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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

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<b>Institution</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Field</b>
University of California at Davis	B.S.	1997	Biochemistry Minor in English
Boston University School of Medicine	M.A.	2001	Medical Sciences Thesis: <i>Implementing clinical preventive services to America's adolescents</i>
Boston University School of Public Health	M.P.H.	2001	Social and Behavioral Sciences Field Placement at Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School
University of California Los Angeles School of Public Health	Ph.D.	2008	Community Health Sciences Minor in Cultural Anthropology Dissertation: <i>To smoke or not to smoke: Understanding smoking and nonsmoking behaviors among Filipinos in the Philippines</i>

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

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2008 – Present	Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), University of Alaska Anchorage, College of Health & Social Welfare, Department of Health Sciences
2003 – 2007	Graduate Student Researcher (Part-time), UCLA School of Public Health, Center for Cancer Control and Prevention, Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center
2004 – 2005	Graduate Student Researcher (Part-time), UCLA School of Public Health, Department of Community Health Sciences
2001 – 2003	Research Associate, University of Alaska Anchorage, Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies and Department of Health Sciences

**GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

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2008 – 2009	P.I., Faculty Development Award, Office of Academic Affairs, University of Alaska Anchorage	\$3,200
2008 – 2009	P.I., Center for Community Engagement & Learning, University of Alaska Anchorage	\$4,500
2008 – 2009	P.I., Chancellor's Fund, University of Alaska Anchorage	\$9,200
2008 – 2009	Travel Grant, United Academics/Office of Academic Affairs, University of Alaska Anchorage	\$750

## ACADEMIC HONORS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

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2009	Travel Grant Recipient, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Symposium
2009	Travel Grant Recipient, Hawaii Addictions Conference & Asian American & Pacific Islander Workgroup Scientific Conference, National Institute of Drug Abuse
2007	Best Student Abstract, Asian Pacific Islander Caucus of the American Public Health Association
2007	UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship
2005 – 2007	UCLA Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
2006	UCLA International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship
2006	UCLA Graduate Student Research Mentorship Fellowship
2005	Fulbright-Hays, Advanced Filipino Abroad Program
2004	UCLA School of Public Health, Samuel Tibbits Fellowship
2003	UCLA California Endowment Fellowship
2003	Recipient of the American Public Health Association Mini-Grant for the Development of the State-Affiliate (Alaska) Website for Diabetes and Childhood Overweight Prevention
2003	UAA, College of Health & Social Welfare, Dean's Mini Grant
2002	Alaska Public Health Association "Short Term Service Award"
2000	Boston University School of Public Health Scholarship

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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### Courses Taught

HS A625: Biostatistics for Public Health Professionals  
 HS A628: Program Evaluation  
 HS A605: Public Health and Society  
 HS A629: Public Health Research Tools and Methods  
 HS A690: Practice-Based Qualitative Research Methods

### Academic Advisement

Spring Semester 2009: 5 Students  
 Fall Semester 2009: 5 Students

### Thesis and Independent Study

Spring Semester 2009	Independent Study	Joy Britt Community Service Learning Advocate UAA Center for Community Engagement & Learning
Spring Semester 2009	Thesis External Reviewer	Jody Carman MPH Program UAA Department of Health Sciences
Spring Semester 2009 – Present	Thesis Committee Member	Jennifer Dianne Adams MPH Program UAA Department of Health Sciences

Fall Semester 2009 – Present	Thesis Committee Member	Stacey Kelley MPH Program UAA Department of Health Sciences
Fall Semester 2009 – Present	Thesis Committee Chair	Shawne Johnson MPH Program UAA Department of Health Sciences
Fall Semester 2009 – Present	Thesis Committee Member	Christine Walrath Nurse Practitioner Program UAA School of Nursing

## **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

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### **Peer-Reviewed Publications**

**Garcia, G. M.**, Romero, R. A., Maxwell, A. E. (In press). “Correlates of Smoking Cessation among Filipino Immigrant Men.” *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.

De Castro, A.B., **Garcia, G.**, Gee, G. C., Tsai, J. H. C., Rue, T., & Takeuchi, D. T. (In press). “Smoking and the Asian American workforce in the National Latino and Asian American Study.” *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*.

**Garcia G.M.** (October 18, 2008). “Filipinos have been in Alaska for centuries.” *Anchorage Daily News*: B5.

Maxwell, A. E., Danao, L., Crespi, C. M., Antonio, C., **Garcia, G. M.**, & Bastani, R. (2008). Disparities in the Receipt of Fecal Occult Blood Test versus Endoscopy among Filipino American Immigrants. *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*, 17(8):1963-1967.

Maxwell, A. E., **Garcia, G. M.**, & Berman, B. A. (2007). “Understanding Tobacco Use among Filipino-American Men.” *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, 9:7, 769-776.

### **In-submission**

**Garcia, G. M.**, Glik, D. C., Prelip, M. P., & Myerson, A. (In submission). “Alcohol print ads in a low-income community: prevalence and perceptions.” *American Journal of Health Behavior*.

**Garcia, G. M.** & Maeda, J. L. K. (In submission). “Moving Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Research Toward a New Frontier.” *Ethnicity & Disease*.

**Garcia, G. M.**, Molina, L. C., Kagawa-Singer, M., & Campomayor, C. “Is immigrant status associated with health-risk behaviors and conditions among Filipino Americans?” *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.

### **Invited Presentations**

**Garcia, G. M.** (June 2009). Oral Presentation: “Smoking and Relationships”. Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Meeting. Anchorage, AK.

**Garcia, G. M.** (April 2009). Panel Presentation: “Working with Priority Population”. Third Annual Alaska Tobacco Summit. Fairbanks, AK.

- Garcia, G. M.** (March 2009). Oral Presentation: “Smoking Disparities: Does Race/Ethnicity Matters?” Leadership in Eliminating Alaskan Disparities in Tobacco, Quarterly Meeting. State of Alaska Department of Health and Human Services. Anchorage, AK.
- Garcia, G. M.** (February 2009). Oral Presentation: “Smokin’ Relationships: Would You Still Love Me if I Smoked?” Department of Health Sciences Brown Bag Seminar Series. University of Alaska Anchorage. Anchorage, AK.
- Garcia, G. M.,** Maeda, J. L. (October 2008). Roundtable Presentation: “Challenging Racial/Ethnic Inequalities in Health: A Conceptual Framework to Understand Health Disparities among Asian American and Pacific Islanders”. 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exposition of the American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA.
- Garcia, G. M.** (October, 2008). Poster Presentation: “To Smoke or Not to Smoke: A Qualitative Study of Smoking in the Philippines”. 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exposition of the American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA.
- Withers, M. & **Garcia, G. M.** (October, 2008). Poster Presentation: Public Health Research Without Borders: Doctoral Students Conducting Health Research in Developing Countries. 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Exposition of the American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA.
- Garcia, G. M.,** Myerson, A., Glik, D., & Prelip, M. (December, 2005). Poster Presentation: “Especially Made for You and Me: The Universal Appeal of Alcohol Ads.” 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- Garcia, G. M.,** Molina, L. C, & Gicarro-Torres, G. (December, 2005). Oral Presentation: “Differences in Health Behavior and Conditions among Filipinos of Differing Generations in the U.S.” 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- Garcia, G. M.** (July, 2004). Oral Presentation: “Toward Achieving a Healthy Filipino-American Community.” Filipino American National Historical Society Conference. St. Louis, MO.

### **Professional Projects and Reports**

- Garcia, G. M.** (July, 2003). *Process Evaluation of the Statewide Media Campaign on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.* Anchorage, AK: Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies, University of Alaska Anchorage.
- Garcia, G. M.** (July, 2003). *Results of the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Annual Conference Survey.* Anchorage, AK: Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies, University of Alaska Anchorage.
- Garcia G. M.** & Fair, M. (September, 2002). *Process Evaluation of the Media Campaign Focus Group for the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Statewide Media Campaign: Year One.* Anchorage, AK: Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies, University of Alaska Anchorage.
- Garcia, G. M.,** Burgess, D. M., & Fair, M. (August, 2002). *Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Statewide Prevention Evaluation: Year One Annual Report.* Anchorage, AK: Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies, University of Alaska Anchorage.
- Garcia, G. M.,** Burgess, D. M., & Fair, M. (July, 2002). *Statewide Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Efforts: Year Two Evaluation Plan.* Anchorage, AK: Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies, University of Alaska Anchorage.
- Gordian, M. & **Garcia, G. M.** (April, 2002). *Report on Tobacco Policies in Alaskan Towns and Tribal Entities.* Anchorage, AK: Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies, University of Alaska Anchorage.

Weiss, L. D. & Garcia G. M. (January, 2002). *Proposal: University of Alaska Anchorage Master of Public Health Program*. Anchorage, AK: Department of Health Sciences, University of Alaska Anchorage.

## **UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

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### **University Level**

2008 – 2009      University of Alaska Anchorage  
                         Member, Graduate Academic Board

### **College Level**

2008 – 2009      College of Health and Social Welfare, University of Alaska Anchorage  
                         Member, College Curriculum Committee

### **Departmental Level**

2008 – Present    Department of Health Sciences, University of Alaska Anchorage  
                         Chair, Curriculum Committee  
                         Chair, Marketing Committee  
                         Chair, Technology Committee

### **National Level**

2009 – Present    *Ethnicity & Disease* Journal  
                         Reviewer

2009 – Present    *BioMed Central* Online Journal  
                         Reviewer

2004 – Present    Asian Pacific Islander Caucus of the American Public Health Association  
                         Member (2004 – Present)  
                         Abstract Reviewer (2004 – 2008)  
                         Student Representative (2004 – 2005)

2004 – Present    American Public Health Association  
                         Member

2003 – Present    Filipino American National Historical Society  
                         Member

**State Level**

- 2008 – Present Alaska Tobacco Control Alliance  
Member
- 2008 – Present Leadership on Eliminating Alaskan Disparities in Tobacco  
Consultant
- 2001 – Present Alaska Public Health Association  
Member (2001 – Present)  
Board Member (2001 – 2003)

**City Level**

- 2008 – Present Citizens for School Based Health Care Coalition, Municipality of Anchorage  
Consultant
- 2008 – Present Urban League of Young Professionals  
Member

**Community Level**

- 2008 – Present Alaskero Partnership Organization  
Member
- 2008 – Present Anchorage United for Youth  
Consultant
- 2008 – Present Ma`o Tosi`s Alaska Pride  
Consultant
- 2003 – Present Filipinos and Americans for Arts and Humanities, Anchorage, AK  
Member (2003 – Present)  
President and Founder (2003 – 2004)
- 2002 – 2003 *A Cry for Freedom: A Musical*  
Producer, Writer, and Director
- 2002 – 2003 Filipino Community of Anchorage Alaska, Inc.  
Secretary
- 2002 – 2003 United Filipino Athletic Association, Anchorage, AK  
Board Member  
Manager and Assistant Coach of UFAA Men`s Basketball League

**FACULTY AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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- 2009 Institute of the North  
Emerging Leaders Dialogue
- 2008 University of Alaska Anchorage, Office of Diversity and Compliance  
Welcoming Diversity and Prejudice Reduction Workshop