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Antonia M. Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN, is an Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Health Promotion at The University of Michigan. She received her PhD from Wayne State University and completed post-doctoral training at the University of Michigan. Dr. Villarruel has an extensive background in health promotion and health disparities research and practice. Her research focuses on the development and testing interventions to reduce HIV sexual risk among Mexican and Latino youth. Dr. Villarruel is also the Director of an NINR P20, which is a partnership with the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio, designed to increase the capacity of minority nurse researchers.

Dr. Villarruel has assumed leadership roles in many national and local organizations. She is the Vice-President and founding member of the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nursing Associations and past president of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses. She was appointed by Secretary Thompson to the HRSA/CDC HIV/STD Advisory Council, and also served as a charter member of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities. She is currently serving on an IOM panel to review NIH's Strategic Plan to Address Health Disparities. Dr. Villarruel has been recognized by numerous local and national agencies for her service and scholarship. She was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and was a recipient in 2004 to the Michigan Nurses Hall of Fame.