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EDUCATION

- Ph.D University of Wisconsin-Madison** Madison, WI 2007 - 2015
Counseling Psychology
Focus on social justice, multiculturalism, and integrative/ interpersonal psychotherapy
Dissertation: Social Process, Discourse, and Identity: Exploring the Experiences of Adolescent Males and Their Relationships with Child and Adolescent Service Providers
- M.A. University of New Mexico** Albuquerque, New Mexico 1999 – 2002
Counselor Education
- B.A. University of New Mexico** Albuquerque, New Mexico 1989 – 2004
Major: Psychology
Minor: Sociology
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HONORS & AWARDS

- 2012 Graduate Opportunities Fellowship 2007 –
University of Wisconsin - Madison
- R. Wray Stowig Memorial Award 2010
Selected by the Counseling Psychology faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for excellence in teaching and service
- 2013 National Institute of Health/
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Addiction Travel Award
- Society for Prevention Research Travel Award 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Prevention Research	2013 – Current
American Psychological Association	2009 – Current
National Latino Psychological Association	2008 – Current
National Certified Counselor	2002 – Current
Chi Sigma Iota, Nu Mu Chapter	2002 – Current

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor *University of New Mexico* 2015 – Current
Counselor Education
College of Education
Albuquerque, NM

- Teaching
 - COUN 584 Multiculturalism in the Helping Professions
 - COUN 545 School Counseling
- Research Interests
 - Adolescent populations and issues; identity and stigma, juvenile justice, provider relationships
 - Multiculturalism/Diversity/Social justice; Evaluation Intergroup/Diversity Dialogues
 - School counseling; socio-cultural factors
 - Integrating traditional healing practices

CLINICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Clinical Supervisor *Kewa Family Wellness Center* 2015 – Current
/Clinician *Santo Domingo Pueblo*
Santo Domingo, New Mexico

- Providing clinical supervision
- Individual, family, and group counseling and psychoeducation
- Developing culturally-centered curriculum

Clinical Evaluator	<i>Group Health Improvement Project</i>	2005 – 2007
	<i>Columbia University/ New York State Psychiatric Institute/ Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene Department of Clinical and Genetic Epidemiology New York, New York</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary evaluator on the Group Health Improvement Project research team investigating Group Interpersonal Psychotherapy (IPT) with Depressed Adolescent in two Bronx High School school-based clinics • Conducted baseline and monthly clinical evaluations via various assessments (e.g. K-SADs) • Wrote case formulations and progress notes • Managed clinical charts • Provided psychoeducation on depression to participants • Data entry 	
School Counselor	<i>Kennedy Middle School Albuquerque Public Schools Albuquerque, NM</i>	2001 – 2005
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and implemented a comprehensive counseling program for high-risk, high-needs middle school students • Provided direct individual and group counseling services for students in interpersonal skills, adjustment to middle school, mediation, trauma, anger management as well as provided external agency referrals and psychoeducation on health/ mental health and adolescent development to parents/ families • Provided classroom psychoeducation on diversity, substance use, relationships and sex education, and bullying/ violence prevention • Advocated, supported, and served as primary contact for Spanish-only speakers, Bi-lingual program, American-Indian Education program, and the GLBTQ/ Safe Zone project • Leading the Health/ Mental Health Assistance team and member of the Student Assistance Team • Developed yearly master scheduling and class scheduling • Provided school counselor internship supervision and support 	
Mental Health Worker/ 1999	<i>Children's Psychiatric Hospital</i>	1995 -
Educational Assistant	<i>University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM</i>	

- Mental health worker Charge of Shift– Maintained a therapeutic milieu via supervision and direct care for up to 9 children and adolescents with acute psychiatric concerns, implemented special behavioral programs for clients, maintained clinical charting and general paperwork, facilitated therapeutic groups; Maintained communication between staff, program manager, nursing, and therapists
- Educational assistant – Assisted the teacher with the provision of appropriate testing/ schoolwork for hospitalized children and adolescents, substituting in teacher absence; taught elementary Spanish

**Site Supervisor/
1995 Activities Programmer/
Recreational Leader** *Therapeutic Recreation
Department of Family and Community Services
City of Albuquerque
Albuquerque, NM* 1991 –

- Supervised 8–13 staff members and 30–70 participants in afterschool and summer programs for children with and without social, emotional, behavioral, and /or physical disabilities
- Maintained communication between program participants, parents, staff, and administrative offices
- Organized and maintained general paperwork including timesheets, payments/ fees, calendar/ activity planning and management information system
- Developed and implemented skill building and modified recreational activities to address social, emotional, behavioral, and /or physical disability needs

POST-DOCTORATE, INTERNSHIP, AND PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

Post-doctoral fellowship *University of New Mexico
Center Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions
Albuquerque, New Mexico* 2012 – 2014

- Primary therapist of motivationally-based interventions for adolescent risky sexual behavior and substance use using neuroimaging outcomes: Assessing Motivational Interviewing and Culture in Adolescents (AMICA), Decision-making in Adolescent Sexual Health (DASH), Motivational Interviewing Adolescents and Risky Sex (MARS), Re-Evaluating Motivational Interviewing therapist talk (REMI)
- Manuscript writing, clinical supervision, supervision of research assistants, mentoring research assistants in graduate application process, completed Institutional Review Board

applications, modifications, and continuous reviews; assisted in administrative needs

Clinical Child Internship
2012

University of New Mexico

2011 –

*Department of Psychiatry
Children's Psychiatric Hospital/ Programs for Children and Adolescents*

- Provision of outpatient and inpatient psychotherapy and psychological evaluations for youth and families using a wide range of assessment tools (e.g cognitive, personality, and interviews)
- Major rotation at the *Center for Community and Rural Behavioral Health* - provided consultation on developing a multidisciplinary mental health team in a Native American mental health program in Northern New Mexico, assistance in systems of care research
- Facilitation of motivational interviewing groups with adolescents in a detention center with focus on risky sexual behavior and substance use

Externship
2011

Access Community Health Centers

2010 –

Madison, Wisconsin

- Behavioral Health Consultant – provided medication and behavioral health consultation to community patients and service providers

Practicum

*University of Wisconsin – Madison
Department of Counseling Psychology
Madison, Wisconsin*

2010

- Clinical Supervision– Provided individual and group clinical supervision for first year Masters students

*Madison Area Technical College
Madison, Wisconsin*

2009

- Consultant for an overarching project titled “Project Success” on conceptualization and development of an adolescent afterschool career development program for Madison area high school students

Edgewood College

2009

*Personal Counseling Services
Madison, Wisconsin*

2009

- Provided direct individual and couples counseling to college students; psychoeducation on anxiety, depression, and stress management
- Training and implementation of campus-wide Diversity Dialogues to improve campus climate

Mendota Mental Health Institute 2008 –

*Juvenile Treatment Center
Madison, Wisconsin*

- Provision of direct individual therapy and family therapy, psychological evaluation for general assessment and research, and general case work

University of Wisconsin – Madison 2008 – 2011
*Education and Psychological Training Center
Madison, WI*

- Provision of direct counseling services and psychological evaluation to English and Spanish speaking clients

Ernie Pyle Middle School 2002
*Albuquerque Public Schools
Albuquerque, NM*

- Provision of direct individual and group counseling services to middle school students

New Mexico Youth Diagnostic Development Center 2002
Albuquerque, NM

- Provision of direct individual counseling services to adjudicated youth

*University of New Mexico
Manzanita Counseling Center* 2001
Albuquerque, NM

- Provision of individual counseling services to community members and college-aged students

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Teaching Assistant
2011

Seeking Equity Education and Diversity (SEED) 2010 -

*Office for Equity & Diversity/ Department of Counseling
Psychology
University of Wisconsin – Madison*

- Facilitation of dialogue through individual, dyadic and group

experiential exercises; provision of media and critical readings within the frameworks of power, privilege, oppression, and resistance

Project Assistant
2010

Department of Counseling Psychology

2007 -

University of Wisconsin – Madison

- Qualitative phenomenological analysis and manuscript development on emerging adults and family stress, as well as on a qualitative content analysis study on patient perspectives on provider services; Facilitation of focus groups and conduction of interviews as well as an evaluation of a video on depression awareness for teachers in Chicago-based schools; Member on the Family Stress/ Fortalezas Familiares Research Team with the role of facilitating the coordination, conceptualization, development, implementation, and evaluation of a culturally- adapted intervention for Latino families coping with parental depression; Developing SPSS databases and data entry; General literature searches and reviews on family stress and research methodologies

Teaching Assistant
2010

Department of Counseling Psychology

2008 -

University of Wisconsin – Madison

- Providing in-class experiential exercises, guidance, and group/ individual supervision to Masters students in their first year practicum

Project Assistant
2009

Summer Education Research Program

2008 &

Department of Counseling and Department of School Psychology

University of Wisconsin – Madison

- Mentored visiting prospective graduate students in research project development, presentation skills, professional skills, graduate application process, and general support

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

2014 – Presentation – 2014 National Latino Psychological Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM

Title: *Historical and Contemporary Practices of Curanderismo: Addressing the Needs of New Mexican Communities*

2015 – Co-author – What Being Mexican American Means to Children and Adolescents; Chapter in *Handbook of Mexican America Children and Families: Multidisciplinary Perspectives* edited by Yvonne M. Caldera and Eric Lindsey

2014 – Co-author – Measurement Invariance in Alcohol Use Instruments for Hispanic Youth. *Journal of Adolescent Health* (in press).

2014 – Co-author – Why Parents May Be Particularly Important: Evaluating Treatment Outcomes By Culture With Hispanic Youth. *Alcoholism-Clinical and Experimental Research*, 38.

2014 – Co-author – How Culture Influences Therapeutic Interactions: An Examination With Alcohol-Abusing Adolescents. *Alcoholism-Clinical and Experimental Research*, 37.

2013 – Presentation – UNM Brain and Behavioral Health Institute (BBHI)
Title: *The Influence of Monitoring on Justice-Involved Adolescents' Post-Intervention Alcohol Use*

2013 – Presentation – Society for Prevention Research Conference San Francisco, CA –
Title: *Adolescent Sexual Risk Behavior and the Hispanic Paradox*
Title: *The Influence of Monitoring on Justice-Involved Adolescents' Post-Intervention Alcohol Use*

2013 – Presentation – Head to Toe Conference Albuquerque, New Mexico –
Title: *Promoting Social Well-being through Diversity Dialogues*

2013 – Co-author – Emerging Adults' Lived Experience of Formative Family Stress: The Family's Lasting Influence. *Qualitative Health Research* 23 (8) 2013

2012 – Presentation – Head to Toe School Health Conference Albuquerque, New Mexico –
Title: *Promoting Social Well-being through Diversity Dialogues*

2012 – Presentation – University of New Mexico ECHO Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Teleconference Series –
Title: *Multifamily Treatment for Latino Families with Depressed Parents*

2011 – Presentation – XXXIII Congress of the Inter-American Society of Psychology in Medellin, Colombia –
Title: *Creating Social Transformation Through Diversity Dialogues*

2010 – Presentation – National Latino Psychological Association.
Title: *Un Nuevo Amanecer para Ana Y Su Familia: A Latino Community-based Participatory Radio Novela of Disability Awareness*

2010 – Presentation – American Psychological Association conference –
Title: *Family Stress and the Young Adult: A Phenomenological approach*

2010 – Presentation – University of Wisconsin – Madison Department of Social Work –
Title: *The Development of a Disability Awareness Radio Novela*

2010 – Presentation – University of Wisconsin – Madison – Social Justice Conference
Title: *Family Stress and the College Student*

2009 – Contributive chapter in the NAMI Wisconsin Chapter Consumer Guidebook –
Title: *Diversity, Multiculturalism, and Mental Health*

2009 – Workshop – Winter Roundtable Teacher’s College/ Columbia University New York, NY –
Title: *Discourses in Solidarity: Building Bridges to Expand Academic Families*

2008 – Workshop – National Latino Psychological Association Conference - La Cultura Cura: Healing Traditions and Models of Care with Latina/o Families and Communities - Costa Mesa, CA –
Title: *Entrenos: Sharing our space within this place – Latin@ graduate experiences and networking*

2008 – Workshop – University of Wisconsin – Latino Faculty Staff Association meeting:
Title: *Entrenos: Sharing Latin@ graduate experiences*

2007 – Presentation – Secondary Health Education Institute Annual Conference/ New Mexico Department of Health –
Title: *GLBTQ Youth & Tolerance/ Inclusion*

2006 – Presentation – Secondary Health Education Institute Annual Conference/ New Mexico Department of Health –
Title: *Supporting GLBTQ Youth in our Schools*

OTHER RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

2014 – Reviewer for the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion

2012 – Reviewer for the Journal of American College Health

2008 – 2011 – Diversity Dialogues facilitator & trainer – Facilitated structured dialogues on various diversity issues with university students and university administrators at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, Edgewood College, and Madison Area Technical College as well as with high school student participants of the College Access Program and students of Glacier’s Edge Elementary School

2008 – 2009 – MedAvante Inc. – Actor for diagnostic/assessment training

2008 – 2009 – Member of Grupo Novela – A community-based participatory approach in work toward the development of a disability awareness radio novela in collaboration with members of the Latino community, a local radio station, and the UW-M Waisman Center in Madison, Wisconsin (<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/familysupport360/novela.php>)

2006 – 2007 – Member of the Sexuality/ HIV track committee for the Secondary Health Education Institute Annual Conference/ New Mexico Department of Health

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Adolescent risk and resiliency
School counseling
Family systems/ Ecological systems
Social justice, diversity, & multiculturalism
Latino psychology/ Mestizo and Indigenous perspectives/ traditional methods of well-being
Post-modern approaches in counseling and research
Qualitative research methods
Clinical supervision

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

Spanish Immersion Program – Universidad De Guanajuato – Guanajuato, Mexico; Spanish/ English fluency in reading, writing, and speaking

Motivational Interviewing – University of New Mexico – Center on Alcoholism, Alcohol Abuse, and Addictions (CASAA) – Extensive training and participation in MI learning communities

Utilizing electronic medical record systems

LICENCESURE

Licensed Mental Health Counselor– New Mexico (0168811)

VOLUNTEER WORK

2011 – Current - R.A.I.C.E.S. (Remembering Ancestors, Inspiring Community, and Empowering Self) in conjunction with UNM Curanderismo summer course, TedX Ideas to Action, UNM Women’s Resource Center, and Temazcal Tonantzin Traditional Healing clinic – Organizing community outreach/ education workshops on UNM & CNM campuses, Albuquerque area community centers and local health professional conferences. Practicing traditional medicine at Curanderismo traditional health fairs.