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EDUCATION

- 2015 at present **PhD in Community Health**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2017 **Foundations of Teaching Certificate**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 **Master in Food and Nutrition**
University of Chile
Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology
Concentration: Human Nutrition
- 2003 **Professional Title of Nutritionist**
University of Chile, Santiago
- 2000 **Bachelor of science**
University of Chile, Santiago
Concentration: Nutrition and Dietetics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 **Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Spanish SPAN 103 COURSE**
Department of Spanish
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2010 – 2013 **Instructor**
Department of Health and Sciences of Physical Activity
Nutrition and Health course
Sek University, Santiago, Chile
- 2012 – 2013 **Instructor**
Alberto Hurtado University, Santiago, Chile
Eating Disorders and Diseases related to Food and Nutrition
- 2013 **Instructor**
Universidad de Las Americas, Santiago, Chile
Health Promotion course

- 2009 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology
University of Chile, Santiago, Chile
- 2009 **Instructor**
Food and Nutrition course
Department of Health and Sciences of Physical Activity
Sek University, Santiago, Chile

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2016 “Becas Chile” Scholarship
National Comision of Scientific Research and Technology
- 2016 List of TA/Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2017 Tinker Fellowship
Center for Latin America and Caribbean Studies
Funding for initial exploratory experience in developing
independent research projects and conducting field research
in Latin America.

REFEREED ARTICLES

Galvez E.P., **Vizcarra M.**, Palomino A.M., Valencia, A., Iglesias, L., Schwingel, A. *The photo-elicitation of food worlds: A study on the eating behaviors of low socioeconomic Chilean women.* *Appetite* 111: p. 96-104, 2017.

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Valenzuela R., Gormaz J., Masson L., **Vizcarra M.**, Cornejo P., Valenzuela A., Tapia G. *Evaluation of hepatic bioconversion of α -linolenic acid (ALA) to eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) in rats fed oils from chia (*Salvia hispanica*) or rosa mosqueta (*Rosa rubiginosa*).* *Grasas y Aceites*, 63(1): p.61-69, 2012.

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POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Aguayo, L., **Vizcarra**, M., Wiley A., Teran-Garcia, M., Schwingel, A. *Lifelong associations of maternal recall of uncertain access to food during childhood. Obesity Week 2017. Abstract submitted on May 2017.*

Vizcarra, M., Patricia G., Schwingel, *Exploring family factors influencing eating habits of Chilean women from low-Socioeconomic status. Twelfth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry sponsored by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May, 2016.*

Patricia G., **Vizcarra**, M., Aguayo L., Schwingel, A. *Visual methods in the study of eating behaviors in low socioeconomic Chilean women. 28th Annual Ethnographic & Qualitative Research Conference sponsored by the University of Nevada, February 2016.*

Vizcarra M., Gonzalez D., Valenzuela R., Tapia G. *Bioconversion of omega-3 long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids (LCFA ω -3) of vegetal origin, PPAR-alfa and acil-CoA oxidasa expression in rats liver (in Spanish). XIX Congress of Nutrition of Chilean Society of Nutrition, Bromatology and Toxicology, Coquimbo, Chile, 2011.*

Lobos N., **Vizcarra M.**, Valenzuela R., Varela P., Tapia G. *PPAR-alfa expression in liver of rats feed with diets high omega-3 long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids (LCFA ω -3)(in Spanish). Revista Farmacologica de Chile, 3(1): p.54, 2010.*

Valenzuela R., **Vizcarra M.**, Tapia G. *Bioconversion of omega-3 long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids (LCFA omega-3) of vegetal origin: Effects over liver damage (in Spanish). RNC FELANPE (Special Number), p.62-63, 2010.*