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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), (CACREP Accredited). Counseling and Counselor Education, June 2017, Syracuse University, New York

Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S), Disability Studies, May 2017, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

Master's of Science (M.S.), (CACREP Accredited) Clinical Mental Health Counseling, May 2013, Long Island University, Brentwood, New York

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Psychology, January 2006, Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Licensed Mental Health Counselor, License #008420, New York State

Licensed Mental Health Counselor, License #MH20960, State of Florida

National Certified Counselor, ID 343471, National Board for Certified Counselors

Approved Clinical Supervisor #4694, Center for Credentialing and Education

Licensed Psychologist, License #5905, Venezuelan Psychologists Federation

FACULTY EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Counseling (Summer 2022-Present)

Nova Southeastern University, Department of Counseling, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Assistant Professor of Psychology and Mental Health Counseling (Fall 2017-May 2022)

Marist College, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Poughkeepsie, New York

Doctoral Instructor and Co-Instructor (2014-2017)

Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed:

Rivas, M. & Hill, N. R. (2023). Disability Counseling Competence: A Grounded Theory of Counselors' Perceptions. *The Journal for Counselor Preparation and Supervision*, 17(1).

Killian, T. S., Rivas, M., & Sharp, M. (2022). Sexual/Affectional and Religious/Spiritual Identities: Critical Incidents Associated to Self-Perceived Identity Integration. *Counseling and Values*, 67, 138-165.

- Rivas, M., Killian, T. S., Rinke, C., & Cole, R. (2021).** Female offenders under community supervision: A phenomenological analysis. *Journal of Addictions & Offender Counseling, 42*, 19-34.
- Peters, H. C., Killian, T. S., & **Rivas, M. (2020).** Queer male couples ecological and relational third space. *Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling, 14(2)*, 134-152. doi:10.1080/15538605.2020.1753626
- Rivas, M. (2020).** Disability in Counselor Education in the United States. *International Journal for the Advancement of Counselling, 42(4)*, 366-381 doi: 10.1007/s10447-020-09404-y
- Peters, H. C., & **Rivas, M. (2018).** Affirmative Client Care: Reconciling Evidence-Based Practices within Humanistic Engagement. *The Journal of Counselor Preparation and Supervision, 10(1)*. Retrieved from <https://repository.wcsu.edu/jcps/vol10/iss1/11>
- Rivas, M. & Hill, N. R (2018).** Counseling Clients with Disabilities: A Phenomenological Study of Trainees' Experiences. *Counselor Education and Supervision, 57(2)*, 116-131.
- Peters, H. C., & **Rivas, M. (2018).** The self-model of humanistic supervision. *International Journal for the Advancement of Counselling, 1-18*. doi:10.1007/s10447-018-9323-5
- Lopez (**Rivas**), M. (2015). Developmental disability, sexuality, and counseling: A call for action and ecological implications. *Journal of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association, 14*, 19-27.
- Book Chapters:**
- Conyers A., Fields C.W., Garcia M.L., **Rivas M.**, Hanssen D., Williams S.A.S. (2020) Association Awareness: Pedagogically Reframing Difficult Dialogues. In: Parson L., Ozaki C. (eds.), *Teaching and Learning for Social Justice and Equity in Higher Education*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.
- Rivas, M. (2020).** Child Street Labor: Contested Narratives of Mental Health and Disability in Indigenous Ecuador. In C. Figueroa & D. Hernandez-Saca (Eds.), *Centering Disability in Latin America*. Palgrave Mcmillan.
- Vereen, L., Hill, N. R., & Lopez (**Rivas**), M. (2015). African American Athletes and Higher Education. In M. A. Shillingford-Butler & J. Curry (Eds.), *The Journey Unraveled: College & Career Readiness of African American Students*. NY: Lexington Books.
- Lopez (**Rivas**), M. (2015). Combining Feminist Group Supervision with the Foci Areas of the Discrimination Model. In M. Luke & K. M. Goodrich (Eds.). *Group Work Experts Share Their Favorite Activities for Supervision*. Alexandria, VA: Association for Specialists in Group Work.

In review/In progress:

Rivas, M., Yznaga, S., Pulgar, C., Rendon Finnell, Laura, & Lopez, Anna. (in preparation). Administrators' Experiences in Bilingual Counseling Programs: A Phenomenological Study. *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*

JURIED PRESENTATIONS

National/International:

Rivas, M., Yznaga, S., Rendon, L., Pulgar, C., & Lopez, A. (October, 2023). Administrators' Experiences in Bilingual Counseling Training Programs: A Phenomenological Study. (Roundtable). Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Denver, CO.

Rivas, M., & Conyers, A. (March, 2023). "Reflections of Justice Involved Women under Community Supervision" (Education session) Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. National Harbor, MD.

Rivas, M. (October, 2021). "Promoting Anti-Racist and Ant-Ableist Practices in Counselor Education: An Examination of Disability Counseling Competence" (Education session) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Atlanta, GA.

Rivas, M., & Lee, A. (October, 2021). "Disability Inclusivity in Counseling Clinical Experiences" (Poster session) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Atlanta, GA.

Rivas, M., & Bell, T. (October, 2019). Counseling trainee's clinical experiences: Are we providing inclusive and culturally competent sites for students? (Roundtable) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Seattle, WA.

Rivas, M., Hill, N. R., & Seward, D. (October, 2017). *The Development of Disability Cultural Competence: A Grounded Theory*. (Education session) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Chicago, Illinois.

Rivas, M., Hill, N. R., Peters, H. C., & Vereen, L. G. (October, 2017). *Multicultural Training for Counselors: A Qualitative Investigation of Students' Experiences*. (Education session). Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Chicago, Illinois.

Rivas, M., Peters, H., & Lee, A. (June, 2017). *Humanism and the Global South: Expanding the Multicultural Discourse*. (Poster session) Association for Humanistic Counseling Conference, Syracuse, New York.

Peters, H. & Rivas, M. (June, 2017). *The Self-Model of Humanistic Supervision: A Proposed Model* (Educational session) Association for Humanistic Counseling Conference, Syracuse, New York.

Rivas, M. & Vereen, L. (June, 2017). *Creating Synergy between Wellness and Career Readiness for Student-Athletes*. (Educational session) Association for Humanistic Counseling Conference, Syracuse, New York.

- Levine, C., Peters, H. C., Rivas, M., Lee, A., Luke, M., & Seward, D. (March, 2016). *Advocacy through Exploration: Group Dialogues for Strengthening Counselor Identity*. (Poster Presentation) American Counseling Association and Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association Conference. Montreal, Canada.
- Hill, N. R., Vereen, L., & Rivas, M. (March, 2016). *Student Athlete Well-Being: Creating Synergy between Wellness and Career Readiness*. (Educational session) American Counseling Association and Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association Conference. Montreal, Canada.
- Rivas, M. (September, 2015) *A Structured and Systemic Model for Literature Reviews: Cultivating Success for Emergent Scholars*. (ACES INFORM session) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Lee, A. & Rivas, M. (September, 2015) *Fostering Cultural Conversations through Safety and Engaged Pedagogy*. (Roundtable Session) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Rivas, M. (September, 2015) *Cultivating Culturally Relevant Pedagogy: A Phenomenological Study of Counselors' Lived Experiences Counseling Disability*. (Educational session) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Rivas, M. & Lee, A. (September, 2015) *Intersectionality in Group Supervision: A Feminist Approach to Engaged and Transformative Pedagogy*. (Roundtable Session) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Hill, N, Kerns, L., Vereen, L., Seward, D., Rivas, M., & Peters, H. (September, 2015) *Privacy, Security, and Encryption: Challenges and Strategies for Ensuring HIPAA Compliance*. (Presentation Panel) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Luke, M. & Goodrich, K. (Editors) and SU Contributors (M. Rivas among others). (September, 2015). *Group Work Experts Share Their Favorite Supervision Activities*. (Book Signing) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Rivas, M. (June, 2015). *Group work and People with Disabilities, A Critical Examination of the Counseling Literature*. (Poster Presentation) American Mental Health Counseling Association Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Rivas, M. (July, 2014) *Attachment Styles and Clinical Supervision: A research approach and potential practical suggestions for clinical supervisors*. (Educational Session) 10th International Interdisciplinary Conference on Clinical Supervision. Adelphi University. Garden City, New York.

Rivas, M. (March, 2014) International Student Panel. Presented at the American Counseling Association International Conference. Honolulu, Hawaii.

Regional:

Rivas, M. & Clark, G. (March, 2024). Disability Counseling Competence. CSI Statewide Conference 2024. Orlando, FL.

Rivas, M., Tinstman-Jones, J., Pardo, A., Patel, J., & Chauhan, J. (March, 2024). Maternal Mental Health Counseling. CSI Statewide Conference 2024. Orlando, FL.

Rivas, M. (November 2022). *Counseling Interns' Experiences during Covid-19: A Photovoice Study*. (25 minute express session) Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Baltimore, Maryland.

Cole, R., Rivas, M., Killian, T. S., & Rinke, C. (September, 2019). *The Lived Experiences of Female Offenders in Correctional Supervision: A Qualitative Study*. Explorations in Social Justice Conference at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Rivas, M., & Hill, N. R. (November, 2018). *Innovating in Disability Cultural Competence Pedagogy: Implications from Licensed Professional Counselors*. (Roundtable) North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Burlington, VT.

del Rosario, P., Rivas, M., & Killian, T. (November, 2018). *Multicultural and Social Justice Frameworks in Counselor Supervision: A 10 year review*. (Roundtable) North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Burlington, VT.

Hiscox, M., & Rivas, M. (April, 2018). *Innovative Conversations Around Ethics: A Review of Literature on Recommendations for Professional Counselors Working with Child Custody Cases*. (Poster Session) New York Mental Health Counseling Association. Albany, NY.

Rivas, M. & Peters, H. C. (October 2016). *Contested Narratives in Counselor Education: Multicultural Humanism or Humanism in the Global South*. (Poster Session) Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Louisiana, New Orleans.

Rivas, M. & Hill, N. R. (October 2016). *Disability in Multicultural Training: A Phenomenological Study of Counselors' Lived Experiences*. (Poster Session) Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Louisiana, New Orleans.

Hill, N. R., Vereen, L. G., & Rivas, M. (October 2016). *Strengthening the Resilience of Student-Athletes: Contributions of Counselor Education Programs*. (Roundtable) Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Louisiana, New Orleans.

Peters, H. C., Lustica, H., Smith, A., Rivas, M. (September 2016). *Panel for Graduate Student Leadership and Development*. North Atlantic Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. Syracuse, New York.

Rivas, M., Hill, N. R., Peters, H. C., & Vereen, L. G. (September 2016). *Multicultural Training for Counselors: A Qualitative Investigation of Students' Experiences*. (Poster Session). North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Syracuse, New York.

Rivas, M. & McEachern, M. (September, 2014). *Igniting the power of love: A review of the literature in LGBT in people with Disabilities*. North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Providence, Rhode Island.

Thaxton, S., Luke, M. & Rivas, M. (September, 2014). *Consensual Qualitative Research: Analysis of Critical Incidents in Counselor Educators' Research Collaboration*. North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Providence, Rhode Island.

Mariska, M., Rivas, M., & Denicker, A. (September, 2012). *Using Strength based Assessment in Experiential Learning Assignments*. North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference. Niagara Falls, New York.

Local:

Rivas, M., Killian, T. S., Rinke, C., & Cole, R. (November, 2019). *The lived experiences of female offenders under community supervision: A qualitative study*. New York State Criminal Justice Council.

Rivas, M. (October, 2015). *Indigenous Street Children: Contested Narratives of Mental Health and Disability in Indigenous Ecuador*. 2015 University of Rochester Disabilities Studies Cluster Symposium. Rochester, New York.

Lopez (Rivas), M. & Thaxton, S. (November, 2014). *Empowering the Right to Love: A Call for Professional Collaboration in the Field of People with Developmental Disabilities*. (Educational Session) 46th Annual Pennsylvania Counseling Association Conference. State College, Pennsylvania.

Granger, E., Lopez (Rivas), M., & Yu, X. (March, 2013) *Intercultural Communication: Understanding our International Students*. Presented at the Resident Advisor Diversity Drive-In Conference at Syracuse University. Syracuse, New York.

Invited Lecturer:

Rivas, M. (October, 2016). *Multicultural Reflexivity*. Department of Psychology and Counseling. Alfred University. Alfred, NY.

Rivas, M. (April, 2016). *Disability and Sexuality in Counseling and Counselor Education*. Plymouth State University Diversity Institute. Plymouth, New Hampshire.

- Rivas, M. (Fall, 2015). *Convergence of Professional Counseling, Culture, Ecology, and Ethical practice*. Professional Orientation and Ethics class. Department of Counseling and Human Services. Syracuse University. Syracuse, New York.
- Rivas, M. (Fall, 2015). *Diagnosis and Assessment in Counseling*. Professional Orientation and Ethics class. Department of Counseling and Human Services. Syracuse University. Syracuse, New York.
- Rivas, M. & Lee, A. (Spring, 2015). *Disability and Intersectionality in Multicultural Training*. Social and Cultural Dimensions of Counseling. Department of Counseling and Human Services. Syracuse University. Syracuse, New York.
- Rivas, M. (Spring, 2015). *Projective assessment in Counseling and the Rorschach inkblot test*. General Counseling Methods class. Department of Counseling and Human Services. Syracuse University. Syracuse, New York.
- Rivas, M. (Summer 2014). *Disability in Multicultural Training*. Social and Cultural Dimensions of Counseling. Department of Counseling and Human Services. Syracuse University. Syracuse, New York.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Rivas, M. Professional Development Award for Scholarship (2023-2024). *Spanish-speaking Counseling Students' Perspectives on Clinical Training*. \$1,000.00. Funded.
- Rivas, M. & Conyers, A. (Summer 2021). Research Grant submitted to the William T. Grant Foundation for the project titled: *Mental Health Inequalities in BIPOC Emerging Adults: A Grounded Theory Investigation*. Requested: \$48,468. Not Funded.
- Rivas, M., (Spring 2019) Summer Research Grant. Submitted to Marist College Faculty Committee on Sabbaticals and Research Grants. \$3,500. Funded.
- Killian, T. & Rivas, M. (2018). The Impact of Religious/Spiritual Critical Incidents on LGB Religious/Spiritual Identity Negotiation. Submitted to Marist College Strategic Plan Projects Advisory Committee. \$4,500.00. Not Funded.
- Rivas, M. & Killian, T. (2018). The Lived Experiences of Female Offenders: A Qualitative Study to Inform Gender-Based Correctional Services. Submitted to Marist College Strategic Plan Projects Advisory Committee. \$5,000.00. Not Funded.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

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| CSI Faculty Co-Advisor
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program
Nova Southeastern University | Fall 2022- Present |
| Multicultural Social Justice Research Council
Marist College | Spring 2019- May 2022 |
| Clinical Experience Coordinator
Marist College Clinical Mental Health Counseling program | Fall 2018 – June 2022 |

Co-Chair Bilingual ACES Interest Network	Summer 2018-Present
Co-Chair Vendor and Sponsorship Committee. NARACES 2018	Fall 2017 – Fall 2018
Editorial Staff <i>Journal of Counselor Preparation and Supervision</i>	Spring 2017
Committee Member <i>ACES Social Justice and Human Rights Committee</i>	2017 -2018
Committee Member <i>Search Committee for Tenure-Track position in Department of Counseling and Human Services, Syracuse University</i>	Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Specialists in Group Work</i>	Summer 2016
Co-Editor, <i>NARACES Graduate Student Bulletin</i>	Summer 2016
Program Reviewer, <i>2016 NLPA Latino Conference</i>	Fall 2015
Member, <i>Exhibit/Sponsors Committee</i> 2015 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference	Summer, 2015
Vice-President, <i>Chi Sigma Iota, Sigma Upsilon chapter</i> Chi Sigma Iota International Counseling Honor Society	(2014-2015)
Member, <i>Teaching and Leadership Curriculum Committee</i> Syracuse University, School of Education	(2014-2015)
<i>Family Crisis Counseling Curriculum development for parents of children with developmental disabilities</i> Youth Adult Institute, New York, New York	December 2011- August 2013

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

<i>Rivas Psychotherapy</i> (Weston, FL) <i>Clinical Director</i>	October 2023 – present
<i>Bilingual Licensed Professional Counselor (LMHC in NY & FL)</i> <i>Telehealth Private Practice.</i>	December 2017-present
<i>Professional Counselor (MHC-limited permit)</i> <i>Brownell Center for Behavioral Health, Syracuse, NY</i>	August 2013-July 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide counseling services for adults, adolescents and families in English and Spanish • Plan and deliver interventions and referrals according to client’s needs • Create and implement treatment plans for clients 	

Bilingual Crisis Counselor – Family Services 2011-2013
YAI National Institute for People with Disabilities, Kew Gardens, NY 11415

- Provided parents with In-Home behavioral crisis intervention in English and Spanish
- Offered psycho-education to parents of children with disabilities to effectively handle misbehaviors and emotional difficulties at home
- Connected families with additional services within YAI or other agencies through LINK

Clinician - Social Security's National Unit for Infantile Psychiatry January 2005-July 2005
Caracas, Venezuela

- Performed emotional and neurological assessments and collaborated with multidisciplinary teams in the development of treatment
- Provided counseling to adolescents and their families in Spanish
- Completed psychological evaluations and designed treatment recommendations
- Conducted follow up sessions to evaluate progress and provide referrals for additional services

Clinician - Mental Health Center 2004-2005
Central University of Venezuela

- Performed emotional and neurological assessments and prepared treatment plans in conjunction with staff (psychiatrists and psychologists)
- Provided counseling to children, adolescents and adults, and provided informational sessions and counseling to families
- Conducted follow up sessions to evaluate progress and provide referrals for additional services

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Outstanding Graduate Student Award,	NARACES (2016)
Emerging Leader,	ACES (2015)
Inductee,	CSI (2015-Present)
Graduate Symbolic Degree Recipient,	LIU (2013)
Emerging Leader,	NARACES (2012)
Aviva Bershaw Award for Dedication and Commitment to the Profession of Counseling,	LIU (2012)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CACREP Site Visit Team Member	Fall 2021-Present
CACREP Self Study Training, ACES Chicago	October 2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Counseling Association (ACA)
Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)
North Atlantic Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NARACES)
Chi Sigma Iota International Counseling Honor Society (CSI)

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Native), Fluent in reading, writing, and public speaking
English, Fluent in reading, writing, and public speaking