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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. *Comunicado*, 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. *Comunicado*, 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