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## Education

- Ph.D. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida - 1997  
Mental Health Counseling  
Comprehensive Exams in School Psychology - 1991  
Dissertation: Comparison of Three Different Home-School Meeting Formats  
Conducted by Mental Health Professionals  
P. Joseph Wittmer (Chair), Janet Larsen, and Cecil Mercer
- 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed), Re-Certification 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed)
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer – April 2019

## Experience

- Assistant Professor, Nova Southeastern University 2023
- Adjunct Professor, Nova Southeastern University 2021 - 2023
- Private Practitioner, Moving Forward Consulting 2021 - 2023
- Administrator and Program Planner 2015 - 2021  
School Psychological Services  
School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC)
- Visiting Professor – Universidad del Valle de Guatemala 2005 - 2021  
Guatemala City, Guatemala
- Private Practice 2002 - 2015

- School Psychologist - Multicultural Team, SDPBC 2001 – 2015
- Director of Outpatient Clinics  
Circles of Care, Inc., Melbourne, Florida 1989 – 2021
- School Psychology Internship 1988 - 1989  
Academia San Jorge & Universidad de Puerto Rico  
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 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 1976 - 1977  
North Central Florida Community Mental Health,  
Gainesville, Florida
- Outpatient Therapist 1975  
North Central Florida Community Mental Health,  
Gainesville, Florida

## 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.

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 2023).

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.

## Teaching Experience

2021 to Present -Adjunct and Assistant Professor

Department of Clinical and School Psychology

College of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University. Courses:

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

2005 to 2021 - Visiting Professor, Department of Psychology

Universidad del Valle de Guatemala, Guatemala City, Guatemala

- Graduate Course: Clinical Supervision - 2005 to 2016
- Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member
  - 2018 Clinical Supervision in Guatemala
  - 2021 Strengthening Clinical Supervision Through Supervisee Perspectives in Guatemala

## Supervisory Experience

2023 – School-related Psychological Assessments and Clinical Interventions Clinic

Psychological Services Clinic at Nova Southeastern University, Practicum Students

2015–2020 Coordinator of Specialist and Doctoral Internships (APPIC) in School Psychology

Supervision of School Psychology and Internship Supervisors,

School District of Palm Beach County

1990–2001 Clinical supervision of practicum and doctoral students; supervision for licensure

**Presentations (\* Primary Presenter)**

- 2023\* Clinical supervision: Lost in translation. College of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University, March.
2023. Instilling radical hope in traumatized children by optimizing parental support. Annual Conference National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Denver, Colorado
- 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, MA
- 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\* 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)

### **Special Projects**

**Gallardo-Cooper, M.,** Torres Fernández, I., & Iglesias, M.I. (2016). Reaffirming Assets with Immigrant Children in Educational Settings (*RAICES* – “Roots” in Spanish). Implemented as an after

school social-emotional program for elementary students and parents in Palm Beach County, Florida. Positive outcomes in dissertation research (2021).

Iglesias, M. I., & **Gallardo-Cooper, M.** (2004). Spanish translation of the CAB: Clinical Assessment of Behavior. Submitted to author: Bruce A. Bracken.

## **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 Distinguished *Madrina* Award for Advancing Latina/o Psychology**

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 Florida School Psychologist of the Year Award Nominee**

Florida Association of School Psychologists

### **2014 School Psychologist of the Year Award**

Palm Beach 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**

- 2020-Present Member, NASP School Safety and Crisis Response Committee
- 2021 - 2022 United States Delegate, Sociedad Interamericana de Psicología
- 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.

## **Affiliations/Memberships**

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

## **Languages**

Spanish and English