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Professional Profile

- Extensive experience in therapeutic interventions with children, youths, families, and adults as well as consultation with teachers and physicians in the public and private sectors
- Over twenty-five years of combined experience as an administrator and clinical supervisor
- Graduate teaching and scholarly work through publications, professional training, and dissertation reviews
- Numerous professional contributions through membership in special task forces and presentations
- Successful leadership in the development of clinical programs, establishment of internship programs, execution of system changes through strategic planning and consultation, and collaboration with agencies/institutions/professional organizations
- Increased capacity in crisis intervention by leading system wide PREPaRE training among school psychologists, school counselors, and administrators. As a result, the crisis response of District school psychologists significantly supported the Broward County community during the early days after the 2018 Parkland school shooting tragedy.
- Recognition by the professional community for leadership, innovation, and advancement in clinical practice

Education

- Ph.D. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida - 1997
Dissertation: Comparison of Three Different Home-School Meeting Formats Conducted by Mental Health Professionals
Joseph Wittmer (Chair), Janet Larsen, and Cecil Mercer
Comprehensive Exams in School Psychology - 1991
- M.A. University of Houston, Houston, Texas - 1974
Applied Psychology, Clinical Track (APA sponsored extended master's program)
- B.A. Universidad de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico – 1971
Magna Cum Laude - Psychology Major, Drama and Sociology Minors

Licenses/Certifications

- School Psychologist – State of Florida - # 0213 Active since 1982
Marriage and Family Therapist – State of Florida - # 0565 Active since 1982
Psychologist – Board of Puerto Rico Psychological Examiners - #1174 (1989-1993, Inactive)
Nationally Certified School Psychologist - #15074 Active since 1987
School Psychology & Teacher Certification - State of Florida – Active in 2003 DOE # 870783
PREPaRE 1 & PREPaRE 2 –Trainer Certification 2016 (2nd Ed), Re-Certification 2020 (3rd Ed)
Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer – April 2019

Experience

- Adjunct Professor, Nova Southeastern University 2021 - Present
- Private Practitioner, Moving Forward Consulting 2021 - Present
- Administrator and Program Planner - School Psychological Services, School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC), Florida 2015 - 2021
- Visiting Professor – Universidad del Valle de Guatemala Guatemala City, Guatemala 2005 – 2021
- School Psychology Practitioner, SDPBC, Florida 2001-2015
- Private Practitioner 2002 - 2015
- Director of Outpatient Clinics 1989 - 2001
Circles of Care, Inc. Melbourne, Florida
- School Psychology Doctoral Internship – Academia San Jorge and Universidad de Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico 1988 - 1989
- Coordinator of School Day Treatment Program 1983 - 1987
Child Guidance Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida
- Private Practitioner - Jacksonville, Florida 1982 - 1987
- Coordinator of School Consultation Program 1980 - 1982
Child Guidance Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida
- Outpatient Clinician 1977 - 1980
Child Guidance Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida
- Director of Adolescent Residential Program - North Central Florida Community Mental Health, Gainesville, Florida 1976-1977
- Outpatient Therapist – North Central Florida Community Mental Health, Gainesville, Florida 1975

Publications

- Arredondo, P., **Gallardo-Cooper, M.**, Delgado-Romero, E., Zapata, A. (2014). *Culturally Responsive Counseling with Latinas/os*. Alexandria, VA: American Counseling Association.
- Cobar Catalán, A.A., Cazali, L., Staebler, I., Grazioso, M. P., **Gallardo-Cooper, M.** (2020). Modelo de supervisión integrativo: Construyendo una identidad profesional en el campo de la consejería psicológica en Guatemala [Integrative supervision model: building professional identity in the field of counseling psychology in Guatemala]. *Revista Brasileira de Psicologia*, 21(2), 1-20.

- Gallardo-Cooper, M.** (2008). Bilingual counseling. In F.T.L. Leong (Editor-in-Chief), H.E.A. Tinsley (Senior Editor) & S.H. Lease (Associate Editor) *Encyclopedia of Counseling, Volume 2: Personal and Emotional Counseling*. (pp. 1022-1024). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Gallardo-Cooper, M.** (2001). The Culture-Centered Clinical Interview-CCCI. (Unpublished).
- Gallardo-Cooper, M.** & Zapata, A. (2013). Multicultural family therapy. In F.T.L. Leong, L. Comas-Díaz, G. Nagayama Hall, V. McLloyd, & J. Timble (Eds.), *Handbook of Multicultural Psychology: Vol 2. Applications and Training* (pp. 499-525). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Hispanic mental health: Hispanic task force (1978). In the *Report to President from the President's Commission on Mental Health, 2*, 166-198, US Library of Congress. Author
- Lazarus, P. & Sulkowski, M. (2020) School psychology in the time of COVID-19: Voices from the field. *Communiqué, 48*, Washington, D.C., National Association of School Psychologists. Contributor
- Ney, E., **Gallardo-Cooper, M.I.**, Iglesias, M. (2019). Bridging the gap: When trainers go to school. *Communiqué, 48*, Washington, D.C., National Association of School Psychologists.
- Santiago-Rivera, A., Arredondo, P., & **Gallardo-Cooper, M.** (2002). *Counseling Latinos and la familia: A practical guide*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Presentations (* Primary Presenter)

- 2022* *¿De dónde vienes? Intervenciones para jóvenes trasladados a otras culturas.* (Where do you come from? Interventions for youth who migrate to other cultures). VIII Encuentro Latinoamericano de Psicoterapias Integrativas ALEPSI Annual Conference, Guatemala City, Guatemala (Virtual Conference)
- 2022* *¿Hablas español?* (Do you speak Spanish?): The role of language in bilingual supervision. Annual Conference National Association of School Psychologists, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2021* Best Practices in Bilingual Practice – Barry University, Miami, Florida
- 2021* The Power of Possibilities Through Collaborative Internship Supervision – National Association of School Psychologists (Virtual Conference)
- 2020* PREPaRE 2 - Crisis Intervention in Recovery, School Psychological Services, SDPBC
- 2019* PREPaRE 2 - Crisis Intervention in Recovery, School Psychological Services, SDPBC
- 2019 Culturally Responsive Mental Health Practice: RAICES Reaffirming Assets in Immigrant Children in Educational Settings, Center for Mental Health in Schools Annual Conference - Austin, Texas

- 2019* *En “La Lucha” y Abriendo Caminos* (In “The Struggle” and Opening New Paths): Leadership in Training, Practice and Administration
National Latinx Psychological Association Biennial Conference - Miami, Florida
- 2019 Behavioral Health Screenings in the Schools: Researching What Works
National Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference - Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2018 Universal Screenings, MTSS and Student’s Mental Health in Florida
Florida Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference - Orlando, Florida
- 2018 MTSS Comparing Early Warning Signs (EWS) and Universal Screening Results
Florida Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference - Orlando, Florida.
- 2018* Latinx Responsive Counseling Methods and Practice - Training for Interns
Nova Southeastern University
- 2018* PREPaRE 2 - Crisis Intervention in Recovery, School Psychological Services, SDPBC
- 2017* Project RAICES: Promoting Wellness and Positive Outcomes with Latina/o Students
National Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference - San Antonio, Texas
- 2017 School Response to Trauma - Martin Luther King Annual Conference
Equity Summit Youth Services Council - West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2016* Promoting Wellbeing Among Latinx Immigrant Students
National Latinx Psychological Association (NLPA) Annual Conference - Orlando, Florida
- 2016* Social Justice Methods with Diverse Students
Student Wellness Mental Health Conference - West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2016* Bilingual Competencies in Assessment and Counseling
American Counseling Association Annual Conference - Montreal, Canada
- 2015* Psycho-Cultural Tools for Immigrant Students – Mini-Skills Workshop.
National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida
- 2015* Executive Functioning: The Umbrella Syndrome. School District of Palm Beach County
- 2014* *¿Hablas Español?* (Do you speak Spanish?): Language as an agent of social justice, advocacy and competent practice with Latinas/os. National Latinx Psychological Association Biannual Convention - Albuquerque, N.M.
- 2014 Culturally Responsive Counseling with Latinas/os
National Latinx Psychological Association Biennial Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2013* Ethnic Identity: An Underlying Force in Academic Achievement
Cultural Conference, School District of Palm Beach County, Lantana, Florida
- 2012* Exemplary Practices in Conducting Culturally Sensitive School Meetings
Cultural Conference, School District of Palm Beach County - West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2012* Implementing Latino Counseling Competencies in Clinical Supervision: Culturally Responsive Practices in Action - Learning Institute
American Counseling Association Annual Conference - San Francisco, California
- 2010* Practice and Professional Development with Latinas/os
National Latinx Psychological Association (NLPA) Biennial Conference - San Antonio, Texas
- 2010 Challenging and Critical Issues to Consider as a Latina/o Clinician
National Latinx Psychological Association - San Antonio, Texas
- 2010* Latino Counseling Competencies - Learning Institute

- American Counseling Association Annual Conference - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2008* Cultural Competence for Physicians and Nurses
Florida Department of Health - Clewiston, Florida
- 2007* Culturally Responsive School Interventions
School District of Palm Beach County - West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2007* Latino Multicultural Competencies
American Counseling Association Annual Conference - Detroit, Michigan
- 2006 Micro-Aggressions. American Counseling Association Annual Conference - Montreal, Canada
- 2005* Cross-Cultural Couples: Challenges in Practice - Learning Institute
American Counseling Association Annual Conference - Anaheim, California
- 2004* Assessment of Diverse Children (Invited Presenter)
RACE Conference - Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
- 2004* Marital/Couple Therapy with Latinas/os
National Latinx Psychological Association Annual Conference - Scottsdale, Arizona
- 2004* Latino Parenting Models: Diverse Perspectives and Practices
National Latinx Psychological Annual Conference - Scottsdale, Arizona
- 2004 Systemic Organizational Interventions
American Counseling Association Annual Conference - Kansas City, Missouri
- 2004* Cross-Cultural Couples in Counseling: Dynamics and Methods - Learning Institute
American Counseling Association Annual Conference - Kansas City, Missouri
- 2004* Latino Psychology: Expanding our Clinical Perspectives
School District of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2004* Multicultural Counseling and Solution-Focused Approaches, Exceptional Student
Education Conference, School District of Palm Beach County -West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2003* Latino Counseling Assessment
American Counseling Association Annual Conference - Anaheim, California
- 2002* Latino Assessment and Intervention. - Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Florida
- 2002 Best Practices with Latinos/as in Counseling
American Counseling Association Annual Conference - New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2001* Latino/a Developmental Processes Across the Lifespan - Learning Institute
American Counseling Association Annual Conference, - San Antonio, Texas
- 1999 The Interplay of Language Diversity and Cultural Values - Learning Institute
American Counseling Association Annual Conference - San Diego, California
- 1998* Culturally Sensitive Mental Health Practice
National Association of Social Workers State Conference - Cocoa Beach, Florida
- 1998 Identity Issues Among Latino/as
American Counseling Association Annual Conference - Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1997* Organizational Interventions - Brevard County School Board, Melbourne, Florida
- 1997* Organizational Effectiveness - Child Care Association, Melbourne, Florida
- 1997* Working Together: Increasing Organizational Effectiveness
Hacienda Girls Ranch, Melbourne, Florida
- 1997* Forgiveness and Wellness: An Important Relationship
Women's Centers of Brevard County, Melbourne, Florida

- 1996* Cognitive Behavioral Interventions - Clinical Training for Brevard County School District, Melbourne, Florida
- 1986 Reading Disabilities and Family Factors Florida Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention - Tampa, Florida
- 1984 Multicultural Counseling. Florida American Counseling Association - Orlando, Florida

Invited Speaker

- 2015 Healthy Families, Healthy Communities – Mental Health Conference, Jacksonville, Florida (Keynote Speaker)
- 2013 Current Status of Latino Mental Health. Latino Mental Health Conference, Chicago, Illinois (Keynote Speaker)
- 2005 Child and Adolescent Assessment. RACE Conference, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona (Invited Speaker)
- 1978 President’s Commission on Mental Health - Hispanic Task Force Report Mental Health Association Conference, Tampa, Florida (Invited Speaker)

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Professor, College of Psychology 2021 to 2022
Nova Southeastern University

Graduate Courses:

- Assessment of Personality and Social Emotional Functioning for Intervention
- Play Therapy
- Counseling Theories and Techniques

Visiting Professor, Department of Psychology 2005 to 2021
Universidad del Valle de Guatemala,
Guatemala City, Guatemala

- Graduate Course: Clinical Supervision - 2005 to 2016
- Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member – 2018
- Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member – 2021

Awards and Recognitions

- 2019 **School Psychology Internship Collaboration**
Nova Southeastern University - Recognition
- 2018 Community Partnership Award Nominee
Representing the School District of Palm Beach County

Nova Southeastern University

- 2017 **School Psychologist Administrator of the Year**
Florida Association of School Psychologists
- 2016 **Madrina Award: Lifetime Achievement Award**
National Latinx Psychological Association
- 2016 **Distinguished Professor of Graduate Studies**
Universidad del Valle de Guatemala
- 2015 **Compadrazgo and Comadrazgo Mentoring Leadership Award**
Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development,
American Counseling Association
- 2014 **School Psychologist of the Year Award**
Palm Beach Association of School Psychologists
- 2014 Florida School Psychologist of the Year Award Nominee
Florida Association of School Psychologists
- 2012 **Service Award**
Palm Beach Association of School Psychologists
- 1995 Outstanding Clinician of the Year Nominee
Florida Association of Community Mental Health
- 1994 **Clinician of the Year** – Circles of Care, Inc.

Leadership Positions

- 2015 President, Palm Beach Association of School Psychologists
- 2012 - 2014 Membership Chair, Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD)
- 2005 - 2008 VP Latino Concerns, AMCD, American Counseling Association (ACA)
- 2006 - 2007 Co-Chair Latino Family Counseling Competencies Task Force (ACA)
- 2005 - 2006 Chair Latino Counseling Competencies Work Group, AMCD

Professional Activities

- 2021-Present United States Delegate, Sociedad Interamericana de Psicología
- 2020-Present School Safety and Crisis Response Committee Member
National Association of School Psychologists
- 2015 - 2020 Member - Planning Committee - Mental Health
Conference, School District of Palm Beach County
- 2016 - 2018 Member - Children Services Funds, Inc. Board
Florida Association of School Psychologists
- 2014 - 2016 Member - Bilingual Practitioner Proficiency Standards

Task Force, American Counseling Association (ACA)

- 2013 - 2015 Member - School Psychology Best Practices Committee
School District of Palm Beach County
- 2009 - 2010 Member - Gifted Committee for Underrepresented
Populations, School District of Palm Beach County
- 2005 Member - Initial Committee Labor Center (El Sol)
Palm Beach County
- 1996 - 1997 Member - AMCD Convention Committee, ACA Conference,
Orlando, Florida
- 1990 - 1997 Community services through local newspaper interviews
(Florida Today) and television presentations
- 1990 - 1993 Member, County Task Force for Emotionally Disturbed
Children, Melbourne, Florida
- 1990 - 1991 Member, County Child Abuse Task Force,
Melbourne, Florida
- 1977 - 1978 Member, Hispanic Task Force. The President's Commission
on Mental Health, The White House, Washington D.C.

Current Book Project

Grazioso, M.P., Hernández Alvarez, H., Falender, C., Goodyear, R., Gallardo-Cooper, M., & Cobar Catalán, A.A. (Editors). *Realizando Supervisión Clínica en América Latina: Qué Entender Sobre Políticas, Prácticas y Desafíos* (Conducting clinical supervision in Latin America: What to understand about politics, practices, and challenges)
Projected publication in 2023

Affiliations/Memberships

American Psychological Association
National Association of School Psychologists
National Latinx Psychological Association
Sociedad Interamericana de Psicología

Languages

Spanish and English