



On March 31, 2016, Dr. Natalie D. Hernandez, assistant professor in the department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine and of the Prevention Research Center and Center of Excellence on Health Disparities, received the “Latinas Poderosas Atlanta” award and was recognized by Mundo Hispanico Atlanta as one of the most powerful Latinas in Atlanta.

Dr. Hernandez was acknowledged for her dedication to rigorous science and community engagement to advance health equity through research and practice. She was also recognized for developing the first Latino Health Report for the state of Georgia that detailed and enumerated many health disparities, and set forth recommendations for improvement. In addition, this project focused on increasing the community's capacity to serve as statewide advocates.

The person who nominated Dr. Hernandez described her as such, “When I think about Dr. Hernandez and the implications of her work regarding new knowledge about Latinas in the community, improving the understanding and treatment of health conditions of Latinos, and helping to raise healthier families, Dr. Hernandez is truly powerful and her potential impact is immensely positive.”

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