

Poverty and Pregnancy: Improving the Lives of Women and Children



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CURRENT RESEARCH

Globally Ending unnecessary maternal and child deaths

Latin America has the highest income inequality in the world. While many countries within Latin America are middle to upper-middle income countries, some of the poorest individuals and families still reside within their borders. Dr. Arachu Castro, of Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, has dedicated her professional career to improving the lives of the most disenfranchised in Latin America and the Caribbean. As a Guggenheim Fellow (<http://www.gf.org/fellows/16737-arachu-castro>) and as the first Samuel Z. Stone Endowed Chair of Public Health in Latin America at Tulane University (<http://tulane.edu/publichealth/pressroom/welcome-dr-arachu-castro.cfm>), Dr. Castro's research focuses on the factors that prevent provisions of quality healthcare to save the lives of pregnant women and their children and on the socio-economic conditions that make women vulnerable to maternal morbidity and mortality. Therefore, her work contributes to ending unnecessary maternal and child deaths for many of the most impoverished individuals, and most often for pregnant adolescent women.

Although with existing clinical knowledge the majority of maternal deaths can be prevented, disorganization of health services, limited resource allocation, and the conditions of poverty and inequality in which people live make it difficult for large populations in Latin America and the Caribbean to access quality obstetric care. More...

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 Tulane University

EDUCATION

- M.P.H. in International Health 1998, Harvard School of Public Health
- Ph.D. in Sociology 1997, University of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain)
- Ph.D. in Social Anthropology and Ethnology 1996, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris, France)

AWARDS

- Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology, 2012
- Guggenheim Fellowship for her work on Women and AIDS in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2010
- Rudolf Virchow Award of the Society for Medical Anthropology, 2005

RESEARCH AREAS

Empowering Women, Humanities, Anthropology

FUNDING REQUEST

Your contributions will support the continued research of Dr. Arachu Castro, of Tulane University, as she saves the lives of pregnant and adolescent women and their children in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your donations will support the \$110K required for personnel and research while additional funding will support new projects that will help improve the lives of impoverished families and children. By donating, you will help break down the inequalities and improve the health of women and children!