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EDUCATION

- Master in Public Health – California State University, Northridge (1977)  
Emphasis: Health Education/Administration
- Bachelor of Science – San Diego State College (1971)  
Major: Health Science & Safety
- Associate of Arts – Bakersfield Community College (1968)  
Major: Business Administration

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Executive Director, Seattle Indian Health Board– January 1990 to present,  
*Founder and Director, Urban Indian Health Institute – July 2000 to present*
- *Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Community Medicine, University of Washington – 1997 to present*
- Executive Director, San Diego American Indian Health Center – 1982 to 1989
- *Lecturer, American Indian Studies, San Diego State University – 1986 to 1989*
- *Lecturer, American Indian Studies, California State University, San Marcos – 1988 to 1989*
- Public Health Educator, County of San Diego – 1979 to 1982
- Health Educator, County of Santa Barbara – 1977 to 1979
- Coordinator, Center for Health Promotion/Disease Prevention , Northridge Hospital Foundation – 1974 to 1977
- Health Education Associate, County of San Diego – 1972 to 1974

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Board of Trustees, Palomar Community College – (appointed December 1985: Elected November 1986. Vice-President (1987), President (1988).
- Member – 16A Workgroup – President’s Commission on Health Care Reform – 1993
- Past-Member – Board of Directors, Qualis Health – 2000 to 2008
- Executive Producer and Panelist: Documentary “Living History, A Conversation About American Indian Policy,” UWTV Educational Film Production, December 2007. (Winner, 2007 Silver Telly Award)
- Contributor and Interviewee: “NATIVE VOICES, Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness, An Exhibit at the National Library of Medicine – opened October 6, 2011.
- Enrolled member – Juaneño Band of California Mission Indians

SELECT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member – Community Health Council of Seattle/King County
- Founding Member – American Indian Health Commission for Washington State

- Member – Washington Association for Community and Migrant Health Centers
- Past Member – American Public Health Association
- Past Member – American Civil Liberties Union
- Member – National Museum of the American Indian

#### SELECT GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

- Board of Directors, Vista Community Clinic
- Board of Trustees, Palomar Community College
- California Urban Indian Health Council – President (1986 – 1988)
- Washington Association of Community and Migrant Health Centers
- Founder and member, American Indian Health Commission for Washington State
- Board of Directors, Group Health Foundation
- Founding member, Visiting Committee, Non-Profit Leadership Program, Seattle University
- Board of Directors, United Way of King County
- Board of Trustees, Pacific Hospital Preservation Public Development Authority
- Board of Directors, Qualis Health

#### SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- Forquera, Ralph: *Urban Indian Health*, Issue Brief prepared for The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, September 2001
- Forquera, Ralph: *Challenges in Serving the Growing Population of Urban Indians*, Chapter prepared for publication Promises to Keep – Public Health Policy for American Indians and Alaska Natives in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, American Public Health Association, United Book Press, 2001.
- Grossman, David; Krieger, James W.; Sugarman, Jonathan; Forquera, Ralph: Health Status of Urban American Indians and Alaska Natives, March 16, 1994, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, pages 845-850.
- Bergman, Abraham B.; Grossman, David C.; Erdrich, Angela M.; Todd, John G.; Forquera, Ralph A.: A Political History of the Indian Health Service, *The Milbank Quarterly*, Volume 77, November 4, 1999, pages 571-604.
- Smyser, Michael; Forquera, Ralph: *The Health Status of American Indians and Alaska Natives Living in King County*, a special report produced by Public Health – Seattle/King County in partnership with the Seattle Indian Health Board, May 2001.
- Castor, ML; Smyser, MS; Taulii, MM; Park, AN; Lawson, SA; Forquera, RA: *A Population-Based Study Identifying Health Disparities Between American Indians /Alaska Natives and the general population living in select urban counties*, *American Journal of Public Health*, 2006.
- Taulii, MM; Forquera, RA: *Urban Indian Community Response to an Information Crisis*, *Northwest Public Health*, Spring/Summer 2006: 6-7.
- Rutman, S; Park, A; Castor, M; Taulii, M; Forquera, R: *Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Youth: Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2007-2003*, *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 2008 Supplement.