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**EDUCATION**

1995	<b>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</b> Department of Sociology	PhD
Title	<i>Identities, Consciousness, and Organizing in Exile: Guatemalan Refugee Women in the Camps of Southern Mexico</i>	
1991	<b>University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</b> Department of Sociology	MA
1987	<b>University of Pittsburgh</b> Magna Cum Laude, Anthropology with Honors Certificate, Latin American Studies	BA

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

August 2022- present	<b>Research Associate</b> <a href="#">South Carolina Maternal and Child Health, Leadership, Education, and Advancement in Undergraduate Pathways (MCH LEAP)</a> Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics Arnold School of Public Health University of South Carolina
December 2019- present	<b>Project Director, Principal Investigator</b> <a href="#">Institute for Families in Society (IFS)</a> University of South Carolina
February 2018 – present	<b>Senior Advisor</b> Group Care Global (GCG) <a href="http://groupcare.global/">http://groupcare.global/</a>
December 2017 – 2019	<b>Senior Advisor</b> What Works Association <a href="http://www.whatworksassociation.org">www.whatworksassociation.org</a>
September 2017 – present	<b>Independent Consultant</b> Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Greenville Health System (GHS) World Vision Fund for Global Human Rights

International Rescue Committee (IRC)  
 Advocates for Youth (AFY)  
 Safe Abortion Access Fund (SAAF of IPPF)  
 UN Trust Fund for Women (UNTF)  
[OntoGlobal](#)

July 2015- August 2017      **Director**  
 Choose Well Initiative  
*New Morning Foundation*

September 2013 – July 2015      **Director**  
 South Carolina Contraceptive Access Campaign  
 Choose Well Initiative  
*Advocates for Youth*

August 2009 – 2013      **Assistant Professor**  
 University of South Carolina  
 Arnold School of Public Health  
 Health Promotion, Education and Behavior  
 Women’s and Gender Studies

July 2008-2009      **Independent Consultant**  
 Ipas  
 John D and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation  
 United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)  
 Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

2007-June 2008      **Senior Research Associate**  
 Ipas, Chapel Hill, NC

2000-2006      **Director**  
 Research and Evaluation  
 Ipas Mexico, Mexico City

1998-2000      **Deputy Director, Health Systems Research Division**  
 Ipas, Chapel Hill, NC

1995-1998      **Research Associate**  
 Ipas, Chapel Hill, NC

1992-1994      **Instructor**  
 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Department of Sociology

1992      **Researcher**  
 Centro de Investigaciones en Salud de Comitán, Chiapas, Mexico

## ADJUNCT AND AFFILIATE STATUS

2013- Current    **Adjunct Associate Professor**  
University of South Carolina  
Arnold School of Public Health  
Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior;

### **Affiliate Status**

University of South Carolina  
Institute for Families in Society

2005- Current    **Adjunct Associate Professor**  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Gillings School of Global Public Health  
Department of Maternal and Child Health

2002- 2004        **Adjunct Assistant Professor**  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
School of Public Health  
Department of Maternal and Child Health

1998- 2001        **Adjunct Assistant Professor**  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
School of Public Health  
Department of Health Behavior and Health Education

## RESEARCH AND EVALUATION (GRANTS)

2022-2023        *Comparative Interdisciplinary Feminist Analysis of (De)criminalization of Abortion in Mexico and the U.S.* Co-PI with Natalia Deeb-Sossa. Internal funds, Sociology Department, UC Davis.

2020-2022        *Pregnancy and Birth Inequities in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Voices of Health Care and Social Service Leaders throughout South Carolina; Voices of Women on Medicaid/Emergency Medicaid During COVID-19 Pandemic*  
Funded by South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, through the Institute of Families in Society, University of South Carolina

2020-2024        *Group Care for the first 1000 days (GC\_1000): If it takes a village to raise a child, group care is the first step.*  
Funded by the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, European Commission

- 2013- 2017 *Choose Well: Increasing contraceptive access and addressing unintended pregnancy in South Carolina*  
Funded by The New Morning Foundation and an anonymous donor
- 2012-2013 *Group Outcomes, Pregnancy and Stress (GROUPS study)*, Funded by the ASPIRE grant, Funded by USC Office of Research.
- 2011-2012 *Group Outcomes, Pregnancy, and Stress Study (the GROUPS Study)*. Funded by the Institute for Advancement of Health Care (IAHC). Co-PI with Dr. Amy Picklesimer.
- 2010-2014 *The Puentes (Bridges) Project: Improving Reproductive Health among Latinos in South Carolina*. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The New Morning Foundation, Palmetto Health, Lexington Health Systems, The Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina, Providence Hospitals, Anonymous Donor. Co-PI with Julie Smithwick Leone.
- 2010 *Women's perspectives on health services for sexual violence victims/survivors in Guatemala*. Funded by UNFPA.
- 2006-07 *Provision of medications for abortion in Morelos (Mexico) pharmacies*. Funded by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). In collaboration with the National Institute of Public Health, Mexico and CIDHAL (Morelos, Mexico).
- 2006-08 *Evaluation of interventions to introduce human rights content into medical and nursing schools in four Latin American countries*. Funded by the Ford Foundation.
- 2006-07 *Assessments of medication abortion use in four Latin American countries*. Funded by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).
- 2006-07 *Evaluation of health sector interventions for sexual violence survivors in four Latin American countries*. Funded by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- 2005 *Finding channels for dissemination of safe abortion information in Latin America*. Ipas Mexico, Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH); Planned Parenthood of San Diego; Genes SC; the Center for Health Research of Comitán (CISC). Funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Channel Foundation, and an anonymous donor.
- 2005 *Women's Medical Abortion Experience in Four Latin American Countries*. Ipas Mexico, ESAR (Educación para la Salud Reproductiva), Population Council. Funded by Population Council and Gynuity.
- 2005 *Unwanted Pregnancy and Abortion among Nursing Students in Veracruz, Mexico*. Ipas Mexico, University of Veracruz. Funded by the Packard Foundation.

- 2002-04 *Assessing the Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of Adolescents in Rural Mexico: Participatory Research in Five States.* Ipas Mexico, National Center for the Health of Infants and Adolescents (Branch of the Ministry of Health of Mexico). Funded by the Packard Foundation.
- 2003 *Assessment of Health and Legal Services for Survivors of Sexual Violence in Bolivia.* Ipas Bolivia, Ministry of Gender and Family (Bolivia). Funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).
- 2002-04 *Knowledge, Attitudes, Practices and Needs Related to the Provision of Comprehensive Health Care Services for Women Survivors of Sexual Violence.* Ipas Mexico, Ministry of Health for Mexico City. Funded by the MacArthur Foundation, Erik and Edith Bergstrom Foundation, General Service Foundation, Weeden Foundation.
- 1999-2001 *Testing a Model for the Delivery of Emergency Obstetric Care and Family Planning Services in the Bolivian Public Health System.* Ipas, Ministry of Health (Bolivia), Population Council. Funded by US Agency for International Development (USAID)/Frontiers.
- 1997-1998 *A Comparison of Three Models of Postabortion Care in Mexico.* Ipas, Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS), The Population Council. Funded by US Agency for International Development (USAID)/INOPAL.
- 1995-1998 *Training Non-Physician Providers to Improve Postabortion Care in Ghana.* Ipas, Ministry of Health (Ghana), Ghana Registered Midwives Association. Funded by US Agency for International Development (USAID)/MotherCare.
- 1995-1998 *Testing Alternative Approaches to Providing Integrated Treatment of Abortion Complications and Family Planning in Kenya.* Ipas, Ministry of Health, The Population Council. Funded by US Agency for International Development (USAID).

#### INDEPENDENT CONSULTANCIES

- 2023 United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Reviewer, Cycle 24 concept notes. February 2023.
- 2022 United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Reviewer, Cycle 23 concept notes. January 2022.
- 2021 [Zenger Strategies](#), Co-facilitator, Virtual Training for South Carolina's Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas Coalitions. Focus on Active Listening. September 2021.
- Allen University, Co-facilitator, Leadership Workshop with 20 students, as part of the Allen University (Columbia, SC) Environmental Justice Institute. May 2021

- 2019 Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Reviewer, Cycle 5, Concept notes. August 2019.
- United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Reviewer, Cycle 22 full proposals, July 2019.
- United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Reviewer, Cycle 22 concept notes. December 2018 and January 2019.
- International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Advocates for Youth (AFY), develop a training guide for IRC staff to address reproductive health issues with newly resettled refugees to the US and to link them with local clinics and other resources; contribute to development of a graphic novel series focused on the reproductive health needs of resettled refugees in the US.
- 2018- 2019 Fund for Global Human Rights, develop a Learning & Assessment Framework to test the Fund's Theory of Change and document its impact.
- 2018 World Vision International, Author, manual to guide facilitators of support groups comprised of gender-based violence survivors to carry out a series of 12 sessions with women, Caribbean Coast, Nicaragua. *Manual de habilidades y herramientas para la vida de mujeres sobrevivientes de violencia intrafamiliar en comunidades en la Costa del Caribe de Nicaragua*. To be published in English, Spanish, and Miskito. 2018.
- Allen University, Co-facilitator (with Prof. LaVerne Ragster, University of Virgin Islands), Leadership Workshop with 20 students, as part of the Allen University (Columbia, SC) Environmental Justice Institute.
- 2017 - 2018 Pan American Health Organization, Review of Member State status in compliance with PAHO's *Strategy and Plan of Action on strengthening the health systems to address violence against women*.
- 2017 United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Reviewer, Cycle 21 proposals. December 2017 and January 2018.
- 2016 United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Reviewer, Cycle 20 proposals. May and September 2016.
- 2015 United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Reviewer, Cycle 19 proposals. August 2015.
- United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Trainer for the UN Trust Fund's evaluation capacity development workshop for 20 grantees from 18<sup>th</sup> funding cycle. February 2015, Morocco.
- 2014 United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Reviewer, Cycle 18

proposals. July- October 2014.

United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Trainer for the UN Trust Fund's evaluation capacity development workshop for 17 grantees from 17<sup>th</sup> funding cycle. March 2014, Istanbul, Turkey.

2013—  
2015      Scaling-up Centering Pregnancy in South Carolina. A Process Evaluation. Funded by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

2013      United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Reviewer, Cycle 17 proposals. August 2013.

United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Trainer for the UN Trust Fund's evaluation capacity development workshop for 15 grantees from 16<sup>th</sup> funding cycle. March 2013, New York City, USA.

2012      United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, Trainer for the UN Trust Fund's evaluation capacity development workshop for 14 grantees from 15<sup>th</sup> funding cycle. October 2012, Mexico City.

2011      Ipas. Lead researcher: *Victims/Survivors of Sexual Violence in Guatemala: Evaluation of Health Care Services.*  
*Proposal review, Sonke Gender Justice organization to work in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and South Africa on the involvement of men and boys to address the sexual abuse and exploitation of children*  
Consultant to Oak Foundation, Geneva and East Africa Office

2010      *Ciudad Mujer: Prevention of Gender-Based Violence and Services Provided to Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence in El Salvador.* Consultant to InterAmerican Development Bank.

*PAHO/WHO Latin American Regional Workshop on Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence.* Consultant to Alessandra Guedes (PAHO) and Claudia Garcia Moreno (WHO). Mexico City

2009-2010      *Latino Families for Safe Dates.* Review of intervention materials. In collaboration with Vangie Foshee, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education. CDC:UNC Injury Prevention Research Center, Grant number: 1R49CE001495-01

2009      *Participatory workshops on abortion with community leaders and members, students and civil society organizations in Windhoek, Namibia.* Hired by Ipas, January 2009.

2008-2009      *Evaluating the effectiveness of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation funding to civil society groups in Mexico to combat maternal mortality: Mexico City, Oaxaca, Guerrero and Chiapas.* Conducted in collaboration with Jill Gay. Hired by the

John D and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, August 2008 – June 2009.

- 2008-2009 *Propuesta de diseño de un programa para la reeducación a víctimas y agresores en casos de violencia de pareja para población mexicana. Proyecto Solicitado por el H. Congreso de la Unión a través de la Cámara de Diputados para dar cumplimiento a la Ley General de Acceso de las Mujeres a una Vida Libre de Violencia, 2007; Proposal to design a program for the reeducation of victims and perpetrators in the case of partner violence for the Mexican population. Project requested by the Federal Congress through the House of Representatives to follow-up on the General Law for Women to Live Lives Free from Violence, 2007. Funded by the Federal Congress, Mexico and carried out by the National Institute of Public Health, Morelos, Mexico.*
- 2008-10 *The Hispanic Health Research Network: Enhancing Practice-Based Research Capacity.* Funded by NIH, Partners in Research Program (RO3). PI for the South Carolina Hispanic/Latino Health Coalition.
- 2008-10 *Sexual violence in Central America: Services and Advocacy.* Funded by UNFPA. In collaboration with IPPF and CIDH.

#### **GRANT FUND MANAGEMENT**

- 2000-2006 Coordinator, Small Grants Program, Ipas Mexico.  
Funded by the Erik and Edith Bergstrom Foundation.  
-Provided seed and supportive funding to initiatives aimed at increasing people's access to sexual and reproductive health services throughout Mexico.

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2016

McGovern Lecture, Ball State University, Nutrition and Health Science

<http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/nutrition-and-health-science/aboutdepartment/newsandevents/mcgovernlecture>

<http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/nutrition-and-health-science/aboutdepartment/newsandevents/mcgovernlecture/mcgovern2016>

2013

Nominated: Ada B. Thomas Outstanding Faculty/Staff Advisor Award

Nominated: WGST teaching award

Nominated: Arnold School of Public Health Faculty Service Award

2011

Institute for Advancement of Health Care (IAHC) Scholar (2011-Current)

South Carolina Coalition for Healthy Families, New Morning Foundation, Reproductive Rights Award

2009 - 2016

Tell Them Ambassador (Sexual and Reproductive Health in South Carolina)



## PUBLICATIONS

(Underlined authors are students that I mentor)

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

### **Submitted**

White, A., Mann E., **Billings DL**. Men's vasectomy experiences: a systematic review and metasynthesis of 20 years of global research. *Qualitative Health Research*.

Aluah, C., Robillard, A., **Billings, DL**., Smallwood S. Courtesy Stigma Experienced by HIV Professionals: Implications for Psychosocial and Professional Well-being. *International Social Work*.

### **Published**

Martens N, Crone MR, Hindori-Mohangoo A, Hindori M, Reis R, Hoxha IS, Abanga J, Matthews S, Berry L, van der Kleij RMJJ, van den Akker-van Marle ME, van Damme A, Talrich F, Beeckman K, Court CM, Rising SS, **Billings DL**, Rijnders M. Group Care in the first 1000 days: implementation and process evaluation of contextually adapted antenatal and postnatal group care targeting diverse vulnerable populations in high-, middle- and low-resource settings. *Implement Sci Commun*. 2022 Nov 24;3(1):125. doi: 10.1186/s43058-022-00370-7. PMID: 36424641; PMCID: PMC9694875.

Cayir, E., Spencer, M., **Billings, DL.**; Hilfinger Messias, D., Robillard, A. Working Against Gender-Based Violence in the American South: An Analysis of Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Sexuality in Advocacy. *Qualitative Health Research*. 2021 Vol 31(13):2454-2469.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177%2F10497323211041327>.

White AL, Mann ES, **Billings DL**, Shah P. A qualitative exploration of men's perceptions of the terms "male sterilization" versus "vasectomy" in the southern United States. *Contraception*. 2021 Jul 7:S0010-7824(21)00222-5. doi: 10.1016/j.contraception.2021.07.002. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 34245720.

Kasymova S., Place, JMS., **Billings DL.**, Aldape JD. Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the productivity of academics who mother. *Gender, Work & Organization*, 2021;1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.12699>

Sundstrom, B., DeMaria, A. L., Ferrara, M., Meier, S., Vyge, K., **Billings, D.**, DiBona, D., & McLernon Sykes, B. M. (2021). You Have Options: Implementing and evaluating a contraceptive choice social marketing campaign. *Medicine Access @ Point of Care*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23992026211003499>

Rising SS and **Billings DL**. Peer Review Report For: Model fidelity of group antenatal and postnatal care: a process analysis of the first implementation of this innovative service model by the Preterm Birth Initiative-Rwanda [version 1; peer review: 1 approved]. *Gates Open Res* 2020, **4**:7  
(<https://doi.org/10.21956/gatesopenres.14239.r28427>) <https://gatesopenresearch.org/articles/4-7/v1#referee-response-28427>

Cayir, E., Spencer., M, **Billings, DL**, Messias DM, Robillard, A. The Only Way We'll Be Successful: Organizational Factors that Influence Psychosocial Well-Being and Self-Care among Advocates Working to Address Gender-Based Violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0886260519897340>

Van De Griend, K., **Billings, DL.**, Frongillo EA, Hilfinger Messias, DK., Crockett, AH., Covington-Kolb, S. Core Strategies, Social Processes, and Contextual Influences of Early Phases of Implementation and Statewide Scale-up of Group Prenatal Care in South Carolina. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 79 (2020), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2019.101760>.

Salima Kasymova, Katrina M. Walsemann, James F. Thrasher, Gary Barker & **Deborah L. Billings** (2019) Increasing men's involvement in responsible parenthood: national-level policy efforts in Croatia, India, and Mexico, *Community, Work & Family*, DOI: [10.1080/13668803.2019.1694488](https://doi.org/10.1080/13668803.2019.1694488)

Frongillo EA, Fram MS, Escobar-Alegría JL, Pérez-Garay M, Macaudo MM, **Billings DL.** (2019). Concordance and discordance of the knowledge, understanding, and description of children's experience of food insecurity among Hispanic adults and children. *Family and Community Health*, 42(4):237-243.

Sundstrom B, DeMaria AL, Ferraea M, Meier S, **Billings DL.** "The Closer, the Better:" The role of telehealth in increasing contraceptive access among women in rural South Carolina. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/S10995-019-02750-3> <https://rdcu.be/bHrx6>

Beavin, C., **Billings DL.**, Chávez S. (2019.) Activist framing of abortion and use for policy change in Peru, *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*, 27:1, DOI: [10.1080/26410397.2019.1588012](https://doi.org/10.1080/26410397.2019.1588012)

Lewis, KR., Robillard, A., Billings, DL., White K. (2019) Differential perceptions of a hypothetical sexual assault survivor based on race and ethnicity: Exploring victim responsibility, trauma, and need for social support, *Journal of American College Health*, DOI: [10.1080/07448481.2018.1472096](https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2018.1472096)

Sundstrom B, **Billings DL**, Smith E, Ferrara M, Albert B, Suellentrop K. Evaluating the Whoops Proof S.C. Campaign: A pair-matched group pretest–posttest quasi-experimental study. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*. DOI: [10.1007/s10995-018-02729-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10995-018-02729-6), Epub 2019 Feb 1.

Place HM, **Billings DL**, Valenzuela A. (2019). Women's post-rape experiences with Guatemalan health services. *Health Care for Women International*, DOI: [10.1080/07399332.2018.1545230](https://doi.org/10.1080/07399332.2018.1545230)

de Castro F, Rojas-Martínez R, Villalobos Hernández A, Allen-Leigh B, Breverman-Bronstein A, **Billings DL**, Uribe-Zuñiga P. (2018) Sexual and reproductive health outcomes are positively associated with comprehensive sexual education exposure in Mexican high-school students. *PLoS ONE* 13(3): e0193780. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0193780>.

Place JMS, Allen-Leigh B, **Billings DL**, Dues KM, Castro F. (2017). Detection and care practices for postpartum depressive symptoms in public-sector obstetric units in Mexico: Qualitative results from a resource-constrained setting. *Birth* 44(4). DOI: [10.1111/birt.12304](https://doi.org/10.1111/birt.12304)

Kasymova, S., & **Billings, D.L.** (2017, September 18). Meanings of Fatherhood in Urban Tajikistan. *Psychology of Men & Masculinity*. Advance online publication. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/men000136>.

Crockett, AH, Pickell, LB, Heberlein EC, **Billings, DL**, Mills, B. (2016). Six- and twelve-month documented removal rates among women electing postpartum inpatient compared to delayed or interval contraceptive implant insertions after Medicaid payment reform. pii: S0010-7824(16)30145-7. doi: 10.1016/j.contraception.2016.07.004.

Castro Fd, Place JM, Allen-Leigh B, Rivera-Rivera L, **Billings DL**. (2016). Provider report of the existence of detection and care of perinatal depression: quantitative evidence from public obstetric units in Mexico. *Salud Publica Mex*. 2016 Aug;58(4):468-71.

León-Maldonado L, Wentzell E, Brown B, Allen-Leigh B, Torres-Ibarra L, Salmerón J, et al. (2016) Perceptions and Experiences of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Infection and Testing among Low-Income Mexican Women. *PLoS ONE* 11(5): e0153367. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0153367

Best AL, Spencer SM, Friedman DB, Hall IJ, **Billings DL**. (2016). The Influence of Spiritual Framing on African American Women's Mammography Intentions: A Randomized Trial. *J Health Commun*. 2016 Jun;21(6):620-8. doi: 10.1080/10810730.2015.1114055. Epub 2016 May 4.

Sundstrom, B, **Billings, DL**, Zenger, KE. (In Press, 2016). Keep Calm and LARC On: A theory-based long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) access campaign. *Journal of Communication in Healthcare*. 10.1080/17538068.2016.1143165. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17538068.2016.1143165>

Heberlein, EC, Picklesimer, AH, **Billings, DL**, Covington-Kolb, S, Farber, N, Frongillo, EA. Qualitative comparison of women's perspectives on the functions and benefits of group and individual prenatal care. *Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health*; 1526-9523/09 doi:10.1111/jmwh.12379.

**Heberlein, E**, Picklesimer, AH, **Billings, DL**, Covington-Kolb, S, Farber, N, Frongillo, EA. The comparative effects of group prenatal care on psychosocial outcomes. *Archives of Women's Mental Health*; August 2015. DOI: 10.1007/s00737-015-0564-6. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00737-015-0564-6?email.event.1.SEM.ArticleAuthorContributingOnlineFirst>

**Place, JM, Billings, DL**, Frongillo, E, Blake, C, Mann, J, DeCastro, F. Policy for promotion of women's mental health : Insight from analysis of policy on postnatal depression in Mexico. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 2015 42(1). 02/2015; 42(1). DOI: 10.1007/s10488-015-0629-x.

de Castro F, **Place JMS, Billings DL**, Rivera L, Frongillo EA. Risk profiles associated with postnatal depressive symptoms among Mexican women: the role of socio-demographic and psychosocial factors. *Archives of Women's Mental Health*, 2015, 18(3):463-471. DOI 10.1007/s00737-014-0472-1. Available at: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00737-014-0472-1>

**Place, JM, Billings, DL**, Blake, C, Frongillo, E Mann, J, DeCastro, F. Conceptualizations of Postpartum Depression by Public-Sector Health Care Providers in Mexico. *Qual Health Res*, published online 3 October 2014. DOI: 10.1177/1049732314552812. **To link to this article:** <http://qhr.sagepub.com/content/early/2014/10/01/1049732314552812>

**Abara W**, Annang L, Spencer SM, Fairchild AJ, **Billings D**. Understanding internet sex-seeking behaviour and sexual risk among young men who have sex with men: evidences from a cross-sectional study. *Sex Transm Infect*. 2014 Dec;90(8):596-601. doi: 10.1136/sextrans-2014-051545. Epub 2014 Jul 25. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25063349>.

Deeb-Sossa N, **Billings DL**. Barriers to abortion facing Mexican immigrants in North Carolina: Choosing folk healers versus standard medical options. *Latino Studies*. 2014; 12(3):399-423.

Turner-McGrievy GM, Davidson CR, Wingard EE, **Billings DL**. Low glycemic index vegan or low calorie weight loss diets for women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: A Randomized Controlled Feasibility Study. *Nutrition Research*. In Press.

Turner-McGrievy GM, Davidson CR, **Billings DL**. Dietary intake, eating behaviours, and quality of life in women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome who are trying to conceive. *Human Fertility*.

**Best AL**, Spencer M, Hall I J, Friedman DB, **Billings DL**. Developing Spiritually Framed Breast Cancer Screening Messages in Consultation With African American Women. *Health communication*. 2014;30(3), 290-300.

Hale N, Picklesimer AH, **Billings DL**, Covington-Kolb S. The impact of Centering Pregnancy group prenatal care on postpartum family planning. *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. 2014; 210(1):50.e1-50.e7.

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Reyes HLM, Padilla Zuniga K, **Billings DL**, Blandon MM. Incorporating human rights into reproductive health care provider education programs in Nicaragua and El Salvador. *Rev Panam Salud Publica* 2013;34(1):54-9.

**Davidson CR**, **Billings DL**, Friedman, D.B. Understanding Family Planning in San Ignacio, Belize. *Journal of Global Health*, 2013, 3 (1):25-31. <http://www.ghjournal.org/>

**Deming ME**, Krassen Covan E, Swan SC, **Billings DL**. Exploring Rape Myths, Gendered Norms, Group Processing, and the Social Context of Rape Among College Women: A Qualitative Analysis. *Violence Against Women*, 2013 April 19:465-485.

McNaughton Reyes HL, **Billings DL**, Paredes-Gaitan Y, Padilla Zuniga K. An assessment of health sector guidelines and services for treatment of sexual violence in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. *Reproductive Health Matters*. 2012 Dec 20(40):83-93.

Sneeringer RK, **Billings DL**, Ganatra B, Baird TL. Roles of pharmacists in expanding access to safe and effective medical abortion in developing countries: A review of the literature. *Journal of Public Health Policy*. 2012 May;33(2):218-29. doi: 10.1057/jphp.2012.11. Epub 2012 Mar 8.

**Soto-Ramírez N**, Karmaus W, Zhang H, Liu J, **Billings DL**, Gangur V, Amrol D, da Costa KA, Davis S, Goetzl L. Fatty acids in breast milk associated with asthma-like symptoms and atopy in infancy: a longitudinal study. *J Asthma*. 2012 Nov;49(9):926-34. Epub 2012 Sep 19.

Picklesimer AH, **Billings DL**, Hale N, Blackhurst D, Covington-Kolb S. The effect of CenteringPregnancy group prenatal care on preterm birth in a low-income population. *Am J Obstet Gynecol*. 2012 May;206(5):415.e1-7.

Place, JM, **Billings DL**. Detecting intimate partner violence and postpartum depression: Neglected issues in pregnancy and women's health. *The Journal of Global Health*. 2011;1(2): 27-31. At: <http://www.ghjjournal.org/jgh-print/fall-2011-issue/intimate-partner-violence/>

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2021-present	<p><b>Board Member</b>  Treasurer, The Lotus Alliance  Chair, Dreher High School Orchestra Booster Club  Chair, Suzuki Academy of Columbia (SC)</p>
2019- present	<p><b>Board Member</b>  The Agape Table, Columbia, South Carolina  Witness for Peace, Southeast  <b>Dreher High School, Richland One School District</b>, School Improvement Council (SIC), Columbia, South Carolina</p>
2018- 2019	<p><b>Hand Middle School, Richland One School District</b></p>

- School Improvement Council (SIC), Columbia, South Carolina
- 2018                    **Community Advisory Board**  
The Language Buzz, Columbia, South Carolina  
**Chair**  
Refugee Task Force, Carolina Peace Resource Center, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2017                    Refugee Task Force, Carolina Peace Resource Center, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2013 – 2016           **Executive Committee**  
South Carolina Coalition for Health Families, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2013                    Staff in-service, Sistercare- Gender-based violence: Perspectives of Latino (men) immigrants in South Carolina, April 16, 2013. Columbia, South Carolina  
Instructor, Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education, ages 4-6
- 2012- 2013           **Rosewood Elementary School, Richland One School District**  
School Improvement Council (SIC), Columbia, South Carolina
- 2012-2016           **Executive Committee**  
South Carolina State Alliance for Adolescent Sexual Health (SAASH), Columbia, South Carolina
- 2012-2013           **Board Member**  
Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands (South Carolina)
- 2010-2013           **Board Member**  
Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands (South Carolina)  
Enfoque Ixcán, Eye Care in Ixcán, Guatemala  
**Member**  
Women in Philanthropy, South Carolina
- 2010                    Advisory Board member, Perinatal Awareness for Successful Outcomes (PASOs) Program in Richland and Lexington Counties (prenatal care for pregnant Latinas in South Carolina)
- 2009-2015            Tell Them Ambassador, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2009- 2011           **Chair**  
South Carolina Hispanic/Latino Health Coalition, Columbia, South Carolina

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2023                    Reviewer, Book manuscript, *Intercultural perspectives of female academics’ resiliency during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Springer.

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 Frontiers in Global Public Health (reviewer and editor)  
 Abstract reviews: 2022 Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) conference  
 Abstract reviews: 2023 International Maternal Newborn Health Conference (IMNHC)
- 2021 St Antony's International Review (STAIR), based at Oxford University  
 BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth  
 Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health  
 BMC Reproductive Health  
 Qualitative Health Research  
 Frontiers in Reproductive Health
- 2020 BMC Reproductive Health  
 Qualitative Health Research  
 Frontiers in Reproductive Health
- 2019 Moderator (panel): Dismantling Structures of Economic Discrimination and Oppression, WREN Annual Summit (April 1), Columbia SC  
[\(https://www.scwren.org/wren-annual-summit/\)](https://www.scwren.org/wren-annual-summit/)  
 Chair, Scientific Committee, Carolina Women's Health Research Forum  
[\(http://whrf.med.sc.edu/contact.asp\)](http://whrf.med.sc.edu/contact.asp)  
 Keynote speaker, Globemed annual meeting, University of South Carolina chapter  
 Keynote speaker, Global Health Forum, *Una Fuerza Unificadora*, A Cross-Cultural Analysis through the Lens of Prenatal Care (Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina)  
 Journal of Transcultural Nursing  
 Qualitative Health Research  
 American Journal of Public Health  
 Health Care for Women International  
 International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health  
 BMC Women's Health  
 Centering HealthCare Institute, proposal reviewer  
 Sexual Violence Research Initiative, abstract reviewer  
 ASPIRE II research grants, University of South Carolina, abstract reviewer  
 Editorial Board, BMC Women's Health, *Women's Public Health Issues* section,  
<https://bmcwomenshealth.biomedcentral.com/about/editorial-board>
- 2018 BMC Reproductive Health



Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health  
American Public Health Association (APHA), Human Rights Forum, abstract reviewer

- 2017  
Journal of Transcultural Nursing  
Qualitative Health Research
- 2015  
Executive Committee Member, South Carolina Coalition for Healthy Families  
Co-Chair, South Carolina State Alliance for Adolescent Sexual Health (SAASH)  
Member, Scientific Committee, Carolina Women's Health Research Forum  
*Reviewer*  
Gender & Society  
CRIM, UNAM, Mexico  
International Perspectives in Sexual and Reproductive Health  
Studies in Family Planning  
Qualitative Health Research  
Violence Against Women  
Abstract reviewer, Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)  
South Carolina Pregnancy-Associated Maternal Mortality Review
- 2014  
Executive Committee Member, South Carolina Coalition for Healthy Families  
Member, Scientific Committee, Carolina Women's Health Research Forum  
Co-Chair, South Carolina State Alliance for Adolescent Sexual Health (SAASH)  
*Reviewer*  
Maternal and Child Health section, APHA  
ASPIRE grant proposal review, USC  
Health Care for Women International  
Qualitative Health Research  
Reproductive Health Matters  
International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health  
PLOS Medicine  
International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics  
Maternal and Child Health
- 2013  
Chair, Carol Jones Carlisle Faculty Award, WGST  
Co-Chair, South Carolina State Alliance for Adolescent Sexual Health (SAASH)  
Member, Scientific Committee, Carolina Women's Health Research Forum  
Member, Faculty Senate, University of South Carolina  
Master's Committee, ASPH, HPEB  
Graduate Committee, WGST  
Invited by Joao Paulo Souza, Medical Officer for Maternal and Perinatal Health | UNDP-  
UNFPA-UNICEF-WHO-World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and  
Research Training in Human Reproduction (HRP), World Health Organization as one of  
350 participants worldwide to define global research priorities in maternal and perinatal  
health  
*Reviewer:*  
Health Care for Women International

BMC Women's Health  
Qualitative Health Research  
International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health  
Studies in Family Planning  
PLOS Medicine  
SVRI Forum 2013: Evidence into action. October 14-17, 2013. Bangkok, Thailand  
Violence Against Women in Latin America and the Caribbean  
Maternal and Child Health section, APHA  
ASPIRE grant proposal review, USC  
Medical Research Council, UK, proposal review

2012  
Member, Faculty Senate, University of South Carolina  
Master's Committee, ASPH, HPEB  
Graduate Committee, WGST  
*Reviewer:*  
Pan American Health Organization  
Health Care for Women International  
Qualitative Health Research  
BMC Women's Health  
Technical reviewer, Violence Against Women in Latin America and the Caribbean: A comparative analysis of population-based data from 12 countries. *Pan American Health Organization*  
Expert reviewer: Virtual Knowledge Centre to End Violence against Women site (<http://www.endvawnow.org>), UNIFEM  
Abstract review, APHA

2011  
Member, Faculty Senate, University of South Carolina  
Master's Committee, ASPH, HPEB  
Graduate Committee, WGST  
*Reviewer:*  
Abstract reviewer, APHA (Maternal and Child Health, Women's Caucus)  
Journal of Health Communication  
International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health  
Global Public Health  
Health Care for Women International  
Violence Against Women  
Vanderbilt University Press  
Oak Foundation Africa regional proposal for men's involvement in reproductive health  
Virtual Knowledge Centre to End Violence against Women site (<http://www.endvawnow.org>), UNIFEM  
Sexual Violence Research Initiative Global Conference Abstracts

2010  
Member, Faculty Senate, University of South Carolina  
Master's Committee, ASPH, HPEB  
Graduate Committee, WGST  
*Reviewer:*

Abstract reviewer, APHA (Maternal and Child Health, Women's Caucus)  
Journal of Health Communication  
Gutmacher Institute, Monograph on Abortion in Colombia  
Gendered Perspectives on International Development, Publication Series of the Gender, Development, and Globalization Program, Michigan State University  
Global Public Health

2009 Guest lecturer: Global Virtual Course on Empowerment, HIV and Violence Against Women; Development Connections and UNIFEM  
Reviewer:  
Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Randomized Controlled Trials Committee (proposal review)  
International Family Planning Perspectives  
Salud Pública de México  
Journal of Health Communication  
Charlotte Ellertson Ibis Postdoctoral Research Program  
Sexual Violence Research Initiative Global Conference Abstracts

2008 Reviewer:  
Social Science & Medicine  
International Family Planning Perspectives  
Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition

2007 Reviewer:  
Sexual Violence Research Initiative  
Internal Family Planning Perspectives  
World Health Organization Bulletin  
Social Science & Medicine

2006 Coordinating Committee member, Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)  
Reviewer:  
Reproductive Health (<http://www.reproductive-health-journal.com>)  
International Family Planning Perspectives  
Studies in Family Planning  
The Lancet

2005 Reviewer:  
Social Science & Medicine  
Vanderbilt Press  
African Journal of Reproductive Health

2004 Reviewer:  
African Journal of Reproductive Health  
BJOG, An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology  
Social Science & Medicine  
Reproductive Health Matters

Bulletin of the World Health Organization  
Vanderbilt Press  
Studies in Family Planning

- 2003 WHO Temporary Advisor, Publication and Dissemination Workshop for Researchers in Latin America  
Reviewer:  
Reproductive Health Matters  
Social Science & Medicine  
African Journal of Reproductive Health  
International Family Planning Perspectives
- 2002 Reviewer:  
Women and Health  
International Family Planning Perspectives  
International Migration Review  
Vanderbilt Press  
WHO Protocols for the Medical Management of Persons Who Have Experienced Sexual Violence
- 2001 Reviewer:  
International Family Planning Perspectives  
Social Science & Medicine  
African Journal of Reproductive Health
- 2000 Editorial Board, *Archivos en Medicina Familiar* (UNAM, Mexico)  
Reviewer:  
Social Science & Medicine  
African Journal of Reproductive Health  
International Family Planning Perspectives  
International Migration Review  
*Home Based Life-Saving Skills*, American College of Nurse Midwives

**Language Skills**

Reading, writing and speaking fluency, Spanish  
Intermediate level reading; beginner level speaker, Portuguese