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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

NAME Elder, John P.	POSITION TITLE Distinguished Professor		
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EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Nebraska	B.A.	05/74	Psychology
West Virginia University, Morgantown	M.A.	05/75	Clinical Psychology
West Virginia University, Morgantown	Ph.D.	12/78	Clinical Psychology
Boston University, MA	M.P.H.	05/84	Public Health

**A. Personal Statement**

I am a Distinguished Professor of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences at San Diego State University's Graduate School of Public Health, where I direct the Institute for Behavioral and Community Health (IBACH). I also serve as Professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), and am an Adjunct Professor at the *Universidad Autonoma de Baja California* in Tijuana, Mexico. I am bilingual in English and Spanish, and have over 30 years of experience in health promotion research, much of which has focused on chronic disease prevention in the Hispanic community. I have published 340 articles, chapters and books on this and related topics. I currently lead several federally funded grants, including the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities "Mentoring Diverse Students in Health Disparities Research" with a special emphasis on mentoring underrepresented students and NaRCH in particular. In addition, I am the principal investigator to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded San Diego Prevention Research Center (the only PRC to focus exclusively on Latino health) and the NIDDK-funded Clinical Behavioral Approach to Overweight Latino Youth. Further, I serve as Co-Principal Investigator of the Hispanic Community Health Study's (HCHS/SOL) San Diego site. I am also Leader of the Health Disparities Program at the internationally recognized Moores UCSD Cancer Center. I have a Ph.D. in Child Clinical Psychology from West Virginia University and an M.P.H. from Boston University. I have done extensive research in the prevention of health risk behaviors among Latino youth, most notably with the NCI-funded *Sembrando Salud*: program for migrant Hispanic adolescents, recognized by DHHS (SAMSHA) as a "model program". I was the Principal Investigator on the NHLBI-funded study Obesity Prevention in Latino Home and Community Environments (*Aventuras para Niños*). In addition to the projects mentioned, I was Principal Investigator of a number of NCI and NHLBI-funded grants, including the Trial of Activity for Adolescents Girls (TAAG), an NHLBI-funded cooperative agreement. I have worked with Drs. Arredondo, Ayala, Ji, and Marshall on several of these projects, and this has shown to be a productive collaboration among various disciplines.

**B. Positions and Honors**

**Positions and Employment**

1978 – 1980	Director, Adult Services, FMRS Mental Health Council (WV)
1980 – 1984	Intervention Director, Pawtucket Heart Health Program
1982 – 1984	Assistant Professor of Community Medicine (Research), Brown University
1984 – Present	Assistant Professor to Distinguished Professor, Division of Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences, Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego State University (SDSU; Head of the Division, 1989-2003).
1986 – 1995	Senior Technical Advisor, Health Communications for Child Survival (HEALTHCOM) Project, USAID/Academy for Educational Development (Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Honduras, Guatemala, Ecuador and Yemen)
1987 – Present	Director, Center for Behavioral and Community Health Studies, San Diego State University
1993 – Present	Adjunct Professor, UCSD School of Medicine

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1996 – 1998	Acting Director, Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego State University
1999 – 2000	Invited Professor, Escuela Nacional de Sanidad [National School of Public Health], Madrid, Spain
2004 – Present	Coordinator, Doctoral Program in Health Behavior, SDSU
2004 – Present	Director, San Diego Prevention Research Center
2005 – Present	Adjunct Professor, Universidad Autonoma de Baja California (UABC), Mexico
2006 – Present	Leader, Health Disparities Program, UCSD Moores Cancer Center
2006 – Present	Adjunct Professor, Department of Family & Preventive Medicine, University of California, San Diego
2009 – Present	Distinguished Professor of Public Health, San Diego State University

### Selected Honors

1. Phi Beta Kappa, 1973
2. Breakthrough Award for Creativity for the Honduras ARI Control Program, Academy for Educational Development, 1989
3. *Sembrando Salud* selected as an “Effective Program” by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMSHA) National Registry, June 13, 2003
4. Research Laureate, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Award by the American Academy of Health Behavior, 2003
5. Distinguished Professor of Public Health, Albert W. Johnson Lecturer, SDSU, 2009

### **C. Peer-reviewed Publications (selected from more than 300 peer-reviewed publications)**

1. **Elder, J.P.**, Campbell, N.R., Candelaria, J.I., Talavera, G.A., Mayer, J.A., Moreno, C., Medel, Y.R., & Lyons, G.K. (1998). Project Salsa: development and institutionalization of a nutritional health promotion project in a Latino community. *American Journal of Health Promotion*, 12(6), 391-401. PMID 10182091
2. **Elder, J.P.**, Candelaria, J., Woodruff, S.I., Criqui, M., Talavera, G., & Rupp, J. (2000). Results of Language for Health: cardiovascular disease nutrition education for Latino English-as-a-second-language students. *Health Education & Behavior*, 27(1), 50-63. PMID10709792
3. **Elder, J.P.**, & Cortés, M. (2000). Políticas públicas saludables: El caso del tabaco. In Sarría A (Ed): *Promoción de la Salud en la Comunidad*. Madrid: Universidad Nacional de Educación a la Distancia.
4. **Elder, J.P.**, Cortés Blanco, M., Sarría Santamera, A. (2000). Marco legislativo y estrategia de la industria tabaquera en relación a la publicidad del tabaco en España. *Revista Española de Salud Pública*, 74, 497-506.
5. Litrownik, A.J., **Elder, J.**, Campbell, N., Ayala, G.X., Slymen, D., Parra–Medina, D., Zavala, F., & Lovato, C. (2000). “Evaluation of a Tobacco and Alcohol Use Prevention Program for Hispanic Migrant Adolescents: Promoting the Protective Factor of Parent–Child Communication.” *Preventive Medicine* 31(2):124–33.
6. **Elder, J.P.**, Campbell, N., Litrownik, A., Ayala, G., Slymen, D., Parra-Medina, D., & Lovato, C. (2000). Predictors of cigarette and alcohol susceptibility and use among Hispanic migrant adolescents. *Preventive Medicine*, 31(2), 115-123. PMID10938211
7. **Elder, J.P.**, Litrownik, A., Slymen, D., Campbell, N., Parra-Medina, D., Choe, S., Lee, V., & Ayala, G. (2002). Tobacco and alcohol use prevention program for Hispanic migrant adolescents. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 23(4), 269-275. PMID12406481
8. **Elder, J.P.** (2003). Reaching out to America’s immigrants: Community health advisors and health communication. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 27(S3), S196-S205. PMID14672380
9. **Elder, J.P.**, Broyles, S.L., Brennan, J.J., Zúñiga de Nuncio, M.L., & Nader, P.R. (2005). Acculturation, parent–child acculturation differential, and chronic disease risk factors in a Mexican-American population. *Journal of Immigrant Health*, 7(1), 1-9. PMID15744472
10. **Elder, J.P.**, Ayala, G.X., Campbell, N., Slymen, D., Lopez-Madurga, E.T., & Engelberg, M. (2005). Interpersonal and print nutrition communication for a Spanish-dominant Latino population: *Secretos de la Buena Vida*. *Health Psychology*, 24(1), 49-57. PMID 15631562
11. Ayala, G.X., Mueller, K., Lopez-Madurga, E., Campbell, N.R., & **Elder, J.P.** (2005). Restaurant and food shopping selections among Latinas in Southern California. *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, 105(1), 38-45. PMID15635343
12. Ayala, G.X., Mickens, L., Galindo, P., & **Elder, J.P.** (2006). Acculturation and body image perception among Latino youth and adolescents. *Ethnicity and Health*, 12(1), 21-41. PMID17132583

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13. **Elder, J.P.**, Ayala, G.X., Campbell, N., Arredondo, E., Slymen, D., Baquero, B., Zive, M., Ganiats, T., & Engelberg, M. (2006). Long-term effects of a communication intervention for Spanish-dominant Latinas. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*; 31(2), 139-166. PMID16829333
14. **Elder, J.P.**, Ayala, G.X., Slymen, D.J., Arredondo, E., & Campbell, N.R. (2007). Evaluating psychosocial and behavioral mechanisms of change in a tailored communication intervention. *Health Education and Behavior*. Epub ahead of print 2007 Dec 12. PMID18077657
15. **Elder, J.P.**, Arredondo, E.M., Campbell, N., Baquero, B., Duerksen, S., Ayala, G.X., Crespo, N.C., Slymen, D., & McKenzie, T. (2009). Individual, family, and community environmental correlates of obesity in Hispanic elementary school children. *Journal of School Health*, 80(1), 20-30. PMID20051087
16. **Elder, J.P.**, Ayala, G.X., Parra-Medina, D. & Talavera, G. (2009). Health communication in the Latino community: issues and approaches. *Annual Review of Public Health*, 30, 227-251. PMID19296776

### D. Research Support

#### Ongoing Research Support

1U18DP003377-01 (Ayala, PI)

09/29/11-09/28/15

CDC

#### **An Ecological Approach to Addressing Childhood Obesity in Imperial County**

This study will evaluate a multi-sector, multi-level intervention to address childhood obesity in Imperial County, the county with the highest rates of childhood obesity in the State of California. The intervention goal is to develop a childhood obesity chronic care model that recognizes the communities' assets and needs. Our evaluation goal is to assess the efficacy of the intervention on the body mass index (BMI) z-scores of 1440 children 2- to 10-years old over a two-year period.

Role on Project: Co-Principal Investigator

R25MD006853-01 (Elder, PI)

07/01/11 – 06/30/16

NIH/NIMHD

#### **Mentoring Diverse Students in Health Disparities Research**

A 5-year IBACH Training and Mentoring Program will enroll a total of 40 undergraduate and graduate students underrepresented in research to pursue higher level academic or career opportunities that contribute to reducing health disparities.

Role on Project: Principal Investigator

R01 (Ayala, PI)

04/11/10 – 11/30/14

NIH/NHLBI

#### **Hispanic Community Health Study: Ancillary Study of Latino Youth (SOL-Youth)**

This study will assess the health of Latino youth whose parents/caregivers are involved in the Hispanic Community Health Study.

Role on Project: Co-Principal Investigator

1 R25 HL105430-01 (Elder & Talavera, PIs)

09/30/10 – 09/29/14

NIH/NHLBI

#### **Investing in America's Future: Mentoring Latinos in Health Disparities Research**

This program involves a series of trainings and mentoring activities for new Latino researchers interested in Latino health and health disparities research as related to cardiovascular disease (CVD) and other conditions associated with CVD risk factors.

1 R01DK084331-01A1 (Elder & Talavera, PIs)

05/01/10 – 03/31/15

NIH/NIDDK

#### **Clinical/Behavioral Approach to Overweight Latino Youth**

This randomized controlled trial will test the efficacy of a culturally and linguistically appropriate, evidence-based intervention to slow weight gain or promote weight loss among 390 overweight 6-9 year old Mexican-American children.

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1R01CA138894-01A1 (Arredondo, PI)  
NIH/NCI

03/03/10 – 02/28/15

### **Promoting Physical Activity among Churchgoing Latinas**

This study proposes to examine the impact of a multi-level intervention on Latinas' physical activity. The intervention will train promotoras from churches to develop programs within the church and advocate for environmental changes around the church.

Role on Project: Co-Investigator

U48 DP001917-01 SIP 09-025 (Elder, PI)  
CDC/PRC

09/30/09 – 09/29/13

### **Chronic Disease Prevention in Mexico and the US Latino Population**

The study team will adapt the "Guide for Useful Intervention for Physical Activity in Latin America" (GUIA) to conduct research and develop practice-based networks focused on the prevention of chronic disease in Mexico and the US Latino population.

1R18DP002138-01 (Marshall, PI)  
CDC/NCCDPHP

09/15/09 – 09/14/13

### **A Translation Study of the *Academia da Cidade* Program (ACP)**

This study will translate, implement, and evaluate ACP, an evidence-based, professionally supervised physical activity intervention conducted in Brazil, for use with Latino communities in North America.

Role on Project: Co-Principal Investigator

U48 DP000036 (Elder & Ayala, PDs/PIs)  
CDC/PRC

09/30/04 – 09/29/14

### **Promotion of Physical Activity in the Latino Community (*San Diego Prevention Research Center*)**

The mission of this center is to foster academic-community partnerships to promote Latino health using principles of community-based participatory research.

1P20 MD002293-01 (Talavera, PI)  
NIH/NCMHD

09/30/07 – 05/31/13

### **San Diego Partnership to Reduce Diabetes & CVD in Latinos**

This tri-lateral collaboration between SDSU, UCSD, and San Ysidro Health Center seeks to promote and expedite research that improves cardiovascular disease outcomes in low-income Latinos living in the border region of San Diego.

Role on Project: Co-Investigator