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## EDUCATION

<b>PhD</b>	CUNY Graduate Center, NYC, NY Social Welfare, June, 2025 Dissertation Title: <i>Belonging Against the Odds: Exploring Restorative Justice Practices as Pathways to Foster Belonging in NYC Transfer Schools.</i>
<b>MPhil</b>	CUNY Graduate Center, NYC, NY Social Welfare, December 2024
<b>LMSW</b>	Licensed Master Social Worker, New York State License <i>No: 107312</i>
<b>SBIRT</b>	Screening, Brief, Intervention, Referral, Treatment. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Lehman College, May 2016
<b>MSW</b>	Lehman College at The City University of New York (CUNY), The Bronx, NY Social Work Department, May, 2016
<b>BA</b>	Lehman College at The City University of New York (CUNY), The Bronx, NY Social Work Department, May 2015

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Restorative and Transformative Justice Practices in Schools and Communities
- The School-Prison Nexus
- Education Policy Reform
- Youth Organizing & Participatory Action Research
- Sense of Belonging among Black and Brown Communities
- Liberation-based healing and community empowerment
- Spoken-Word Poetry and Creative Expression as Healing
- Movement Building and social justice Leadership
- School Social Work
- Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping
- Community Mutual-Aid Practice

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025 – Present	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Morgan State University, School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD SOWK 507 Social Welfare & Urban Economics,
2025 – Present	<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> Center for Urban Crime and Violence Reduction, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
2019 – 2025	<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> Social Work Department Lehman College (CUNY) The Bronx, NY SWK 307 Social Work Research Methods, SWK 446 Social Work Research, SWK 605 Human Behavior and The Social Environment, SWK 643 Social Welfare policy Analysis, SWK 747 Research II, SWK 707 Clinical Assessment and Diagnostics, SWK 747 Policy Practice (Capstone)
2020 – 2022	<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> Social Work Department Medgar Evers (CUNY), Brooklyn, NY SW 307: Social Work Research Methods, SW 402: Child Welfare Case Studies, SW 420 and SW 421 Field Seminar I, II

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## TRAINING / FELLOWSHIPS

Summer 2023	<b>CUNY Open Knowledge Fellowship</b> CUNY Graduate Center Mina Rees library, NYC, NY
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## PUBLICATIONS

### **Journal Articles**

DeBower, J., Ortega-Williams, A., Brathwaite, B., Wernick, L., **Rodriguez, M.** (2021)  
Surviving the Strain of Youth Organizing: Youth and Organizational Responses. *Youth  
& Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X211058216>

Richards-Schuster, K., Wernick, L. J., Henderson, M., Bakko, M., **Rodriguez, M. A.**, & Moore,  
E. (2021) Engaging Youth Voices to Address Racial Disproportionality in Schools:  
Exploring the Practice and Potential of Youth Participatory Research in an Urban  
District. *Children and Youth Services Review*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105715>

**Rodriguez, M.** (2020). More than one pandemic: how New York City community members

fight against coronavirus and systematic oppression. *Social Work Education*, 39(8), 983–992. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2020.1825665>

### **Journal Articles Under Review**

**Rodriguez, M** (2025). Community Building and Belonging: The Role of Tier 1 Restorative Practices in Schools. *International Journal of School Social Work*.

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

**Rodriguez, M.** (2025). Game of Norms: Dismantling the iron throne of white domination in social work supervision. *Social Work journal*.

### **Book Chapters Under Review**

**Rodriguez, M.** (2025). Mutual Aid and Food Justice: Community-Based Solutions to Hunger. *Handbook on Food Security and Social Work: Global Strategies for Hunger and Nutrition*

### **Reports**

2019-2024      Agency: New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE)  
State: NYC, NY  
Document: Restorative and Transformative Justice Annual Report – Forsyth  
Satellite

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Rodriguez, M.** (October, 2025). Restorative Might, Belonging in Sight: Disability Justice in Transfer Schools Done Right. Accepted for presentation for the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Conference, Denver, 2025.

**Rodriguez, M.**, Kenney, J., Koumoundouros, O., Sarantakos, S., Sonsteng-Person, M., Leotti, S., Harrell, S., Suslovic, B., Pappas, G., Lown, J. (January, 2025). Abolition Social Work SIG. Society for Social Work Research (SSWR).

**Rodriguez, M.**, Sonsteng-Person M., Copeland, C., P Lown, J. (January, 2024) The Necessity of Action: Following through on the Promise of Action in Participatory Action Research. Panel presented at the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR). Washington DC, 2024.

Suslovic, B., **Rodriguez, M.**, Boyke, H., Kynn, j., Guevara, V. (November, 2024). Roundtable: Healing Justice Perspectives in Criminology. Presented at the American society of Criminology 2024 Annual Meeting (ASC41). Seattle, 2024.

**Rodriguez, M.**, Washington, A., Busby, S., Schelle, P. (October, 2024) Guardians of Growth: Fostering Safety for Academic Advancement. Panel presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (CSWE APM) Kansas City, 2024.

**Rodriguez, M.** (2021) Community Organizing, Mental Health and other things you learn in The Bronx. Key-note Delivered at The Power of MACRO Social Work: Forging Pathways Toward a More Just and Equitable World Influencing Social Policy (ISP) Brown School of the Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. 2021

**Rodriguez, M.**, Patel, F., Martino, M., Snowden, F., Paez, J. (2019) Unmasking male domination inside the gaze of white supremacy, patriarchy & capitalism [Panel moderated by Dr. Willie Tolliver. Panel presented at the 2019 Liberation Based Healing Conference. Medgar Evers College, CUNY, Brooklyn, NY

**Rodriguez, M.** (2018) Managing soft skills with transfer school students. 9th Annual NYC Transfer School Conference: Weaving a community of continuous learners. Presented at the New York City Transfer School Conference. NYC, NY

**Rodriguez, M.** (2017) Introducing soft skills with transfer school students. 8th Annual NYC Transfer School Conference: Weaving a community of continuous learners. Presented at the New York City Transfer School Conference. NYC, NY

**Rodriguez, M.** (2016) Restorative Justice and The School to Prison Pipeline New York State Social Work Education Association Conference: Supporting Change Agents and Promoting Advocates (NYSSWEA).

### **Media Presentations**

**Rodriguez, M.** (2025). Belonging Against the Odds: Exploring Restorative Justice Practices as Pathways to Foster Belonging in NYC Transfer Schools. Winner at CUNY Graduate Center dissertation showcase. NYC, NY  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFx23aJdc2Q&list=PLRZyktsPhrexsNWPSwfmhSCvs86vUVg\\_D&index=13](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFx23aJdc2Q&list=PLRZyktsPhrexsNWPSwfmhSCvs86vUVg_D&index=13)

### **FUNDING AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2025	Title: New York State (NYS) Mental Health Program Award Funding Source: NYS Role: Recipient Amount: <b>\$5,000.00</b>
2022 & 2024	Title: Doctoral student research grant Funding Source: CUNY Graduate Center Role: Primary Investigator Amount: <b>\$4,500</b>

### **PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

September 2019 – June 2025 **Restorative Justice Coordinator, Forsyth Satellite Academy**  
NYC, NY  
January 2016 – August 2019 **Director of Counseling, Queens Community House (QCH)**

Queens, NY  
May 2016 – September 2019 **Mental Health Counselor**  
Brooklyn, NY  
May 2010 – September 2015 **Youth Organizer, North-West Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC)**  
Bronx, NY

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2019 – 2025	Member, United Federation of Teachers
2016 – Present	Member, National Association of Social Workers
2011 – 2014	Member, The Urban Youth Collaborative
2011 – Present	Founding Member, Alliance for Educational Justice
2011 – Present	Founding Member, Dignity in School Campaign
2011 – Present	Board Member, Youth Activist-Youth Allies Network
2010 – Present	Member, Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition
2010 – Present	Member, ‘Sistas and Brothas’ United

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