MINIGRANT APPLICATION FORM

Title of Proposal:
Undocumented Migration, Aging, and Health Care Access in the United States

Principal Investigator:
Mary Alice Scott

Department:
Anthropology

Proposed Project Period:

| Start Date: | January 1, 2012 |
| End Date:   | December 31, 2012 |

Total Minigrant Request:  $2,812.50
Total Cost Sharing:    $500.00
Total Project Cost:    $3,312.50

Abstract of Proposal (a maximum of 100 words and underline key words):
This research addresses a gap in the qualitative literature on health disparities by investigating chronic health issues and access to health care among older im/migrants in the U.S.-Mexico border region. As an ethnographic project, the research will utilize interviewing and participant observation to develop in-depth case studies that highlight the areas in most urgent need of attention to continue the work of reducing health disparities in southern New Mexico. The exploratory phase of the project, for which this funding is requested, will focus on identifying potential sites for further ethnographic research.

Proposed Research (a maximum of 1,500 words):
Substantial qualitative research has focused on im/migrant health in the United States. This work ranges from research on health issues specific to migrant farmworkers (see for example Arcury and Quandt 2007) to cultural and linguistic gaps in health clinic settings (see for example Cristancho et al 2008). The research highlights significant health disparities between im/migrants and other United States populations, largely due to precarious legal status and lack of facility with the English language. In spite of the extensive research in anthropology and related social sciences on the issue of im/migration to the United States, little qualitative research has been published concerning the ways in which older undocumented im/migrants address chronic health issues. Research has illustrated, however, that the lack of legal documentation exacerbates the “social, biological, and economic disadvantages” that have accumulated over the life course for older im/migrants (Montes de Oca et al 2008: 205). Research on im/migrant health tends to focus on working age im/migrants who constitute the majority of the im/migrant population in the United States. Yet, community organizations such as La Voz del Anciano in Dallas, Texas have arisen to address issues of access to health, welfare, and other social services for older migrants (La Voz 2009), signaling that the population of older im/migrants is sufficient to warrant the establishment of such an organization. In this exploratory phase of research, I plan to explore the organizations and services in southern New Mexico that are available to im/migrants, particularly those organizations and agencies that serve im/migrants with chronic health issues.

Research activities in southern New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM and El Paso, TX, will include attending meetings of agencies and organizations that address im/migrant health issues, visiting clinics and other sites where health services are provided, conducting participant observation in appropriate community settings such as churches, and conducting informal interviews with health care service providers and clients. These activities will allow me to identify communities for future ethnographic research on health disparities, which may include additional marginalized
in US health policy, this exploratory research contributes both important questions for consideration and possibilities for solutions. Addressing the chronic illnesses of im/migrants is essential to reducing health disparities in southern New Mexico.

Bibliography


Please list your previous migrant awards with titles and year of award:

None

Please site agency to which your grant proposal could be submitted:

Wenner-Gren Foundation, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health

The Department of Anthropology approves
of Dr. Scott’s migrant request.

[Signature]

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## GRANT BUDGET FORM

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| **Total Project Costs** | $1,812.50 | $ 0.00 | $1,500.00 | $ 0.00 | $3,312.50 |

* Indicate if cost share contribution is provided by other sources (i.e. other grants or startup costs), your department or from personal sources.

The budget form is official. The categories listed are costs you will include in your project. Please use this form, taking care that the detail clearly identifies your needs and breaks out any source of cost sharing. By submitting this budget you are indicating approval by your department head for the expenditures of any listed departmental funds.

Department funding will come from startup account provided by department.
Southern New Mexico Counties: Dona Ana, Sierra, Hidalgo, Grant, Otero, Luna
Additional locations: Albuquerque, El Paso

DONA ANA COUNTY
Las Cruces
Ben Archer Health Center, 1600 Thorpe Rd.
Dona Ana County Health and Human Services, 845 N. Motel Blvd.
Dona Ana Village Public Health Office, 5595 Elks Rd.
Las Cruces (Central) Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano
East Mesa Public Health Office, 5220 Holman Rd.
Las Cruces (West) Public Health Office, 1850 Copper Loop
Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, 3880 Foothills Rd.
Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, 2320 Westgate St.
La Clinica de Familia, 1160 Mall Dr.
La Clinica de Familia, 8600 Bataan Memorial East
La Clinica de Familia, 385 Calle de Alegre

Hatch
Hatch Public Health Office, 3 Chile Capital Lane
Ben Archer Health Center, 255 Highway 187

Radium Springs
Ben Archer Health Center, 12080 LB Lindbeck Rd.

Anthony
Anthony Public Health Office, 865 Main St.
Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, 517 Main St.
La Clinica de Familia, 855 S. Anthony Dr.

Chaparral
Chaparral Public Health Office, 112 Lisa Dr.
La Clinica de Familia, 510 E. Lisa Dr.

Sunland Park
Sunland Park Public Health Office, 3807 McNutt
La Clinica de Familia, 2625 McNutt Rd.

San Miguel/La Mesa
Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, 19030 Highway 28
La Clinica de Familia, 18424 S. Hwy 28
SIERRA COUNTY

Truth or Consequences
Ben Archer Health Centers, 1960 Date St.
Sierra Public Health Office, 201 East 4th St.

LUNA COUNTY

Columbus
Ben Archer Health Centers, 626 Taft St.

Deming
Ben Archer Health Center, 125 Chaparral
Luna County Health Council, 321 W. Spruce
Luna Public Health Office, 215 S. Silver

OTERO COUNTY

Alamogordo
Ben Archer Health Center, 2150 Hwy 54 S.
Otero Public Health Office, 1207 8th St.

GRANT COUNTY

Silver City
Grant Public Health Office, 2610 N. Silver

HIDALGO COUNTY

Lordsburg
Hidalgo Public Health Office, 530 DeMoss St.

ALBUQUERQUE (3 trips to include additional sites recommended by HELP-NM)
HELP-NM, 5101 Copper Ave, NE

EL PASO (3 trips to include additional sites recommended by Office of Border Health)
Texas Office of Border Health Field Office, 401 E. Franklin
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APPOINTMENTS
2011-present Assistant Professor of Anthropology, New Mexico State University

BALANCE OF START UP FUNDS: 5168.33
With these remaining start-up funds, I plan to make one to two follow up trips during the summer in the next three years to my dissertation field site in Veracruz, Mexico to conduct follow-up research in preparation for a book manuscript.

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

n.d. From Individuals to Agents: Youth Participatory Action Research as Access to Equity. Article submitted for Council on Anthropology and Education Column, Anthropology News.


n.d. Who’s the Researcher? What’s the Research? Mentoring in Community-Based Participatory Research. Article in preparation for Perspectives on Undergraduate Research and Mentoring (2nd author with 1st author Molly O’Brien, and Deborah Long, Darris Means, Katie Wicke-LaPlante and Kimberly B. Pyne)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS
2011 Extending the Border Zone: The Production of Health Vulnerabilities among Family Members of Undocumented Mexican Trans-migrants. Invited presentation for the New
Mexico State University Center for Latin American and Border Studies Fall Speaker Series, Las Cruces, New Mexico, November 2.

2011  The Elon Academy: A University-Community Partnership to Address College Access and Success (with Deborah Long and Darris Means). Invited presentation at the North Carolina Campus Compact Civic Engagement Institute, Elon, North Carolina, February 8.


OTHER PRESENTATIONS


