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UW ACTIONS founder names new leadership for Pacific Northwest region's first reproductive justice nursing scholarship incubator

### **Research and clinical leaders, Dr. Daniel Suárez-Baquero and Dr. Ellen Solis, selected to lead UW ACTIONS**

SEATTLE, WA – Last year, University of Washington School of Nursing announced the launch of the ACTIONS program, the Abortion Care Training Incubator for Outstanding Nurse Scholars (ACTIONS), originally launched at University of California San Francisco in 2018. With the program now open to new scholars, Dr. Monica McLemore, founder of ACTIONS and nationally recognized reproductive health justice faculty and thought leader, announced the selection of the program's new co-directors, Dr. Daniel Suárez-Baquero and Dr. Ellen Solis.

Dr. Suárez-Baquero is a qualitative researcher with a specialization in reproductive justice, Latine reproductive health experiences, and community/cultural memory of minoritized women. Dr. Suárez-Baquero worked as a post-doctoral fellow in the ACTIONS program at the University of California San Francisco, focused on reproductive justice as the primary approach to reproductive health services provision.

Dr. Ellen Solis, lead for both UW School of Nursing's Doctor of Nursing (DNP) practice nurse-midwifery and women's health clinical nurse specialist tracks, has been a practicing full-scope certified nurse-midwife (CNM) for over 17 years, with an emphasis on BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities. Dr. Solis' research focuses on access to waterbirth in hospital settings, bias-informed communication, and midwifery for clients affected by obesity, cannabis use in pregnancy, and strategies to address moral distress and burnout for midwives and healthcare providers.

With sexual and reproductive health access under threat across the nation, care providers and patients nationwide are desperately seeking high quality solutions for expanding access to sexual and reproductive health care. UW ACTIONS will increase the number of Nurses, Nurse-Practitioners (NPs) and Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) and potentially Physician Assistants proficient in comprehensive sexual and reproductive health (SRH) care services, including abortion care, within the context of reproductive justice and public health.

**Co-directors and founder director available for comment.**

**Website:** <https://actions.nursing.uw.edu/>

**History of ACTIONS:** <https://actions.nursing.uw.edu/history/>

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