

2013 Norris Foundation Summer Min-Grant report on Latina Immigrant Women:
Defining and Addressing Community Violence
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The Norris Foundation Summer Min-Grant enabled me to meet my goal of transcription of 20 interviews for a study involving in-depth, semi-structured interviews with Latina immigrant members of a community based organization, which addresses a range of issues from community violence to environmental justice. The semi-structured, in-depth interviews explored women's direct or indirect experiences with domestic violence, and targeted questions related to three primary areas: 1) Their view of the impact of domestic violence on women, the family and community; 2) Their views on the causes of gang-related street violence in the community, and 3) The ways that they work as community activists on issues of community violence and any obstacles they face as activists. Each interview lasted approximately 1 1/2 hours. The interviews began May 20th and concluded July 3rd, 2013. Transcription and data analysis was completed by August 23rd.

The impact of the grant includes:

1. A draft of a scholarly paper to be presented at a national conference has been written and will be submitted in December to the American Sociological Association.
2. Planned submission of a scholarly journal article in Spring 2013.
3. Planned presentation of a report to the immigrant women's community based organization in Spring 2013.
4. Findings have been included in the *Women in Society* course for fall 2013. And will be included in the course Community Organizing, when taught next in the fall of 2014.
5. An undergraduate Sociology student was mentored and trained on community based research and qualitative data collection and analysis.