Ereisa G. Morales, M.A

EDUCATION

Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing MI
Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology
In progress: "*Substance Use Disorders in Our Home: Siblings Experiences, Navigating Changes, & Meaning-Making"*
Chair: Dr. Clifford Broman
Committee: Dr. Maria Isabel Ayala, Dr. Zhenmei Zhang, Dr. Molly Copeland (University of Notre Dame)

Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing MI
Masters of Arts, Sociology
Thesis: "Self-Rated Health, Happiness, & Depression: The Role of Experiencing Financial Hardship on Parent's Well-Being"
Chair: Dr. Clifford Broman
Committee: Dr. Molly Copeland, Dr. Maria Isabel Ayala, Dr. Zhenmei Zhang

Eastern Washington University (EWU), Cheney WA
Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
Minors: Psychology, Chicanx Studies
Certificate: Addiction Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Family, Race & Ethnicity, Substance Use, Mental Health

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2026 ***Michigan State University,*** *Graduate Research Assistant*
Department of Geography
Principal Investigators: Dr. Sandra Marquart-Pyatt
Panel Farmer Survey: Agriculture, Farms, and Communities Over Time

2025 ***Michigan State University,*** *Graduate Research Assistant*
Department of Geography
Principal Investigators: Dr. Sandra Marquart-Pyatt & Kristina Beethem, M.A
Panel Farmer Survey: Agriculture, Farms, and Communities Over Time

2023-2024 ***Michigan State University,*** *Graduate Research Assistant & Administrative Assistant*
Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Principal Investigators: Dr. Danielle Gartner & Dr. Heather Howard
Equity in the Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Indigenous Pregnant and Birthing Peoples

2018-2019 ***Eastern Washington University,*** *Research Intern*
Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program
Mentor: Dr. Edmundo Aguilar, Department of Race and Culture Studies
¿Si Se Puede? : An In-Depth Examination of Latinx Students Experiences from Rural Washington in Higher Education.

2017-2018 ***Eastern Washington University,*** *Research Intern*
Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program
Mentor: Dr. Christina Torres Garcia, Director of the McNair Scholar Program
From Adolescence to Adulthood: Understanding: "The Reality of Substance Use, An In-Depth Ethnographic Interview."

PUBLICATIONS

2026 Morales, E.G., Leo Baldiga., Sandra-Marquart-Pyatt. 2026. **Navigating challenges through uncertainty and storms: Farmers in the U.S. Midwest rebuilding resilience.** Under Review.

2025 Broman, Clifford., Bista, S., **Morales, E.G.** 2025. **Long-term Health Effects of Substance Use: Race, Ethnicity, and Sex Differences.** Under Review.

2024 Gartner, D.R., Grace Joachim, Mary Owen, Jennifer Richards, Zhehui Luo, Claire Margerison, **Ereisa G. Morales**... 2024. Changes in prenatal care use following the Affordable Care Act among American Indian and Alaska Native birth givers: variation by geographic region. Under Review.

2022 **Morales, E.G**. 2022. Self-Rated Health, Happiness, & Depression: The Role of Experiencing Financial Hardship on Parent's Well-Being. *Michigan State University ProQuest Dissertations Publishing.* *https://www.proquest.com/openview/1caab340bfe57d814b91c337759ab4a5/1.pdf?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=18750&diss=y*.

2022 **Morales, E.G.** 2021. ¿Primero La Familia y Luego Yo?: Three Generations of Latinas Experiences. *Michigan State University AGEP Science Today Bulletin.* https://grad.msu.edu/sites/default/files/content/AGEP/AGEP%202021%20Bulletin%20final.pdf

2020 Saucedo, Jessica S., and **Ereisa G. Morales**. 2020. Are They Receiving Quality Healthcare through School-based Health Centers at Predominately White Institutions?: Perspectives of Graduate Women of Color. *Michigan State University AGEP Science Today Bulletin.* https://grad.msu.edu/sites/default/files/content/AGEP/2020_AGEP_Bulletin_Final.pdf

2018 **Morales, E.G**. 2018. Challenges and Motivations Experienced By First-Generation Latina/o Students in Higher Education. *2018 Symposium.* 13. https://dc.ewu.edu/scrw_2018/13

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025 Michigan State University, Department of Sociology
Graduate Teaching Assistant III, ISS 310: People and Environment
Professor: Dr. Ben Marley

2025 **Michigan State University, Department of Sociology**
Instructor, SOC 215: Race & Ethnicity
Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Prior

2024 **Michigan State University, Department of Sociology**
Instructor, SOC 316: Youth & Society (Asynchronous)
Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Prior

2023 **Michigan State University, Department of Sociology**
Graduate Teaching Assistant III, SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology
Recitation: 003 & 004
Professor: Dr. Oskar Milik

2022 **Michigan State University, Department of Sociology**
Graduate Teaching Assistant III, ISS 210: Individual & Society
Professor: Dr. Jodi Yelinek

2022 **Michigan State University, Department of Sociology**
Graduate Teaching Assistant II, SOC 316: Youth & Society
Professor: Dr. Sarah Prior

2021 **Michigan State University, Department of Sociology**
Graduate Teaching Assistant II, SOC 241: Social Psychology
Professor: Dr. Stacy Smith

2020 **Eastern Washington University, Department of Sociology**
Graduate Teaching Assistant II, ISS 318: Lifespan Development Across Cultures
Professor: Dr. Jodi Yelinek

2020 **Michigan State University, Department of Sociology**
Graduate Teaching Assistant I, SOC 315 - Family & Society **&** ISS 210: Society & The Individual
Professor: Dr. Jodi Yelinek

2019 **Michigan State University, Department of Sociology**
Graduate Teaching Assistant I, ISS 335: Race, Class, and Gender in the U.S
Professor: Dr. Ralph Pyle

2018-2019 **Eastern Washington University, Department of Race & Culture Studies**
Teaching Assistant, RCST 101: Intro to Study of Race & Culture
Professor: Dr. Edmundo Aguilar

2017-2018 **Eastern Washington University, Department of Sociology & Social Justice Studies**
Teaching Assistant, SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology
Professor: Dr. Robert Bartlett

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

2018-2019 **Wenatchee Valley College, TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Transfer Mentor Program**
Transfer Student Mentor

2016- 2017 **Eastern Washington University, Pathways Program**
Peer Mentor

PRESENTATIONS

2026 **Navigating challenges through uncertainty and storms: Farmers in the U.S. Midwest rebuilding resilience.**
Presentation at Michigan State University, Environmental Science & Policy Program Research Symposium.
October 23, 2026

2026 **Substance Use Disorders in Our Home: Siblings Experiences, Navigating Changes, and Meaning-Making** (Preliminary findings)
Paper accepted at Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, Missouri. March 13, 2026

2025 **Long-term Health Effects of Substance Use: Race, Ethnicity, and Sex**

Differences.
Roundtable at the American Sociological Association.
August 9, 2025

2024 **Equity in the ACA's impact on Indigenous pregnant and birthing people.**
Paper accepted at the National Indian Health Board Conference.
May 20-23, 2024

2022 **Self-rated Health, Happiness, and Depression: The Role of Experiencing Financial Hardship on Parent's Well-being**
Qualifying paper presented at Michigan State University, Sociology Department. October 28, 2022
Qualifying paper accepted at North Central Sociological Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan. March 24, 2023

2021 **Substance Abuse & Mental Health: The Role of Ambiguous Loss Theory and Resilience in Families**
Paper presented at Midwest Sociological Society. Precarity and Inequality: COVID-19, Neoliberalism and the Future of Faculty. Virtual. March 18-21, 2021

2019 **¿Si Se Puede? An In-Depth Examination of Latinx Students' Experiences from Rural Washington in Higher Education**
Paper accepted at 40th Annual Popular/American Culture Association (SWPACA) Conference. Albuquerque, NM. February 20-23, 2019

2018 Paper presented at McNair Summer Research Conference at Eastern Washington University. Cheney, WA. August 16, 2018

2018 **From Adolescence to Adulthood: Understanding the Reality of Substance Use, An In-Depth Ethnographic Interview**
Paper presented at the 21st Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium at Eastern Washington University. Cheney, WA. May 16, 2018

Paper accepted at 2018 Texas Tech University Undergraduate Research Conference at Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX. March 28-29, 2018

Paper presented at National Conference on Undergraduate Research at The University of Central Oklahoma. Edmond, OK. April 4-7, 2018

Paper accepted at 39th Annual Popular/American Culture Association (SWPACA) Conference. Albuquerque, NM. February 7-10, 2018

AWARDS

2026 **Michigan State University Dissertation Completion Fellowship**
2026 **Michigan State University Graduate Office Fellowship**
2026 **Michigan State University John L. & Harriette Pipes McAdoo Scholarship**
2022 **Michigan State University P. Lea Martinez Endowed Scholarship**
2022 **Michigan State University Maximillian Monroy-Miller Fellowship**

2021	**Inter-university Consortium Political for Social Research Diversity Scholarship**
2021	**Michigan State University College of Social Science Early Start Summer Program**
2021	**Michigan State University Graduate Office Fellowship**
2020	**¡Lánzate!/Take Off! Higher Education Travel Award Program**
2020	**Michigan State University College of Social Science Early Start Summer Program**
2019	**Michigan State University College of Social Science Early Start Summer Program**
2018-2019	**Eastern Washington University Rob & Randi Nielson Scholarship**
2018-2019	**Eastern Washington University Jeremy & Janet Anderson Scholarship**
2017-2018	**Eastern Washington University Jeffers R. Chertok Scholarship**

PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

2024	**University of Michigan, Summer Institute 2024** Qualitative Methods: Overview & Semi-Structured Interviewing
2023-2024	**Michigan State University, Department of Sociology** Undergraduate Education Committee, Graduate Student Representative
2023	**University of Michigan, Virtual 2023 MCUAAAR/PRBA Summer Mentoring Workshop for Advanced Doctoral Students**
2021	**35th Annual CSU Student Research Competition** Graduate Student Juror
2020-2022	**Michigan State University, College of Social Science** Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Graduate Student Representative
2020-2021	**Michigan State University, Department of Sociology** Department Advisory Committee, Graduate Student Representative
2020-2021	**Michigan State University, Department of Sociology** SOC Collective Representative, Graduate Student Representative
2019-2020	**Michigan State University, Department of Sociology** Graduate Student Representative