629.
 15. Díaz-Venegas C, Wong R. Trajectories of limitations in activities of daily living among older adults in Mexico, 2001-2012. *Disabil Health J.* 2016;9(3):524-32. PMID: 26993585; PMCID: PMC4903877.
 16. Díaz-Venegas C, Saenz JL, Wong R. Family size and old-age wellbeing: effects of the fertility transition in Mexico. *Ageing & Society.* 2016;1-22. NIHMSID: NIHMS815589; PMCID: In Process at NIHMS
 17. Veeranki, S. P., Downer, B., Jupiter, D., & Wong, R. (2016). Arthritis and Risk of Cognitive and Functional Impairment in Older Mexican Adults. *Journal of Aging and Health.* doi:10.1177/0898264316636838. PubMed PMID: 26965081.
 18. Diaz-Venegas, C., Downer, B., Wong, R., & Langa K (2016). Racial and Ethnic Differences in Cognitive Function among Older Adults in the United States. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry.* doi:10.1002/gps.4410. PubMed PMID: 26766788.
 19. Saenz, JL., & Wong, R. (2015) A life course approach to mortality in Mexico. *Salud Pública de México, 57 Suppl 1*, S46-53. PMID: 26172234.
 20. Wong, R. Michaels-Obregon, A., & Palloni, A. Cohort Profile: The Mexican Health and Aging Study (MHAS). *Int J Epidemiol.* 2015. [Epub ahead of print]. PMID: 25626437.
 21. Díaz-Venegas, C., De La Vega, S., & Wong, R. (2015). Transitions in activities of daily living in Mexico, 2001-2012. *Salud Pública de México, 57 Suppl 1*:S54-61. PMCID: PMC4688039
 22. Gerst-Emerson, K., Wong, R., Michaels-Obregon, A., & Palloni, A. (2015). Cross-national differences in disability among elders: Transitions in disability in Mexico and the United States. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Social Sciences*, 70, 759-768. PMCID: PMC4635645
 23. González-González, C., Palloni, A., & Wong, R. (2015). Mortality and its association with chronic and infectious diseases in Mexico: A panel data analysis of the elderly. *Salud Pública de México, 57 Suppl 1*:S39-45.
 24. Mejía-Arango, S., Wong, R., & Michaels-Obregón, A. (2015). Normative and standardized data for cognitive measures in the Mexican Health and Aging Study. *Salud Pública de México, 57 Suppl 1*:S90-6. PMCID: PMC4698135
 25. Monserud, M. A., and Wong, R. (2015). Depressive symptoms among older Mexicans: The role of widowhood, gender, and social integration. PMCID: PMC4690210
 26. Palloni, A., Beltrán-Sánchez, H., Novak, B., Pinto, G., & Wong, R. (2015). Adult obesity, disease and longevity in Mexico. *Salud Pública de México, 57 Suppl 1*:S22-30. PMCID: PMC4711918
 27. Wong, R., Michaels-Obregón, A., Palloni, A., Gutiérrez-Robledo, LM., González-González, C., López-Ortega, M., Téllez-Rojo, MM., & Mendoza-Alvarado, LR. (2015). Progression of aging in Mexico: The Mexican Health and Aging Study (MHAS) 2012. *Salud Pública de México, 57 Suppl 1*:S79-89.
 28. Alexandre, Tda S., Duarte, Y.A., Santos, J.L., Wong, R., & Lebrão, M.L. (2014). Prevalence and associated factors of sarcopenia among elderly in Brazil: Findings from The SABE study. *The Journal of Nutrition, Health & Aging*, 18(3), 284-290. PMID: 24626756.
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