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## Education

Ph.D. University of Illinois at Chicago, Community Psychology, 2002  
M.A. University of Illinois at Chicago, Community Psychology, 1998  
B.A. Smith College, Northampton, MA, Psychology, 1992

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## Employment

2013- present Professor, California State University at Long Beach  
2008- 2013 Associate Professor, California State University at Long Beach  
2002- 2008 Assistant Professor, California State University at Long Beach  
2001-2002 Visiting Assistant Professor, Loyola University Chicago  
1992-1996 Research Assistant, Program Evaluation and Resource Center, Menlo Park, CA

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## Academic Awards and Honors

**Community-Campus Collaboration Award** (2011). President's Commission on the Status of Women. California State University at Long Beach.

**Advancement of Women Award** (2007). President's Commission on the Status of Women. California State University at Long Beach.

**Michelle Alexander Early Career Award for Scholarship and Service** (2006). Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.

**Spirit of Service Award** (2006). Center for Community Engagement. California State University at Long Beach.

**Best Dissertation in Community Psychology** (2004). Society for Community Research and Action (Division 27 of the American Psychological Association)

**McKeachie Early Career Teaching Excellence Award** (2001). Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Division 2 of the American Psychological Association)

**Harry S. Upshaw Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Teaching** (2000). University of Illinois at Chicago.

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## Publications

Holland, K.J., Hutchison, E.Q., Ahrens, C.E., Torres, M.G. (2021). Reporting is not supporting: Why mandatory supporting, not mandatory reporting, must guide university sexual misconduct policies. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118 (52).

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Bach, M.H., Ahrens, C., Howard, R., & Dahlgren, S. (in press). Hope shattered: An interpretive phenomenological analysis of survivors' experiences with untested rape kits. *Violence Against Women*.

Ahrens, C., Nguyen, P., & Phan, S. (2021). Creating culturally responsive services for Vietnamese-heritage survivors of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Family Violence*.

Bach, M.H., Hansen, N.B., Ahrens, C., Nielsen, C.R., Walshe, C., & Hansen, M. (2021). Underserved survivors of sexual assault: A systematic scoping review. *European Journal of Psychotraumatology*, 12(1).

Ahrens, C., Hart, A., & Dworkin, E. (2021). Social reactions received by survivors of intimate partner violence: A qualitative validation of key constructs from the Social Reactions Questionnaire. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 45(1), 37-49.

Dardis, T., Ahrens, C., Howard, R., & Mechanic, M. (2020). Experiences and impact of stalking among a diverse sample of intimate partner violence survivors. *Violence Against Women*.

Ahrens, C., Dahlgren, S., & Howard, R. (2020). Rape kit notification: Recommendations and barriers to reconnecting with survivors. *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation*, 21 (4), 419-436.

Ahrens, C. & Aldana, E. (2012). The ties that bind: Understanding the impact of sexual assault disclosure on survivors' relationships with friends, family, and partners. *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation*, 13(2), 226-243

Ahrens, C., Rich, M., & Ullman, J. (2011). Rehearsing for real life: The impact of the interACT sexual assault prevention program on self-reported likelihood of engaging in bystander interventions. *Violence Against Women*, 17(6), 760-776.

Ahrens, C., Isas, L., & Viveros, M. (2011). Enhancing Latinas' participation in research on sexual assault: Cultural considerations in the design and implementation of research in the Latino community. *Violence Against Women*, 17(2), 177-188.

Ahrens, C., Stansell, J., & Jennings, A. (2010). To tell or not to tell: The impact of disclosure on sexual assault survivors' recovery. *Violence and Victims*, 25(5), 631-648.

Ahrens, C., Rios-Mandel, C., Isas, L., & Lopez, M. (2010). Talking about interpersonal

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violence: Cultural influences on Latinas' identification and disclosure of sexual assault and intimate partner violence. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*, 2 (4), 284-295.

Campbell, R., Adams, A., Wasco, S., **Ahrens**, C., & Sefl, T. (2010). "What has it been like for you to talk with me today?": The impact of participating in interview research on rape survivors. *Violence Against Women*, 16(1), 60-83.

**Ahrens**, C., Cabral, G., & Abeling, S. (2009). Healing or hurtful: Sexual assault survivors' interpretations of social reactions from support providers. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 33 (1), 81-94.

**Ahrens**, C., Abeling, S., Ahmad, S., & Hinman, J. (2009). Spirituality and well-being: The relationship between religious coping and recovery from sexual assault. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 25 (7), 1242-1263.

Campbell, R., Adams, A., Wasco, S., **Ahrens**, C., & Sefl, T. (2009). Training interviewers for research on sexual violence: A qualitative study of rape survivors' recommendations for interview practice. *Violence Against Women*, 15(5), 595-617.

Rich, M., Robinson, L., **Ahrens**, C., & Rodriguez, J. (2008). interACTing to prevent sexual assault: Understanding the role of masculinity in violence against women. In L. Samovar & R. Porter (Eds.), *Intercultural Communication: A Reader* (12<sup>th</sup> edition). Boston, MA: Wadsworth Publishing.

**Ahrens**, C., Campbell, R., Ternier, K., Wasco, S., & Sefl, T. (2007). Deciding who to tell: Expectations and outcomes of rape survivors' first disclosures. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 31, 38-49.

**Ahrens**, C. (2006). Being silenced: The impact of negative social reactions on the disclosure of rape. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 38, 263-274.

Campbell, R., Sefl, T., Wasco, S., & **Ahrens**, C. (2004). Doing community research without a community: Creating safe space for rape survivors. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 33, 253-261.

Campbell, R., Sefl, T., & **Ahrens**, C. (2004). The impact of rape on women's sexual health risk behaviors. *Health Psychology*, 23, 67-74.

Campbell, R., **Ahrens**, C., Sefl, T., & Clark, M. (2003). The relationship between adult sexual victimization and prostitution: An exploratory analysis. *Violence and Victims*, 18, 299-317.

Campbell, R., Sefl, T., & **Ahrens**, C. (2003). The physical health consequences of rape: Assessing survivors' somatic symptoms in a racially diverse population. *Women's Studies Quarterly*, 1 & 2, 90-104.

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Ahrens, C. & Campbell, R. (2000). Assisting rape victims as they recover from rape: The impact on friends. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 15, 959-986.

Ahrens, C., Campbell, R., Wasco, S., Aponte, G., Grubstein, L., & Davidson, W. (2000). Sexual assault nurse examiner programs: An alternative approach to medical service delivery for rape victims. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 15, 921-943.

Riger, S., Ahrens, C. & Blickenstaff, A. (2000). Measuring interference with employment and education reported by women with abusive partners: Preliminary data. *Violence and Victims*, 15, 161-172.

Campbell, R., Sefl, T., Barnes, H., Ahrens, C., Wasco, S., & Zaragoza-Diesfeld, Y. (1999). Community services for rape survivors: Enhancing psychological well-being or increasing trauma? *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 67, 847-858.

Campbell, R. & Ahrens, C. (1998). Innovative community services for rape victims: An application of multiple case study methodology. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 26, 537-571. (Special Issue: Qualitative Research in Community Psychology)

Ouimette, P., Ahrens, C., Moos, R., & Finney, J. (1998). During treatment changes in substance abuse patients with posttraumatic stress disorder: The influence of specific interventions and program environments. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 15, 555-564.

Ouimette, P., Ahrens, C., Moos, R., & Finney, J. (1997). Posttraumatic stress disorder in substance abuse patients: Relationship to one-year posttreatment outcomes. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 11, 34-47.

### **Book Chapters**

Ahrens, C., Dean, K., & Rozee, P. (2008). Understanding and preventing rape. In F. Denmark & M. Paludi (Eds.), *Psychology of Women: A Handbook of Issues and Theories* (pp. 509-554). Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

Ahrens, C. & Rozee, P. (2007). Using an ecological perspective to understand and address sexual assault on campus. *CSU Monograph Series on Enduring Social Issues*.

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and R.D. Maiuro (Eds.), *Psychological Abuse in Violent Domestic Relations* (pp. 119-133). New York: Springer Publishing.

### **Technical Reports**

- Ahrens, C.** (2015). Comprehensive Technical Report of the Joyful Heart Foundation Victim Notification Project. Comissioned by the Joyful Heart Foundation, New York, NY.
- Ahrens, C.** (2012). *Underreported Anal Sex in Women: Final Report of CBRS Focus Group Findings* (pp. 1-36). Commissioned by the Center for Behavioral Research and Services, Long Beach, CA.
- Ahrens, C.** (2010). *The Minority Access to Research Careers Program: Increasing Underrepresented Students' Intention and Ability to Pursue Doctoral Degrees in Biomedical Research* (pp. 1-37). Commissioned by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, CSULB.
- Ahrens, C.** (2010). *The Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program: Increasing Understanding, Interest, and Intentions to Pursue Careers in Biomedical Research* (pp. 1-32). Commissioned by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, California State University at Long Beach.
- Ahrens, C.** (2009). *Promoting Diversity in the Geosciences: An Evaluation of the Geoscience Diversity Enhancement Program* (pp. 1-97). Commissioned by the Department of Geography, California State University at Long Beach.
- Ahrens, C.** (2009). *The Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program: Enhancing Biomedical Research Interest and Experience Among Underrepresented Students* (pp. 1-44). Commissioned by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, California State University at Long Beach.
- Ahrens, C.** (2008). *Promoting Minority Student Interest in Geoscience: An Evaluation of the Geoscience Diversity Enhancement Project* (pp. 1-96). Commissioned by the Department of Geography, California State University at Long Beach.
- Ahrens, C. & Lopez, M.** (2008). *The Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program: Successes and Recommendations* (pp. 1-31). Commissioned by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, California State University at Long Beach.
- Ahrens, C.** (2008). *Using Sociodrama to Prevent Sexual Assault: A Literature Review* (pp. 1-15). Commissioned by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, Enola, PA.
- Ahrens, C. & Lopez, M.** (2007). *Promoting Minority Student Participation in Biomedical Research: An Evaluation of the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program* (pp. 1-36). Commissioned by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, California State University at Long Beach.
- Ahrens, C., Abeling, S., Ahmad, S, Harbutte, J., & Khem, N.** (2007). *Interacting to Prevent Sexual Assault: Final Evaluation of the interACT Sexual Assault Prevention Program.*
- Ahrens, C. & Balumbu, K.** (2006). *Promoting Minority Student Participation in Biomedical Research:*

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*An Evaluation of the Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program.*

**Ahrens, C.,** Nguyen, T., & Kenney, J. (2006). *Visions Learning Center Evaluation: Final Report.*

### **Training Manuals**

Campbell, R., Davidson, W.S., **Ahrens, C.,** Aponte, G., Dorey, H., Grubstein, L., Naegeli, M., & Wasco, S. (1998). Introduction to Evaluation Training and Practice for Sexual Assault Service Delivery. Okemos, MI: Michigan Public Health Institute.

Campbell, R., Davidson, W.S., **Ahrens, C.,** Aponte, G., Dorey, H., Grubstein, L., Naegeli, M., & Wasco, S. (1998). Introduction to Evaluation Training and Practice for Sexual Assault Prevention. Okemos, MI: Michigan Public Health Institute.

## **Presentations**

### **Refereed Conference Presentations**

Le, J., Gelerian, E., Fabian, K., & **Ahrens, C.** (2021, April). Financial Needs Expressed by Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence. Poster presented at the 2021 Western Psychological Association Virtual Conference.

Rios, B., Cohen, M., Armanious, M., & **Ahrens, C.** (2021, April). Financial Knowledge, Confidence, and Challenges Among Intimate Partner Violence Survivors. Poster presented at the 2021 Western Psychological Association Virtual Conference.

Ho, L., McInerney, C., Castro, J., & **Ahrens, C.** (2021, April). Financial Strategies and Goals of Intimate Partner Violence Survivors. Poster presented at the 2021 Western Psychological Association Virtual Conference.

Roy, E., McInerney, C., Howard, R., & **Ahrens, C.** (2021, April). Survivor recommendations for thriving. Poster presented at the 2021 Western Psychological Association Virtual Conference.

MacLaren, J., Gonzalez, J., Howard, R., & **Ahrens, C.** (2021, March). Financial Abuse. Poster presented at the 2021 Association for Women in Psychology Virtual Conference.

Roy, E., McInerney, C., Howard, R. L., & **Ahrens, C. E.** (2020, November). Listening to survivors: Do principles of trauma-informed care align with survivor recommendations for support providers? Poster presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Atlanta, GA.

Roy, E., McInerney, C., Howard, R., & **Ahrens, C.** (2020, October). Survivors' experiences of dictating behaviors by perpetrators of intimate partner violence. Poster presented at the 100<sup>th</sup> Western Psychological Association Conference. Online.

Servillo, A., Gamez, E., Hart, A., & **Ahrens, C.** (2020, October). Sexual assault survivors' reasons for

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non-disclosure to the religious community. Poster presented at the 100<sup>th</sup> Western Psychological Association Conference. Online.

Ho, L., Prideaux, J., Howard, R., & **Ahrens**, C. (2020, October). The nature of threats issued by perpetrators of intimate partner violence. Poster presented at the 100<sup>th</sup> Western Psychological Association Conference. Online.

Gearhart, C., Russo, L., & **Ahrens**, C. (2020, March). Barriers to and facilitators for service access among intimate partner violence survivors. Symposium presentation at the Association for Women in Psychology Conference, Austin, TX.

Hart, A. & **Ahrens**, C. (2020, March). Responses to informal abuse disclosure within the Mexican heritage community. Symposium presentation at the Association for Women in Psychology Conference, Austin, TX.

Howard, R. L., Gómez, J. M., Delker, B. C., & Ahrens, C. E. (2020, February). The unique effect of betrayal on post-traumatic outcomes. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

**Ahrens**, C., Eriksen, S., Martin, N., Tarrant, S., & Flores, N. (2019, September). Improving faculty responses to student disclosures of predatory violence. Workshop presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> International Summit on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma Across the Lifespan, San Diego, CA.

Hescox, J., Viera, J., **Ahrens**, C., & Kohfeldt, D. (2019, September). Activism, advocacy, and mutual support among sexual assault survivors. Poster presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> International Summit on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma Across the Lifespan, San Diego, CA.

McInerney, C., Ruiz-Esparza, N. & **Ahrens**, C. (2019, September). Dimensions of survivors' anger. Poster presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> International Summit on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma Across the Lifespan, San Diego, CA.

Howard, R., Kim, M., Prideaux, J., **Ahrens**, C., Mechanic, M. (2019, September). What can we learn from quantitative versus qualitative measures of intimate partner violence? Poster presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> International Summit on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma Across the Lifespan, San Diego, CA.

Gamez, E., Servillo, A., Kim, M., Hart, A., & **Ahrens**, C. (2019, September). Survivors' reasons for non-disclosure to mental health providers. Poster presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> International Summit on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma Across the Lifespan, San Diego, CA.

Gearhart, C. & **Ahrens**, C. (2019, August). Rates of secondary traumatic stress in research assistants in a violence against women lab. Poster presented at the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

**Ahrens**, C. (2019, April). Ethnic differences in abuse experienced by survivors of intimate partner violence. In C. Ahrens (Chair), Patterns of Predatory Violence: Impact on Help-Seeking and Outcomes. Symposium presentation at the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association

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Conference, Pasadena, CA.

- Ahrens, C.** (2019, April). Recommendations for successfully navigating program evaluation opportunities. In E. DeJonghe (Chair), *A Tale of Three Evaluators: The Joys and Pitfalls of Doing Evaluation Work Outside of Psychology*. Symposium presentation at the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association Conference, Pasadena, CA.
- Phan, S., Nguyen, P., Yoo, D., Gearhart, C., **Ahrens, C.**, & Mechanic, M. (2019, April). Service providers' recommendations for service improvements of Vietnamese American intimate partner violence survivors. Poster presented at the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association Conference, Pasadena, CA.
- Hart, A., Gamez, E., Servillo, A., Kim, M., & **Ahrens, C.** (2019, April). Survivors of sexual assault offer explanations for non-disclosure to the legal system. Poster presented at the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association Conference, Pasadena, CA.
- Howard, R., Servillo, A., Auzenne, D., & Ahrens, C. (2019, April). The impact of rape beliefs on survivors. Poster presented at the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association Conference, Pasadena, CA.
- Lee, S., Gearhart, C., Escobar, M., Prideaux, J., & Ahrens, C. (2019, April). Impacts of undergraduate research assistantships in trauma-related research. Poster presented at the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association Conference, Pasadena, CA.
- Howard, R. & Ahrens, C. (2019, April). Forms of violence experienced by a diverse group of intimate partner violence victims. Poster presented at the End Violence Against Women International Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Howard R. L., Ahrens, C. E., Dardis, C. M., & Mechanic, M. (2019, April). Forms of stalking experienced by a diverse group of intimate partner violence victims. Poster presented at the End Violence Against Women International Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Viera, J., Kohfeldt, D., & **Ahrens, C.** (2019, March). The relationship between survivors' experience and their involvement in activism. Poster to be presented at the Association for Women in Psychology, Newport, RI.
- Ahrens, C.** & Dahlgren, S. (2018, October). Re-engaging survivors with untested rape kits: Recommendations for criminal justice personnel. In C. Woods (Chair), *Interpersonal Violence on College Campuses and in the Community: Using Research to Inform Best Practices*. Symposium presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Conference of the Association for Criminal Justice Research, Irvine, CA.
- Viera, J., Kim, M., Nguyen, H., **Ahrens, C.**, & Mechanic, M. (2018, October). Cultural implications behind why minority women choose to stay in abusive relationships. Poster presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Conference of the Association for Criminal Justice Research, Irvine, CA.
- Hart, A., Rodriguez, P., Gamez, E., Nunez-Jimenez, A., Mendoza, V., Gearhart, C., **Ahrens, C.**, &



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Mechanic, M. (2018, August). Mexican-American survivors' recommendations for service providers. Poster presented at the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Yoo, D., Kong, E., Salazar, C., Lopez, J. Gearhart, C., **Ahrens, C.**, & Mechanic, M. (2018, August). Korean-American survivors' recommendations for service providers. Poster presented at the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA

Nguyen, P., Phan, S., Escobar, M., Gearhart, C., **Ahrens, C.**, & Mechanic, M. (2018, August). Vietnamese-American survivors' recommendations for service providers. Poster presented at the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Russo, L., Liner, L., Freiborg, N., Pattison, J., Gearhart, C., **Ahrens, C.**, & Mechanic, M. (2018, August). Intimate partner violence survivors recommendations for service providers. Poster presented at the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA

**Ahrens, C.**, Gearhart, C., & Mechanic, C. (2018, April). Barriers to accessing services among Vietnamese survivors of intimate partner violence. In C. Ahrens (Chair), Designing research and services for underserved populations: Challenges and recommendations. Symposium presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.

**Ahrens, C.** & Gearhart, C. (2018, April). Public policy and organizational supports for addressing the rape kit backlog. In C. Ahrens (Chair), Policy-oriented Research: Developing, implementing, and evaluating public policy in multiple contexts. Symposium presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.

Altamirano, V., Rodriguez, P., Gomez, A., & **Ahrens, C.** (2018, April). Ethno-cultural differences in rape supportive attitudes. Poster presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.

Hart, A., Escobar, M., Pattison, J., Gearhart, C., **Ahrens, C.**, & Mechanic, M. (2018, April). 'El Silencio': Understanding the influence of culture on the Mexican – American Woman's experience of abuse disclosure. Poster presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.

Mendoza, V., Lopez, J., Nguyen, A., Ruiz, R., Phan, S., Gearhart, C., **Ahrens, C.**, & Mechanic, M. (2018, April). Social responses from friends and family upon sexual assault disclosure for Vietnamese American women. Poster presented at 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.

Russo, L., Nguyen, P., Salazar, C., Liner, L., Gearhart, C., **Ahrens, C.**, & Mechanic, M. (2018, April). Social responses toward Korean American survivors of intimate partner violence. Poster presented at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Portland, OR.

Gomez, A., Rodriguez, P., Altamirano, V., & **Ahrens, C.** (2018, March). Effects of feminist identity

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development on perceived perpetrator accountability. Poster presented at the Association for Women in Psychology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

- Gamez, E., Franco, D., Quick, A., Gearhart, C., & **Ahrens, C.** (2017, April). Rape victims' emotional experience during assault. Poster presented at the PSI CHI session of the 97th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Sacramento, CA.
- Mendoza, V., Amin, M., Hernandez, J., Gearhart, C., & **Ahrens, C.** (2017, April). Survivors' experiences at work following sexual assault. Poster presented at the 97th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Sacramento, CA.
- Nguyen, P., Nguyen, A., Ruiz, R., Phan, S., Gearhart, C., & **Ahrens, C.** (2017, April). The impact of sexual assault on survivors' lifestyle choices. Poster presented at the 97th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Sacramento, CA.
- Phan, J., Ly, M., BA, Melendrez, D., Gearhart, C., & **Ahrens, C.** (2017, April). Sexual assault survivors' experiences at school. Poster presented at the 97th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Sacramento, CA.
- Russo, L., Vu, C., Gomez, A., Gearhart, C., & **Ahrens, C.** (2017, April). The distinction between rape integration and recovery. Poster presented at the PSI CHI session of the 97th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Sacramento, CA.
- Ari, S., Altamirano, V., Rodriguez, P., & **Ahrens, C.** (2017, January). Mexican migrant survivors' reasons for staying in or leaving abusive relationships. Poster presented at the 2017 National Multicultural Conference and Summit, Portland, OR.
- Barnes, C., Hunt, M., Oh, S., & Ahrens, C. (October, 2016). The impact of sexual assault on survivors' physical health. Poster presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Women's Health Summit, Fullerton, CA.
- Gearhart, C. & **Ahrens, C.** (2016, October). Re-Engaging survivors in the wake of the rape kit backlog. Poster presented at the Orange County Women's Health Conference, Fullerton, CA.
- Gearhart, C., Light, L., **Ahrens, C.**, & Mechanic, M. (2016, October). Working with diverse survivors of intimate partner violence. Poster presented at the Orange County Women's Health Conference, Fullerton, CA.
- Gearhart, C., Franco, D., & Ahrens, C. (2016, August). After-effects of Metta (Loving Kindness) meditation as experienced by mental health clinicians. Poster presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma. San Diego, CA.
- Hunt, M., Gutierrez, B., Melendrez, D., Miranda, D., & **Ahrens, C.** (2016, August). Survivors' reasons for disclosure and non-disclosure to friends/peers. Poster presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma. San Diego, CA.

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- Barnes, C., Nguyen, C., Russo, L., & **Ahrens**, C. (2016, August). Rape survivors' disclosures to romantic partners. Poster presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma. San Diego, CA.
- Oh, S., Mendoza, V., Phan, J., Song, Y., Gearhart, C., & **Ahrens**, C. (2016, August). Sexual assault survivors' reasons for disclosure and non-disclosure to family. Poster presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma. San Diego, CA.
- Barnes, C., Gearhart, C., Oh, L., & **Ahrens**, C. (2016, August). Difficulties experienced by rape survivors during recovery. Poster presented at the 124<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Psychological Association, Denver, CO.
- Kong, E., Harris, K., Nguyen, P., Gutierrez, B., Hunt, M., & **Ahrens**, C. (2016, August). What leads sexual assault survivors to stop disclosing? Pathway to the cessation of disclosure. Poster presented at the 124<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Psychological Association, Denver, CO.
- Gearhart, C., Kong, E., Martinez, D., & Ahrens, C. (August, 2016). Sexual assault survivors' engagement with religious coping. Poster presented at the 124th American Psychological Association's Annual Convention, Denver, CO.
- Gomez, A., Fong, T., Seymour, A., Oh, A., & **Ahrens**, C. (2016, June). Demanding justice: Sexual assault survivors' quest for information, justice, and legislative change in the wake of the rape kit backlog. Poster presented at the 2016 Conference of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Minneapolis, MN.
- Kong, E., Gutierrez, B., Mendoza, V., Mattoon, N., & **Ahrens**, C. (2016, June). Rape victims' hopes, interactions, and satisfaction with the legal system. Poster presented at the 2016 Conference of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Minneapolis, MN.
- Gomez, A., Morales, M., Gearhart, C., & **Ahrens**, C. (2016, March). Measuring Intimate Partner Violence Among Mexican Immigrant Women: A Mixed Method Pilot Study. Poster presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Latino Health Equity Conference.
- Ahrens**, C. (2016, April). Using translational research to help notify survivors about the rape kit backlog. . In C. Ahrens (Chair), Translational Research to Address Violence Against Women. Symposium at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association Conference, Long Beach, CA.
- Heidari, N., Gomez, A., Morales, M., Juarez, G., **Ahrens**, C., & Feifer, K. (2016, April). Sexual assault survivors' perceptions of their interactions with the criminal justice system. Poster presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association Conference. Long Beach, CA.
- Barnes, C., Ari, S., Reyes, A., **Ahrens**, C., & Feifer, K. (2016, April). Rape survivors opinions about contact with rape crisis centers. Poster presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association Conference. Long Beach, CA.
- Gearhart, C., Hur, H., Martinez, D., & **Ahrens**, C. (2016, April). In a safe place: Sexual assault
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survivors' religious community disclosures. Poster presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association Conference. Long Beach, CA.

Kong, E., Nguyen, P., Nguyen, C., & Ahrens, C. (2016, April). Sexual assault survivors' interactions with counselors and support groups. Poster presented at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Psychological Association Conference. Long Beach, CA.

Barnes, C., Gomez, A., Nguyen, C., & Ahrens, C. (2016, March). Rape survivors' participation in activism and anti-rape activities. Poster presented at the Association for Women in Psychology Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Turner, H., Ari, S., Reyes, A., Ahrens, C., & Feifer, K. (2015, August). Survivors' reasons for or against seeking medical care following rape. Poster presented at the 17th International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, San Diego, CA.

Kong, E., Hur, H., Eckmann, S., Morales, M., Gearhart, C., Ahrens, C., & Feifer, K. (2015, August). Survivors' Reasons for disclosure and nondisclosure to therapists. Poster presented at the 17th International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, San Diego, CA.

Heidari, H., Mattoon, N., Gomez, A., Ahrens, C., & Feifer, K. (2015, August). Sexual victimization and disclosure to the police. Poster presented at the 17th International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, San Diego, CA.

Ahrens, C. & Mechanic (2015, August). Researching Intimate Partner Violence in the Vietnamese and Korean American Community. In M. Mechanic (Chair), Trauma and resilience among diverse survivors of violence against women and girls. Symposium at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Ahrens, C. & Dahlgren, S. (2015, August). Addressing the rape kit backlog: Best practices for re-engaging survivors. In C. Ahrens (Chair), Who's minding the store? Timely processing of rape kits. Symposium at the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Ahrens, C., Brodsky, A., Mannarini, T., Campbell, B., Goodkind, J., & Gearhart, C. (2015, June). Training Research Assistants to Conduct Qualitative Research with Vulnerable Populations. Roundtable discussion at the 15<sup>th</sup> Society for Community Research and Action Biennial Conference, Lowell, MA.

Ullman, S. & Ahrens, C. (2015, June). **Negative Reactions to Victims: Implications for Intervention.** Roundtable discussion at the 15<sup>th</sup> Society for Community Research and Action Biennial Conference, Lowell, MA.

Gearhart, C. & Ahrens, C. (2015, June). Should Law Enforcement Apologize to Survivors for the Rape Kit Backlog? Poster presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Society for Community Research and Action Biennial Conference, Lowell, MA.

Greeson, M., Soibatian, C., Collins, K., Shaw, J., Lichty, L., Gregory, K., Allen, N., Ahrens, C., Adams,

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A., Reylea, M., Nnawulezi, N., Ullman, S., Sigurvinsdottir, R., & Campbell, R. (2015, June). Violence Against Women in the Public Eye: Implications for Community Psychologists. Roundtable discussion at the 15<sup>th</sup> Society for Community Research and Action Biennial Conference, Lowell, MA.

**Ahrens, C., Hall, D., & Bryant-Davis** (2015, March). In search of justice: Exploring restorative justice, survivor-centric, and culturally informed responses to sexual assault and intimate partner violence. Roundtable discussion at the Association for Women in Psychology Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Gerhart, C., Heidari, N., Magana, C., & **Ahrens, C.** (2015, February). The influence of sexual assault characteristics on survivors' coping strategies over time. Poster presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.

Gearhart, C., Snipes-Sagehorn, & **Ahrens, C.** (2014, October). Sexual assault victimizations predict physical health outcomes in a sample of low-income survivors. Poster presentation at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Health Disparities Conference, Long Beach, CA.

**Ahrens, C., Sonntag, S., Dahlgren, S., & Martinez, M.** (2014, September). Can research be healing? A survivor-centric research model to address the rape kit backlog. Presentation at the 19<sup>th</sup> International Summit & Training on Violence, Abuse, & Trauma, San Diego, CA.

Turner, H., Magana, C., **Ahrens, C., & Feifer, K.** (2014, September). Survivors' reasons for reaching out to a rape crisis center. Poster at the 19<sup>th</sup> International Summit & Training on Violence, Abuse, & Trauma, San Diego, CA.

Sonntag, S., Mathieson, C., DiPietro, M., & **Ahrens, C.** (2014, September). Sexual assault survivor recommendations for support providers: Findings from the Voices and Faces Project. 19<sup>th</sup> International Summit & Training on Violence, Abuse, & Trauma, San Diego, CA.

Sonntag, S., Espinosa, A., DiPietro, M., & **Ahrens, C.** (2014, September). Sexual assault survivor recommendations for other survivors: Findings from the Voices and Faces Project. 19<sup>th</sup> International Summit & Training on Violence, Abuse, & Trauma, San Diego, CA.

Mechanic, C. & **Ahrens, C.** (2014, April). Examining the cultural context of intimate partner violence. In C. **Ahrens** (Chair), *Conducting ethnoculturally sensitive research in Psychology*. Symposium at the Western Psychological Association Convention, Portland, OR.

Gearhart, C., Magana, C., Moran, M., & **Ahrens, C.** (2014, April). Short and long-term coping strategies reported by survivors of sexual assault: Stories from the Voices and Faces Project. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association Convention, Portland, OR.

**Ahrens, C.** (2012, November). La familia y la verguenza: Cultural barriers faced by Latina sexual assault survivors. In H. Littleton (Chair), *Understanding sexual violence risk among diverse groups of victims*. Symposium at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Los Angeles, CA.

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- Ahrens, C. & LaViolette, A.** (2012, September). Batterer intervention programs: The role of group dynamics and proximal outcomes. Poster presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, San Diego, CA.
- Ahrens, C., Rich, M., van Glider, B., Keller, A., & Abdi, S.** (2012, March). From self-defense to self-offense: Considering the efficacy of Krav Maga for women's resistance. In P. Rozee (Chair), *Assessing, Evaluating, and Promoting Rape Resistance*. Symposium at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Ahrens, C., Rich, M., & Ream, A.** (2012, March). Preventing and responding to sexual assault on campus and in the community. Workshop presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Shibata, C. & Ahrens, C.** (2012, March). Building positive body image and self-esteem in adolescent girls: Evaluation of a body image prevention program. Poster presented at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Aldana, E. & Ahrens, C.** (2011, June). The ties that bind: Understanding the impact of sexual assault disclosure on survivors' relationships with friends, family, and partners. In C. Ahrens (Chair), *Sturdy bridges and crumbling foundations: Consequences of rape disclosure for survivors, support providers, and relationships*. Symposium at the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Chicago, IL.
- Ahrens, C.** (2011, June). Cultural considerations in the design and implementation of research about sexual assault and intimate partner violence in the Latino community. In C. Sabina (Chair), *Cultural influences on intimate partner violence: Findings and methodological considerations*. Symposium at the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Chicago, IL.
- Ahrens, C.** (2011, June). Is anyone out there? Benefits and pitfalls of peer led mutual aid groups on the internet. Roundtable discussion at the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Chicago, IL.
- Ahrens, C.** (2010, August). Creating and sustaining healing communities in the virtual world: The case of survivor-led mutual support groups on the Internet. Paper presentation at the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Association Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Herrera, A. & Ahrens, C.** (2008, April). The role of hypermasculinity on abusive behavior and empathic abilities. Poster presentation at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Irvine, CA.
- Ahrens, C., Lopez, M., & Viveros, M.** (2008, March). Talking about rape and partner violence: Stigma and resistance among Latinas. Paper presentation at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Ahrens, C., Hollander, J., & Rozee, P.** (2008, March). Rape resistance and prevention: How to make it viable and visible. Symposium at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Association for Women in
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Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA.

- Ahrens, C. & Rich, M.** (2008, February). Increasing bystander interventions for rape: The impact of the interACT Sexual Assault Prevention Program. Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association's Summit on Violence and Abuse in Relationships, Washington, DC.
- Ahrens, C., Rich, M., Rodriguez, J., Ahmad, S., Abeling, S., Harbutte, J., Khem, C., & Balumbu, K.**(2007, June). The InterACT sexual assault prevention program: Empowering individuals to create social change. Innovative session at the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Pasadena, CA.
- Ahrens, C.** (2007, June). Cultural considerations in gender-based violence. Symposium at the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Pasadena, CA.
- Ahrens, C., Rios-Mandel, C., Isas, L., Viveros, M., Lopez, M., & Razo, M.** (2007, June). Defining rape: How Latinas' perspectives on gender roles affect definitions of rape. In C. Ahrens (Chair), Cultural considerations in gender-based violence. Symposium at the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Pasadena, CA.
- Hamilton, S., Draper, T., & **Ahrens, C.** (2007, June). Coping with rape: How knowing the rapist affects coping strategies used by rape survivors. Poster presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Pasadena, CA.
- Ahrens, C., Rich, M., & Rodriguez, J.** (2007, March). Interacting to Prevent Sexual Assault. Innovative Session at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Ahrens, C.** (2007, March). Silenced: Non-Disclosure Among Survivors of Interpersonal Violence. Symposium presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Ahrens, C., Ahmad, S., Harbutte, J., & Khem, C.** (2007, March). Keeping the secret: Rape survivors reasons for non-disclosure. In C. Ahrens (Chair), Silenced: Non-Disclosure Among Survivors of Interpersonal Violence. Symposium at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Draper, T., Chamberlain, J., Hamilton, S., Glenn, K., McCleary, M., **Ahrens, C.** (2007, March). Calling it rape: How rape survivors come to define their experiences as rape. Poster presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Abeling, S. & **Ahrens, C.** (2007, March). Recruitment strategies: Characteristics of those who choose to participate in research on sexual assault. Poster presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, San Francisco, CA.

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- Abeling, S., Ahmad, S., Draper, T., & **Ahrens**, C. (2006, September). Impact of revictimization on rape survivors' mental and physical health. Poster at the 11th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, San Diego, CA.
- Khem, C., Chamberlain, J., Harbutte, J., & **Ahrens**, C. (2006, September). Support provider reactions to rape survivor disclosure. Poster at the 11th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, San Diego, CA.
- Ahrens**, C. & Rozee, P. (2006, June). Domestic violence court resource referral program. Poster at the 2006 Biennial Convention of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Long Beach, CA.
- Abeling, S., Cabral, G., & **Ahrens**, C. (2006, June). Healing or hurtful? Rape survivors ratings of social reactions. Poster at the 2006 Biennial Convention of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Long Beach, CA.
- Ahmad, S., Abeling, S., Hinman, J., & **Ahrens**, C. (2006, June). Recovering from rape: Religious coping and psychological wellbeing. Poster at the 2006 Biennial Convention of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Long Beach, CA.
- Ahrens**, C. (2006, April). Bridging the university-community divide: Strategies for giving research back to the community. Symposium at the 86<sup>th</sup> Western Psychological Association Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Ahrens**, C. & Jennings, A. (2006, April). Improving how rape victims are treated: Using research to effect social change. In C. Ahrens (Chair), Bridging the University-Community Divide: Strategies for Giving Research Back to the Community. Symposium at the 86<sup>th</sup> Western Psychological Association Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Ahmad, S., Abeling, S., Stansell, J., & **Ahrens**, C. (2006, April). Positive growth among rape survivors: The role of religious coping. Poster presentation at the 86<sup>th</sup> Western Psychological Association Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Cabral, G. & **Ahrens**, C. (2006, April). Self-blame as a mediator of avoidance coping among rape survivors. Poster presentation at the 86<sup>th</sup> Western Psychological Association Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Ahrens**, C. (2006, March). Finding a needle in a haystack: Recruiting difficult to reach populations from the community. In S. Algert (Moderator), Social Justice: Gender and Gender-Related Violence Issues. Symposium at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual CSU Conference on Community-Based Teaching and Research, Pomona, CA.
- Ahrens**, C. (2005, August). Domestic violence and the law: Legal advocacy and policy interventions. Symposium at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, DC.



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- Ahrens, C., Rozee, P., Canales, R. & Andrews, D.** (2005, August). Responding to domestic violence survivors' needs in the courtroom. Symposium at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, DC.
- Ahrens, C.** (2005, June). Community Psychology and the Rape Crisis Movement. Symposium at the 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Champaign, IL.
- Ahrens, C.** (2004, August). Healing from rape: Women's experiences of support. In P. Rozee (Chair), Feminist rape research: Where do we go next? Roundtable discussion at the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI.
- Ahrens, C. & Campbell, R.** (2004, March). Qualifying for help: The role of rape myths in reactions to rape survivors. Poster presented at the Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 3<sup>rd</sup> National Sexual Violence Prevention Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Dean, K., **Ahrens, C., & Rozee, P.** (2003, March). What we know today about sexual aggression: A teaching guide. Workshop conducted at the Association for Women in Psychology 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Feminist Psychology Conference, Jersey City, NJ.
- Ahrens, C. & Campbell, R.** (2001, June). Silent and silenced: Rape victims' experiences of disclosure. Poster presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Atlanta, GA.
- Ahrens, C., Campbell, R., Wasco, S., & Sefl, T.** (2000, August). Sexual assault and community involvement: A descriptive analysis. Poster presented at the 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Ahrens, C., Campbell, R., Ternier, K., Wasco, S., Sefl, T., & Barnes, H.** (1999, August). The process of sexual assault disclosure. Poster presented at the 107<sup>th</sup> Conference of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Ahrens, C. & Weitlauf** (1999, August). Responding to violence against women: University and staff perceptions. Poster presented at the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Wasco, S., Campbell, R., Barnes, H., & **Ahrens, C.** (1999, June). Rape crisis centers: Shaping experiences with community systems following sexual assault. Poster presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, New Haven, CT.
- Ahrens, C., Campbell, R., Barnes, H., Sefl, T., & Wasco, S.** (1999, June). Healing and hurtful aspects of social support: The impact of rape on victims' recovery. Poster presentation at the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, New Haven, CT.

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- Ahrens, C. & Wasco, S.** (1999, June). How did she tell you? Situational characteristics of sexual assault disclosure. Poster presented at the 7th Biennial Conference of the Society of Community Action and Research, New Haven, CT.
- Ahrens, C.** (1999, March). Sexual assault nurse examiner programs: The development of alternative systems of service delivery for survivors of sexual assault. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, Providence, RI.
- Ahrens, C.** (1998, October). Friends as helpers in cases of sexual assault: Implications for community interventions. Paper presented at the Midwest Eco-Community Conference, Oregon, IL.
- Ahrens, C. & Weitlauf, J.** (1998, October). Needs assessment of procedures to address violence against women in Residence Halls. In C. Ahrens (Chair), *Feminist methods as applied to researching violence against women*. Symposium presented at the Illinois Women's Studies Research Conference, Carbondale, IL.
- Ahrens, C. & Campbell, R.** (1998, August). Friends helping friends: The experience of helping rape survivors. Poster session at the 106th Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Campbell, R., **Ahrens, C.**, Barnes, H., Raja, S., & Zaragoza, Y. (1998, August). The secondary victimization of rape survivors. In K. Fischer (Chair), *Community Psychology Contributions to Violence Against Women*. Symposium presented at the Conference of American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Campbell, R., Sefl, T., **Ahrens, C.**, Barnes, H., Wasco, S., Zaragoza, Y., & Hicks-Tatum, A. (1998, June). Secondary victimization of rape victims. In L. Finley (Chair), *Redressing Harms to Women: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Legal and Extra-Legal Strategies*. Symposium presented at the Law and Society Association Conference, Aspen, CO.
- Riger, S., Blickenstaff, A., & **Ahrens, C.** (1998, August). Impact of welfare reform on victims of domestic violence. Symposium on Women and Social Policy. 106th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Campbell, R. & **Ahrens, C.** (1998, March). Innovative community services for rape victims: Coordinating the legal, medical, and mental health response to sexual assault. Poster session at American Psychology-Law Society Biennial Conference (Division 41 of the American Psychological Association), Redondo Beach, CA.
- Ahrens, C. & Wasco, S.** (1998, February). Helping rape crisis centers evaluate their services: Voice lessons for activists singing for their suppers. Symposium on Support Services and Violence Against Women. 12th Annual National Feminist Graduate Student Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Ahrens, C.** (1997, October). Sexual assault and rape prevention evaluation project. Symposium on
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Collaborative evaluations with community based organizations: Multiple perspectives on lessons learned. 1997 Midwest Eco-Community Conference, Dowagiac, MI.

**Ahrens, C. & Riger, S.** (1997, May). Welfare and domestic violence: Economic dependence and job readiness. Symposium on Countering Assumptions and Stereotypes: Support Services, Family Well-being, and Welfare Reform. Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action (Division 27 of the American Psychological Association), University of South Carolina.

Riger, S. & **Ahrens, C.** (1997, September). The relationship of welfare receipt, job readiness, and intimate violence. Trapped by Poverty/Trapped by Abuse Conference, Northwestern University.

### Invited Speaker

**Ahrens, C.** (2015, April). A victim-centered approach to addressing the rape kit backlog: Best practices for re-engaging rape survivors with the criminal justice system. Invited talk at the President's Commission on the Status of Women Research Colloquium, Long Beach, CA.

LaViolette, A. & **Ahrens, C.** (2014, July). US State Department sponsored speaking engagement in Hanoi, Vietnam. Presentations to Women's Unions, Ministry of Justice officials, Non-Governmental Organizations, and media representatives.

**Ahrens, C.** (2014, March). Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods research. Panelist at the National Institute of Justice's Research Seminar Series. Arlington, VA.

**Ahrens, C.** (2011, September). Benefits of qualitative methods for research on sexual assault. Invited talk at the National Institute of Justice's Sexual Violence Research Roundtable. Arlington, VA.

**Ahrens, C.** (2010, September). To tell or not to tell: Disclosure and silence among sexual assault survivors. Invited talk at the Women's Health Center, Long Beach Veterans Affairs Healthcare System.

**Ahrens, C.** (2009, January). To tell or not to tell: Disclosure and silence among sexual assault survivors. Invited talk at the Department of Psychology Colloquium Series, University of California at Los Angeles.

**Ahrens, C.** (2008, October). To tell or not to tell: Disclosure and silence among sexual assault survivors. Invited talk at the Women's Health Center, Long Beach Veterans Affairs Healthcare System.

**Ahrens, C.** (2007, November). Healing or hurtful: Social reactions toward sexual assault survivors. Invited talk at the Women's Research Colloquium, California State University at Long Beach.

**Ahrens, C.** (2007, October). To tell or not to tell: Disclosure and silence among sexual assault survivors. Invited talk at the Department of Psychology Colloquium Series, California State

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University at Long Beach.

Ahrens, C. (2006, November). Understanding and responding to sexual assault. Expert Panelist at the University Town Hall Meeting on Sexual Assault, California State University at Long Beach.

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## External Grants

### Ongoing Research Support

#### **Coordinated Community Response to Campus Sexual Assault**

*California Office of Emergency Services (OES)*      **Eriksen/Caveness (PI)**      01/01/15-12/31/21

This grant supports the development of a coordinated community response to sexual assault on the California State University at Long Beach campus. Technical assistance is provided by a consultant from CALCASA. Activities include hiring and training a sexual assault counselor, social marketing and outreach campaigns to students, training of campus personnel, primary prevention programming, and evaluation of services.

**Role: Faculty Education Co-Coordinator**

### Completed Research Support

#### **Evaluation of a Financial Capacity Building Program for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence.**

*Free From (non-profit agency)*      **Ahrens (PI)**      05/19 – 02/21

This study seeks to evaluate an online financial capacity building intervention delivered by *Free From*, a local non-profit organizations that seeks to improve the financial status of intimate partner violence survivors in order to improve overall survivor wellness and safety.

**Role: Primary Investigator**

#### **Ethnocultural Influences on Women’s Experiences of and Responses to Intimate Partner Violence**

*National Institute of Justice* 2013-MU-CX-0038      Mechanic & **Ahrens (PIs)**      01/01/2014-12/31/2017

This study seeks to understand the ways that cultural beliefs and contexts serve as a lens through which European-American, Mexican-American, Korean-American, and Vietnamese-American women experience and respond to intimate partner violence in their lives. To achieve these aims, 300 female survivors of intimate partner violence will be recruited from health clinics in Orange County to complete a survey and interview in the language of their choice.

**Role: Co-Principal Investigator**

#### **Victim Notification Focus Group Evaluation**

*Joyful Heart Foundation*      **Ahrens (PI)**      07/01/2013-06/30/2014

This study seeks to develop best practices for police victim notification procedures regarding delays in the testing of forensic evidence collection rape kits. Focus groups, interviews, and on-line surveys conducted with rape survivors, police, prosecutors, forensic nurse examiners, and advocates will be used to identify best practices. The results of this research will be disseminated widely.

**Role: Principal Investigator**

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### **Underreported Anal Sex in Women**

California HIV/AIDS Research Program

Reynolds (PI)

2010

The goal of this study was to assess women's understanding of and experience with heterosexual receptive anal intercourse in order to further identify and understand risk factors for HIV infection.

**Role: Qualitative Analyst**

### **Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program 2008-2013**

NIH R25 2R25GM050089-10

Fung (PI)

09/30/2006-08/31/2010

The goals of the Bridges Program are to increase the quality of preparation and numbers of students in targeted groups/populations (STG/P) from two major feeder and neighboring community colleges (Cerritos College and Long Beach City College) who successfully transition to CSULB and other universities as they prepare for careers in the biomedical sciences.

**Role: Program Evaluator**

### **Minority Access to Research Careers MARC (U\*STAR)**

NIH T34 2T34GM008074-21A2

Fung (PI)

06/01/2007-05/31/2010

The overall aim of the CSULB MARC U-STAR (MARC) Program is to increase the number of underrepresented minority students (URMS) entering and earning doctorates in the biomedical sciences by providing superb training in laboratory research in the biomedical sciences through focused efforts of each Scholar's MARC Mentor Team.

**Role: Program Evaluator**

### **Recruiting and Training the Next Generation of Geoscientists: Geoscience Diversity Enhancement Program (GDEP) Track 2**

NSF 0703798

Lee (PI) 08/01/2007-7/31/2010

The Geosciences Diversity Enhancement Program (GDEP) Track 2 project extends a successful, innovative partnership (GDEP 2002-04) to recruit and mentor students from underrepresented groups into research and education programs in the geologic, physical geographic, and archaeological disciplines.

**Role: Program Evaluator**

### **Project Safe**

DOJ 2006-WA-AX-0024

Chavez (PI)

08/01/2006-08/31/2009

The mission of Project Safe is to provide prevention and intervention activities, including support and advocacy, to reduce the incidence of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking on the CSULB campus.

**Role: Advisory Board & Program Evaluator**

### **Sexual Assault and Rape Prevention Evaluation**

Michigan Department of Community Health

Davidson & Campbell (PIs) 1998-2000

This project provided technical assistance and training to sexual assault programs throughout Michigan, including goal-setting, evaluation design, data collection, and analysis.

**Role: Research Assistant**

### **Research Fellowships**

2006-2008

Research Fellow, Minority Research Infrastructure Support (M-RISP) Program,

## Teaching

### Courses Regularly Taught

*Psychology of Women*  
*Community Psychology*  
*Fieldwork in Psychology*  
*Qualitative Methods*  
*Interpersonal Violence*

### Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

#### SOTL Publications

**Ahrens, C.** (2006). Enhancing community involvement and social justice in a Psychology of Women course: Benefits of a Community Service Learning approach. *The Community Psychologist*.

**Ahrens, C.** (2005). Finding your passion, refining your skills: Lessons learned as a graduate student and junior faculty member. In T.A. Benson, C. Burke, A. Amstadter, R. Siney, V. Hevern, B. Beins, & W. Buskist (Eds.), *Teaching in Autobiography: Perspectives from Exemplary Psychology Teachers* (pp. 8-14). Society for the Teaching of Psychology E-Book Publication

**Ahrens, C.** (2000). Teaching community psychology: Some unresolved issues. *The Community Psychologist*, 33, 11-12.

#### SOTL Presentations

**Ahrens, C.** (2008, April). Challenges in designing courses on interpersonal violence. In M. Mechanic (Chair), *Teaching Trauma: Experiential Methods, Pedagogy, and Pitfalls*. Symposium at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Irvine, CA.

**Ahrens, C.** (2006, April). Including students on research publications: Lessons learned from a junior faculty member. In C. Ahrens (Chair), *Students as Co-Authors on Research Publications: Faculty and Student Perspectives*. Symposium at the 86<sup>th</sup> Western Psychological Association Conference, Palm Springs, CA.

**Ahrens, C. & Rozee, P.** (2005, August). Incorporating community service learning into Psychology classes: Overcoming challenges and enhancing benefits. Symposium at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, DC.

**Ahrens, C.** (2005, June). Training undergraduates for community service. In C. Ahrens (Chair),

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Education for service: Community service training for undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students. Symposium at the 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference for the Society for Community Research and Action, Champaign, IL.

**Ahrens, C.** (2005, April). Benefits of Community Service Learning to the University, Community, Faculty, and Students. Symposium at the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association. Portland, OR.

**Ahrens, C.** (2005, April). Increasing student involvement in psychology clubs. Symposium presentation in N. Melucci (Chair), *Psyching Up the Psychology Club: Strategies for increasing interest, membership, and retention*. 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association. Portland, OR.

Dalton, J., Davis, S., Ferrari, J., & **Ahrens, C.** (2001, June). Teaching a Community Psychology course. Roundtable discussion at the 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Atlanta, GA.

**Ahrens, C.,** Beyer, R., Camacho, J., Howard, A., & Horner-Johnson, A. (2000, October). Mentoring up, down, and sideways: Multiple roles for graduate students. Roundtable discussion at the Midwest Eco-Community Conference, Hickory Corners, MI.

Horner-Johnson, W., Adames, B., **Ahrens, C.,** Bloodworth, M., & Camacho, J. (2000, October). Juggling acts and balancing acts: Integrating extracurricular interests into graduate school life. Midwest Eco-Community Conference, Kellogg Biological Research Station, Michigan.

**Ahrens, C.** (1999, October). The Classroom as a Forum for Social Change. Paper presented at the Midwest Eco-Community Conference, Downers Grove, IL.

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## Service

### Professional Service

- 2016                    **Technical Working Group Participant.** The Criminal Justice System Response to Intimate Partner Violence. National Institute of Justice. Baltimore, MD.
- 2014                    **Sponsored Speaking Engagements in Vietnam.** Presentations to Women's Unions, Ministry of Justice officials, Non-Governmental Organizations, and media representatives. US State Department. Hanoi, Vietnam.
- 2012-2015            **Grant Reviewer.** National Institute of Justice Standing Review Panel. Washington, DC
- 2011                    **Roundtable Participant.** Office of Violence Against Women & National Institute of Justice's Sexual Violence Research Roundtable. Arlington, VA.

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- 1996-present      **Ad Hoc Reviewer** for the following journals:
- American Journal of Community Psychology
  - Journal of Criminal Justice
  - Journal of Interpersonal Violence
  - Journal of Psychology and Human Sexuality
  - Journal of Trauma and Dissociation
  - Psychology of Women Quarterly
  - Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy
  - Sex Roles: A Journal of Research
  - Trauma, Violence, & Abuse: A Review Journal
  - Violence Against Women
  - Violence and Victims

**Community Service**

- 2015 – present      **Coordinated Community Response Team Member.** CSULB Coordinated Community Response Team, Long Beach, CA
- 2015      **Grant Reviewer.** Orange County Women’s Health Project, Health and Domestic Violence Task Force. Santa Ana, CA.
- 2003-2009      **Program Coordinator.** Domestic Violence Court Resource Referral Program. Long Beach, CA
- 2004-2006      **Advisory Board.** California Collaborative for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. Long Beach, CA
- 2002-2014      **Advisory Board.** Center for Behavioral Research and Services. Long Beach, CA.
- 1998-2000      **Technical Assistance Provider.** Sexual Assault and Rape Prevention Evaluation Project. Michigan Public Health Institute.
- 1998-2002      **Advocate.** Rape Victim Advocates. Chicago, IL.
- 1993-1996      **Advocate.** W.O.M.A.N. Inc. San Francisco, CA
- 1991-1992      **Advocate.** Everywoman’s Center. Northampton, MA