Prior to joining UCD, Dr. Borrayo was an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Colorado State University (CSU). In 2000, Dr. Borrayo began collaborating with the LRPC as a Research Associate from CSU. She was the project leader for two pilot studies under the LRPC’s Greater Denver Latino Cancer Prevention and Control Network, a Special Populations Network funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). And more recently, she was the project leader for a pilot study under the LRPC’s Colorado Latino Community Network Project (CO-CNP) also funded by the NCI.

Dr. Borrayo’s research focuses on health disparities in the prevention, control, and treatment of cancer among medically underserved Latinos. Her research projects have focused on the psychological, cultural, and social factors involved in breast cancer screening and in the treatment of lung and head-and-neck cancers among Latinas and Latinos affected by these cancers. She conducts research in both community-based and medical settings. Dr. Borrayo currently has a Susan G. Komen for the Cure funded Post-Baccalaureate Training in Disparities Research Grant to train doctoral students for productive careers focused on translating research discoveries into clinical practice to address breast cancer disparities among Latinas.

As the Executive Director of the LRPC, Dr. Borrayo would like to lead the LRPC on two main areas of focus: 1) eliminating health disparities (e.g., cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases) affecting Latino communities by addressing social and behavioral determinants of health; and 2) increasing the number of Latinos through the pipeline to health careers. Dr. Borrayo invites the LRPC’s academic and community partners to join the LRPC in these efforts.