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Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Our Lady of the Lake University (APA-accredited) Conferral Date: August 2016
Psy.D. in Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: Ser Mujer: An Autoethnographic Exploration at the Intersection of Gender, Ethnicity, & Professional Identity for Mexican American Female Therapists / Defense Date: April 2016

Certificate: Psychological Services for Spanish Speaking Populations June 2012
Department of Psychology, School of Professional Studies
Our Lady of the Lake University

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology June 2010
M.A. in Clinical Psychology – Counseling Specialization
Certificate: Latino/a Mental Health

University of Texas at Austin May 2008
B.A. in Psychology

Recent Employment

Salud Psychology October 2017 – current
Private Practice
Las Vegas, NV
Owner, Licensed Psychologist

Compassionately committed and able to work in a culturally-responsive manner with diverse clientele in both therapeutic and clinical capacities, supervisory and training roles, outreach and community engagement, and in a program development function. Areas of clinical focus include individual psychotherapy with adolescents and adults in English and Spanish from a decolonial framework. Current contracts:

- **Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada** (individual therapy, program evaluation)
- **Innovation Behavioral Health Solutions** (professional presentations, disability evaluations, supervision, and training - graduate, APPIC interns)

Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada (VMSN) October 2017 – May 2023
VMSN is a nonprofit health organization that provides medical care and support at no cost to the uninsured and underserved residents of Clark County.

Social and Behavioral Health Intervention Services Behavioral Health Program Manager, 2017
SBHIS Department Director, 2019

- Developed Behavioral Health program within integrated care setting
- Conducted phone screenings, in-person intakes, and individual therapy with VMSN patients, in English and Spanish; completing related documentation

- Provided supervision to practicum students (master’s and doctoral level; individual therapy caseload and group therapy, English and Spanish)
- Supervised department staff (Eligibility Coordinator, Social Services Coordinator, Social Services Manager, Diabetes Case Manager)
- Coordinated social work practicum students’ tasks and training semesters
- Organized outreach programming to community as needed
- Created Spanish programming/materials for linguistically underserved community

Professional Affiliations

Nevada Psychological Association, Member,

Board Member: Past-President 2024-2025; President 2023-2024; President-Elect 2022-2023; Secretary for the Executive Board 2021-2022; Secretary for the Southern Regional Board 2020-2021

National Latino Psychological Association, Early Career Professional Member

American Psychological Association, Member

Division 35 - Psychology of Womxn, Member, Membership Co-Chair 2022-current

Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition, Member

UNLV Mental and Behavioral Health Coalition, 2016-2017

Latino Students and Friends Association, Center for Latino Mental Health, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Board Secretary 2008-2009; President 2009-2010

Postdoctoral Fellowship

The PRACTICE: A UNLV Community Mental Health Clinic

August 2016 – August 2017

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Postdoctoral Fellow; Clinic Director/Supervisor: Michelle G. Paul, PhD

Activities included: Providing phone intakes, in-person intakes, and individual therapy to children, adolescents, and adults, in English and Spanish; providing supervision to practicum students (individual therapy caseload and group therapy, English and Spanish); co-facilitating groups for children and adolescents (DBT skills; Pediatric Panic and Anxiety); program development (i.e. Chronic Illness group for Spanish-speaking clients, DBT skills for Youth and Parents, diversity-related programming for staff and students); providing psychoeducational assessments on an as-needed basis

Pre-doctoral Internship

Florida International University Counseling and Psychological Services August 2015-August 2016

APA-accredited

Miami, Florida

Intern; Training Director: Alia Fons-Scheyd, PhD

Activities included: Providing consultations, individual therapy, case management services, co-facilitating process group, and neuropsychological testing to university students; administrative tasks (documentation, weekly clinical staffings); outreach program development; participation in Body Awareness Program (BAP) treatment team (conducting brief eating disorder screenings; biweekly consultations with BAP treatment team; individual psychotherapy with students)

Other Professional Work Experience

The PRACTICE: A UNLV Community Mental Health Clinic August 2017 –June 2018
Las Vegas, Nevada
Adjunct Faculty
Activities included: program research and development; grant writing related to training for provision of services to Spanish-speaking communities

Community Counseling Service (Our Lady of the Lake University) February 2012-July 2015
San Antonio, Texas
Supervisor
Community Counseling Service (CCS) offers support services for individuals, couples, and families, emphasizing solutions and strengths and is a training facility following a team model in which co-therapists work as part of a team and receive immediate supervision. It offers services on a sliding scale based on income, services in Spanish, and a walk-in clinic. Activities included: supervising Master's level counselor trainees in both English and Spanish

Russel Thompson, PhD & Associates August 2013-July 2015
San Antonio, Texas
Psychological Technician
Supervisor: Russel Thompson, PhD
Activities included: administering and scoring psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological batteries for adults and children; areas of testing included testing for memory deficits, traumatic brain injury, ADHD, learning disability, Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, and other cognitive issues

Scholarships/Awards

2021 James Mikawa Award, Nevada Psychological Association
2020 Mental Health First Aid Instructor Scholarship, Americares
2019 AGPA Connect Barbara and Albert Dazzo Endowed Scholarship Recipient, American Group Psychotherapy Association
2018 AGPA Connect General Scholarship Recipient, American Group Psychotherapy Association,
2016 Training Scholarship Recipient, Eating, Attachment, & Somatic Experiencing
2013 Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students, Baptist Health and Human Services
2012 Biennial Conference Student Scholarship, National Latina/o Psychological Association

Professional Presentations

Mejia, C. (2024, June 20). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for volunteers].

Mejia, C. (2024, April 26). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for volunteers].

Mejia, C. (2024, February 9). *Reclaiming Identity: Clinical Considerations When Working with Latinas and Sexuality*. Workshop presented for The Sexual Health School, February cohort.

- Mejia, C.** (2023, December 2). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for volunteers].
- Mejia, C.** (2023, December 1). *Therapy in the Borderlands: Applying Strength-Based, Feminist, and Decolonial Approaches in Relational Therapy*. Workshop presented for The Sexual Health School, December cohort.
- Mejia, C.** (2023, September 1). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for volunteers].
- Mejia, C.** (2023, June 12). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for volunteers].
- Mejia, C.** (2023, April 13). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for volunteers].
- Mejia, C.** (2023, March 16). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for volunteers].
- Mejia, C.** (2023, February 4). *Therapy In The Borderlands: Strengths-Based, Feminist, & Decolonial Approaches For Latinx Immigrant Clients And Their Families*. Reclaiming Identity for Collective Liberation: An Evidence Based BIPOC Mental Health and Healing Conference. February 3-5, Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico.
- Mejia, C. & Leon-Villa, S.** (2023, January 27). *White Supremacy at the Intersection: Intersectional Microaggressions*. Workshop. APA Division 44.
- Mejia, C.** (2022, November 9). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for volunteers].
- Mejia, C.** (2022, September 15). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for volunteers].
- Mejia, C.** (2022, January 28). *Mental Health First Aid*. Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada [training for staff and volunteers].
- Mejia, C.** (2021, December 10). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for students and volunteers].
- Mejia, C.** (2021, November 19). *Mental Health First Aid*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada [training for students and volunteers].
- Mejia, C. & Calderon, K.** (2021, October). *Experiences from the Field*. Workshop. The Chicago School of Professional Psychology [Virtual Presentation].
- Mejia, C. & Lefforge, N.** (2020, March). *Training group therapists to respond to microaggressions*. Workshop. APA Division 49 [PowerPoint Presentation].

Mejia, C. & Pederson, T. (2019, October). *Improving health outcomes for diabetic patients through an integrated care model*. NAFC 2019 Charitable Health Care Symposium, "This is Us: Humans of Health Care." October 27-29, Atlanta, Georgia.

McLaughlin, S., Goates Jones, M., Lefforge, N., & **Mejia, C.** (2019, March). *Responding to bias and microaggressions in group psychotherapy*. Half-day workshop. AGPA Connect 2019, American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Convention, Los Angeles, California.

Mejia, C., Duran, M. Y., & Gonzalez, M. C. (2018, October). *Employing nontraditional mental health settings to address underutilization of mental health services by the Latinx community*. National Latino/a Psychological Association, Bi-Annual Convention, San Diego, California.

Mejia, C., Edgeworth, R., & Pederson, T. (2018, October). *Utilizing free and charitable clinics to address underutilization of social and behavioral health services*. NAFC 2018 Charitable Health Care Symposium, "This is Us: Humans of Health Care." October 14-16, Henderson, Nevada.

Mejia, C. (2018, October). *Improving interaction with Latino/a patients through increased cultural knowledge*. NAFC 2018 Charitable Health Care Symposium, "This is Us: Humans of Health Care." October 14-16, Henderson, Nevada.

McLaughlin, S., **Mejia, C.,** Goates Jones, M., & Lefforge, N. (2018, March). *Manifestations of bias and microaggressions in group psychotherapy*. AGPA Connect 2018, American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Convention, Houston, Texas.

Mejia, C. (2017, January). *Being a Woman: An Autoethnography on Identity Formation, Intersectionality, and Our Stories*. TQR 8th Annual Conference, "When Qualitative Researchers Care." January 12-14, 2017 Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Mejia, C. (2016, October). *Ser Mujer: Identity Development, Intersectionality, y nuestras historias*. National Latino/a Psychological Association, Bi-Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida.

Biever, J., Solórzano, B., Martinez, S., & **Mejia, C.** (2013, August). *Integrating identities: An exploration of Latina feminist supervisors through autoethnography*. American Psychological Association, Annual Convention, Hawaii.

Wetegrove-Romine, A. & **Mejia, C.** (2013, March). *Opening Doors in Primary Care for Strength-Based Therapy*. Conversation-Fest, Clear Lake, Texas.

Mejia, C., Wetegrove-Romine, A., & Martinez, S. (2013, March). *Empowering Silenced Voices: Utilizing Multicultural, Strengths-Based, & Feminist Approaches with Latina Immigrants*. Association for Women in Psychology, Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Bustamante, N., Martinez, S., **Mejia, C.,** Nuñez, G., & Biever, J. L. (2012, October). *Facilitating cultural understanding through immersion experiences*. National Latino/a Psychological Association, Bi-Annual Convention, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Martinez, S., **Mejia, C.,** & Peña, E. (2012, October). *Spanish-English Bilingual Clinicians as Research*

Instruments: Using Autoethnography to Develop Cultural and Linguistic Competence. National Latino/a Psychological Association, Bi-Annual Convention, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Mejia, C., Martinez, S., Aguilar, Y., Espinoza, C., & Castañeda-Sound, C. (2012, October). *Navigating the Intersection of Gender and Culture: The Application of Strengths-based and Feminist Perspectives in the Training of Latinas in Supervision.* National Latino/a Psychological Association, Bi-Annual Convention, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Martinez, S., **Mejia, C.**, Ocampo, I.P., & Anderson, K. (2012, August). *The Sexual Borderlands: Latina Therapists Talking about Sex and Sexuality with Latina Clients.* American Psychological Association, Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida.

Mejia, C., Martinez, S., & Peña, E. (2012, March). *Bilingual Clinicians in Context: Uncovering the Latina Voice.* 9th Annual Center for Mexican American Studies & Research Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

Peña, E., Martinez, S., & **Mejia, C.** (2011, November). *Bilingual Clinicians in Context: Experiences of Heritage Speakers of Spanish.* Texas Psychological Association, Annual Convention, San Antonio, Texas.

Camacho, Y., Garibay, G., Liggett, M., **Mejia, C.**, & Sierra, A. (2009). *Black Male Summit Colloquium.* Presentation at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, Illinois.

Professional Publications

Lefforge, N. L., Mclaughlin, S., Goates-Jones, M., & **Mejia, C.** (2020). A training model for addressing microaggressions in group psychotherapy. *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*, 70(1), 1-28.

Martinez, S. & **Mejia, C.** (2015). Multi-colored feminisms: Two young Latinas' stories of emerging feminist identities. *Feminism & Psychology*, 25(1), 24-29

Torres, H., O'Connor, A., **Mejia, C.**, Camacho, Y., & Long, A. (2011). The American Dream: Racism Towards Latino/as in the U.S. and the Experience of Trauma Symptoms. *Interamerican Journal of Psychology*, 45(3), 363-368

Professional Teaching Experience

Guest lecturer: PSY 750: Diversity Issues in Professional Psychology November 2, 2016
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

PSY 1305-0004 / PSY 1305-0009: Introduction to Psychology Fall 2013
Undergraduate course
Our Lady of the Lake University
Adjunct Faculty

PSY 1305-0002: Introduction to Psychology Fall 2012
Our Lady of the Lake University
Adjunct Faculty

Outreach Presentations / Volunteer Activities

Herramientas emocionales para el verano con sus niños, *Presenter*. Tom Williams Elementary School, Las Vegas, May 8, 2024

Pandemic Seder: Combatting Fatigue, *Presenter*. Jewish Nevada, Las Vegas, April 1, 2021

Opportunities in Non-profit Sector for Community Health Workers, *Presenter*. CHW Class, College of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, December 10, 2020

Mental Health and Resilience Building, *Presenter*. Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, May 11, 2020

3rd Annual Interprofessional Education Day, *Volunteer/Group leader*. University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, March 3, 2017

Psychology PhD Applicant Interview Panel, *Interviewer*. University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, February 17, 2017

Psychology Internship Applicant Interview Panel, *Interviewer*. University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, December 2, 2016

Anxiety Screenings, *Campus Outreach Volunteer*. Florida International University, Miami, FL, December 7th & 11th, 2015

Alcohol & Other Drugs Awareness Event, *Campus Outreach Program Developer/Coordinator of Outreach Event*. Florida International University, Miami, FL, October 27th & 30th, 2015

How to Deal (Develop Effective Approaches for Life): Introduction to Basic Stress Management, *Presenter*. Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, October 16, 2013; January 29, 2014

Association for Women in Psychology, Annual Conference. Global Concerns, Local and Individual Perspectives: Voices of Indigenous, Immigrant, and International Women. *Conference Volunteer*. Salt Lake City, UT, March 9-10, 2013

Translation of article, *Translator*. Gathered in the Room: Reflections on Room by E. Fernandez, C. Quiróz, C. Manzano, A. Proaño, V. Manassero, N. Renteria, & A. L. Reyes (2013) for the International Journal of Collaborative Practices

Institute for Academic Feminist Psychologists, *Volunteer*. San Antonio, TX, January 26-27, 2012

Personal and Professional References & Assessment Experience Available Upon Request
