

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2012-2018

Doctor of Philosophy in Rehabilitation Counseling.

University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley. Classes taken include Distance Education, Advanced Counseling Techniques, Intern Supervision, Grant Writing, Administration and Leadership, Research.

Dissertation: Cost of Caring: The Effects of Euthanasia on Animal Shelter Workers.

UTRGV Honors earned: UTRGV Presidential Graduate Scholarship (Spring, 2016; Fall, 2015). Margaret Draper General Scholarship (Spring, 2016; Fall, 2015). Joan and Bruce Reed Scholarship (Spring, 2016). John & Alma Ruby Van Ramshorst Scholarship (2015, 2014).

Affiliation: Former charter member and Research Liaison, Active Minds at UTPA, a now defunct organization dedicated to reducing stigma against mental illness and promote mental health on college campuses utilizing various methods including educational conference coordination, informational presentations, and expressive arts therapy workshops.

1995-1998

Masters of Arts in Education with a concentration in Educational Psychology/Guidance and Counseling.

University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas. Studied the unique needs of Mexican-American youth in the lower Río Grande Valley and the special needs of women at the community college level.

Honor earned: UTSA College of Social and Behavioral Sciences General Scholarship for Graduate Students (1998).

Affiliations: Charter member, Chi Sigma Iota, Sigma Alpha Chi chapter, counseling honors society. Maintained active participation in the society by performing community service projects, such as pet therapy for patients of nursing homes or mental health facilities. Member, San Antonio C. G. Jung Center.

1991-1995

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
Studied Sociology and Philosophy in addition to Psychology.

Honors earned: Student Honors Convocation, Outstanding Achievement, University Honors Program (1993 and 1992); University Honors Program Academic Awards Scholarship (1992); University Awards, Outstanding Achievement in French (1992).

LICENSURE

Issued 07/23/2002 Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), License Number 17761
Apr 2006-Present Licensed Professional Counselor Board Approved Supervisor (LPC-S)
2014-Present LPC Board Approved Continuing Education Provider

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan2015-Present Private Practice (Independent Contractor), Valley Psychological Services, Edinburg, Texas

Provide individual, couples, family, and group counseling for all age groups.
Conduct professional presentations. Provide LPC supervision.

Sep2018-Present Lecturer I, School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas

Graduate Courses

Techniques in Rehabilitation Counseling
Couples & Family Counseling
Practicum

Undergraduate Courses

Foundations of Expressive Arts
Expressive Arts Modalities in Counseling
Expressive Arts Applications
Lifespan and Development
Rehabilitation Research
Multicultural Issues

Curriculum Development

Foundations of Expressive Arts (Undergraduate)
Expressive Arts Modalities in Counseling (Undergraduate)
Expressive Arts Applications (co-developed, Undergraduate)
Redesigned Techniques in Rehabilitation Counseling for online format (2020)
Redesigned Expressive Arts Modalities in Counseling for online format (2020)
Redesigned (co-developed) Expressive Arts Applications for online format (2020)
Redesigned Multicultural Issues for online format (2020)

Committees

Faculty Search Committee (2018-Present)

Rehabilitation Conference Student Poster Contest Judging Committee (2019)

Jan2015-Present Supervising Consultant Counselor (Volunteer), Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention, University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas

Provide consultation services on an as-needed basis. Serve on annual conference planning committee (2017, 2018). Provide clinical supervision for in-center interpersonal violence counselor.

Jun2020-Jul2020 Part-time Lecturer, Department of Counseling, University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas

Graduate Courses

Career Development

Curriculum Development

Redesigned Career Development for online format (2020)

Jun2019-Jul2019 Part-time Lecturer, Department of Counseling, University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas

Graduate Courses

Career Development

Aug2015-Aug2018 Full-time Lecturer (One-Year Appointment), School of Rehabilitation Services and Counseling, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Rehabilitation

Introduction to Addiction Studies

Medical Aspects of Rehabilitation

Lifespan and Development

Assistive Technology

Rehabilitation Research

Multicultural Issues

Case Management II

Practicum I

Special Topics: Expressive Arts in Behavioral Health

Graduate Courses

Techniques in Rehabilitation Counseling

Practicum

Curriculum Development

Expressive Arts in Behavioral Health (Undergraduate)

Committees

Expressive Arts Minor Steering Committee (2017-2018)

Part-time Faculty Search Committee (2018, 2019)

BS Addictions Tenure/Tenure-track Faculty Search Committee (2019, 2020)

**Aug2017-Aug2018 Part-time Lecturer, Department of Counseling and Guidance,
University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas**

Graduate Courses

Introduction to Counseling

Internship

**Aug2017-Dec2017 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Rehabilitation and Health Services,
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas**

Graduate Course

Multicultural Counseling (online)

**Jan2014-Aug2015 Part-time Lecturer, Department of Rehabilitation Studies, University of Texas
-Pan American, Edinburg, Texas**

Taught undergraduate Rehabilitation Research and Medical Aspects of
Rehabilitation I.

**1999-Dec2014 Supervising Clinical Therapist, Counseling and Psychological Services at the
University of Texas -Pan American, Edinburg, Texas**

Duties included assisting with the supervision and mentoring of Masters- and Doctoral-level practicum students and interns, and represented center in faculty/staff meetings. Provided students with culturally-sensitive psychotherapy and career counseling on an individual or group basis utilizing various therapeutic modalities including expressive arts interventions and Dialectical Behavior Therapy. Managed caseload of up to 50 students per semester. Provided diagnoses. Maintained confidential records and individual files for student clients. Provided crisis intervention. Served as a referral source for university and community resources. Was proactive in addressing needs of students with disabilities being served by center. Worked collaboratively with various campus departments, including Student Health Services, Disability Services, and Student Judicial Services. **Served administrative functions and made clinical decisions for the center as Lead Counselor in transition period between directors (Jul 2004 – Oct 2004).**

- ***UTPA Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team***
 - ***Team Coordinator and Member.*** Coordinated activities and trainings for UTPA CISM Team, the university's crisis team involved in debriefings and psychological first-aid, and is comprised of staff, faculty, and

administrators. Served as a Facilitator for debriefings and provided crisis intervention during critical incidents.

- ***Campus Assault Response Effort (CARE) Co-Coordinator and Advocate.*** Served as advocate for students who had been sexually assaulted either on- or off-campus.
- ***Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Member.***
- ***Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Systems Trainer.***
- ***Staff Senator, 2003 – 2006***
 - ***Chair, 2005-2006, Staff Senate Nominations & Elections Committee.*** Coordinated elections of new Staff Senators under the constitution of the Staff Senate.
 - ***Chair, 2004-2005, Staff Senate Communications Committee.*** As chair of the Communications Committee, was in charge of updating Senate website, writing/editing online Senate newsletter, and assisting with the coordination of the Town Hall meeting each semester.
- ***Member, Institutional Planning and Assessment Committee.*** Represented Staff Senate 2003 to 2005 on presidentially appointed committee. Purpose of the committee was to help establish, design, and coordinate an on-going institutional assessment process and a continuing strategic planning process for the university.
- ***Member, UTPA Environmental Health and Safety Committee.***
- Assisted in the development and implementation of the annual ***Mask Project***, our campus-wide art therapy and educational activity.
- Conducted mental health screenings for Depression, Anxiety, Eating Disorders, and Healthy Relationships.
- Administered and interpreted assessments, such as Myers-Briggs Type Inventory, 16 Personality Factor, Self-Directed Search, Discover, Career Decision-Making Inventory, Strong Interest Inventory.
- ***Faculty advisor, Active Minds, UTPA Chapter***, a student-led mental health awareness group that worked to raise awareness about mental health, raise funds for mental health education and resources through Active Minds, Inc., promote positive mental health and wellness, educate students and administrators about the signs and symptoms of mental health disorders, encourage students who are struggling to reach out and seek help, and reduce stigmas related to mental health.
- Served on Director of Student Health Search Committee (Fall, 2000), as well as Search Committees for various other staff positions.

- Worked on the revision of the Clinical Therapist, Supervising Clinical Therapist, and Counselor III Job Description Questionnaires (JDQ), which successfully led to the promotion of all center staff counselors.
- Assisted in the updating of the Center procedural manual, as well as the development of the front-desk staff procedural manual.
- Co-developed and facilitated workstudy trainings for the Center.
- Assisted in the development and implementation each semester of practicum student/intern training.
- Developed a referral handbook for faculty and staff, which outlines when to refer a student for counseling, center services, and tips for making a successful referral.
- Assisted in the development of promotional materials for the center, including updating center website and management of center Facebook page.
- *Faculty Sponsor for the American Combat Judo/ Ju-Te-Ryu Club and Tahanan, a Filipino campus student group*, both now defunct.
- *Mentor (former)*. Served as mentor to students who were foster children and are transitioning into college through the *Preparation for Adult Living (PAL)* program.
- Member, Planning Committee, GEAR-UP 2006 Conference “Keep The Dream Alive.”
- Multiple interviews with UTPA TV talk show, college and local newspaper, local television news program, and local radio program on various mental health topics.

Oct -Dec 1999 Volunteer, Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Edinburg, Texas

Co-facilitated a counseling group for juvenile First-Time Offenders. Focused on practical life skills attainment utilizing psychoeducation and expressive arts therapies.

Jul -Sep 1999 Social Service Worker II, Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Edinburg, Texas

Served in the Children and Adolescent Unit. Responsibilities included coordinating, linking, and overseeing services for over 60 children, adolescents, and their families. Provided crisis intervention and stabilization services.

1998 – 1999 Career Counselor, South Texas College, McAllen, Texas

Served students with personal and academic counseling, as well as career exploration utilizing various counseling modalities including expressive arts, cognitive behavioral therapy, and existential therapy. Duties included conducting workshops on topics such as Career Decision-Making and Stress Management, providing students with transfer information, and developing group counseling lesson plan on a group for battered women. **Served on the American Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee and faculty search committees.**

1998 – 1999 Adjunct Instructor, South Texas College, Teacher Preparation Department.

Taught Introduction to Education classes.

May 1998-Aug 1998. Volunteer, Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health Mental Retardation, Children and Adolescent Unit, Edinburg, Texas.

After completing practicum at this site, continued to serve the unit providing mental health counseling including play therapy and expressive arts therapies.

Jan 1998-May 1998. Practicum Student, Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health Mental Retardation, Children and Adolescent Unit, Edinburg, Texas.

Performed individual, family, and group counseling sessions, as well as crisis intervention. Utilized play therapy and expressive arts therapies. Participated in a community educational conference and clinical reviews. Taught parenting skills and anger management. Counseled at-risk adolescents and helped equip them with skills to succeed in school and life. Conferred with CPS, Juvenile Probation, Charter Palms, and various school districts about the progress, environment, and mental health of clients and their families.

Jan 1996-Aug 1996. Help-Line Counselor Volunteer, United Way of Bexar County, San Antonio, Texas.

Handled crisis situations and gave callers vital information about available community resources. Provided referral services to appropriate local social service agencies.

SERVICE

Provide LPC CEUs for various campus presentations, as requested.

October 15, 2019 to Present. Ad hoc committee member, UTRGV Department of Counseling. Counseling Advisory Council. Assist in the design, delivery, evaluation, and policy decisions of the UTRGV Counseling Department.

September 25, 2019 to Present. Ad hoc committee member, School for Rehabilitation Services and Counseling. Promotion guidelines for non-tenure track faculty.

August, 2019 to Present. Expert Witness, Office of the District Attorney, Hidalgo County, Texas.
Serve as expert witness on domestic violence/sexual assault case.

February, 2019 to Present. Expert Witness, Office of the District Attorney, Williamson County, Texas. Serve as expert witness on domestic violence and sexual assault cases, as needed.

February, 2019 to Present. Affiliate, UTRGV Mexican American Studies (MAS) Academic Program. Assist MAS with meeting the mission and vision of the program.

December, 2017 to Present. Ambassador, Children’s Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County, Inc.
Serve by assisting in increasing awareness about the Children’s Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County, Inc. (CACHC) its mission, services and impact in the community.

November, 2020 to present. Member, TransFORWARD, Region 8. TransFORWARD is a statewide transgender-powered research collaborative in Texas.

March, 2017 to Present. UTRGV/Doctors Hospital at Renaissance Transgender Clinic Focus Group. Serve as member of focus group in the development of a community integrative physical and mental health clinic for persons who are transgender.

June, 2014 to Present. Volunteer, Palm Valley Animal Center, McAllen, Texas.

- Facilitated *Pet Bereavement Support Group*, 2 times per month, open to the public. (since January, 2018)
- Provided pro bono clinical supervision for LPC intern facilitator of pet bereavement group.
- Provide in-service on a quarterly basis to *medical unit staff on Burnout, Compassion Fatigue, and Self-Care*. (since June, 2014)
- Provide information on animal hoarding behaviors and interventions as requested.
- Visited with animals, providing comfort and companionship.

Summer 2019 – Spring 2020. Member, Office of Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention 4th Annual CAVE Advocacy Conference and Steering Committee.

October 6, 2019. Panel member, Autism panel discussion following the UTRGV Theatre Production of “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime.” Edinburg, Texas.

September 28, 2019. Judge, Art Contest. Raising Awareness, Ending Stigma: Rio Grande Valley Mental Health Coalition Conference. Edinburg, Texas.

August 15, 2019. Provided **Title IX Information with Office of Institutional Equity.** Employee Onboarding and Engagement.

March, 6 & 20, 2019. Information Table, UTRGV School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling. Participated in information table for former pre-nursing students.

February, 2018 to December, 2018. Co-Facilitator, Art for H.E.A.R.T. expressive arts for personal growth and healing. Collaboration with College of Fine Arts and open to the public.

December, 2018. Participant (Volunteer), Active Shooter Exercise, UTRGV Environmental Health & Safety. Acted as the bystander with concealed carry for active shooter exercise that included campus and local law enforcement and EMS.

December 11, 2018. Volunteer Elf. Make-A-Wish Christmas Party. Volunteered to be one of Santa's elves for the annual holiday party for children served by Make-A-Wish and their families.

September 29, 2018. Judge, Art Contest. Raising Awareness, Ending Stigma: Rio Grande Valley Mental Health Coalition Conference. Edinburg, Texas.

August 22, 2018. PSJA ISD, Pathways Toward Independence Program. Provided expressive arts workshop on goal-setting/career exploration for students from age 18-22 years who have developmental or intellectual disabilities.

Summer 2018 – Spring 2019. Member, Office of Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention 3rd Annual CAVE Advocacy Conference and Steering Committee.

June 6, 2018. Facilitator, Compassion Fatigue Group, Harlingen Humane Society, Harlingen, Texas. Provided group/workshop on compassion fatigue for staff members.

February, 2018 to April, 2018. Member, Sexual Assault Month Planning Committee, sponsored by the McAllen Public Library.

Summer 2017 to Spring 2018. Member, Office of Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention 2nd Annual CAVE Advocacy Conference and Steering Committee.

August 3, 2017. Expert Witness, Texas Rural Legal Aid, Hidalgo County, Texas. Provided expert testimony on sexual assault judicial hearing on a pro bono basis.

October, 2017. Expert Witness, Senator Juan Hinojosa, private attorney, Hidalgo County, Texas. Provided expert testimony on sexual assault deposition on a pro bono basis.

March, 2017 to May, 2018. Expert Witness, Office of the District Attorney, Hidalgo County, Texas. Serve as expert witness on domestic violence and sexual assault cases, as needed, on a pro bono basis.

November, 2016 to December, 2017. Support Group Facilitator (pro bono), Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention, University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas. Facilitate support group for survivors of domestic assault.

February, 2016 to May, 2016. Support Group Facilitator (pro bono), Domestic Violence Unit of the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office, Edinburg, Texas. Facilitate support group for survivors of domestic assault entitled "S.T.A.R.S. (Success Through Access to Resources & Survivors)."

December, 2015. Participant (Volunteer), Active Shooter Exercise, UTPA Environmental Health & Safety. Acted as the active shooter for active shooter exercise that included campus and local law enforcement and EMS.

January, 2015 to August, 2015. Support Group Facilitator (Special Assignment), Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention, University of Texas -Pan American, Edinburg, Texas. Facilitate support group for domestic violence/sexual assault survivors.

March 20, 2010. Backstage Volunteer. Provided assistance for The Vagina Monologues, produced by Planned Parenthood, Mujeres Unidas and UTPA Women's Studies Program.

HONORS

November 2, 2019 **Accessibility Achievement Award: Student Belonging.** UTRGV Student Accessibility Services.

August 22, 2019 **Innovation in Teaching Award.** UTRGV College of Health Professions.

October 19, 2018 **Accessibility Achievement Award: Special Recognition.** UTRGV Student Accessibility Services.

April 21, 2017 **Rehabilitation Doctoral Student of the Year,** National Council on Rehabilitation Education.

2004 **Recognition from the UTPA Student Health Services** for outstanding service, dedication to excellence, and commitment to Student Health Services.

CERTIFICATIONS

Advocate, UTRGV DREAM Zone Advocate. (Certified May 15, 2019).

Trainer, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), Adult curriculum instructor. Special designations: Public Safety, Fire/EMS, Higher Education, Veterans. Sponsoring organization: The National Council for Behavioral Health. (Certified 2012).

Trainer, Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR).

Trainer, Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). (Certified December 6, 2016)

Advocate, Campus Assault Response Effort (CARE). (Certified June 6, 2008)

Trainer, LGBTQ Ally (Certified November 15, 2013).

Trainer, Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Systems. (Certified June 20, 2012)

Senior Coach, Psychological/Physical Resistance Training (PRT), a comprehensive self-defense training program for women, which includes emotional and verbal self-defense as well as physical techniques.

Trainer, TIPS University (Training for Intervention Procedures), an alcohol misuse and intoxication prevention skills training program for college and university campuses. (Certified November 8, 2013, not currently active).

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING RECEIVED

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing training. Tapia Counseling & Psychological Services, Inc. (2020).

Faculty Development: UTRGV DREAM Zone Advocate Training. Center for Diversity & Inclusion and DREAM Resource Center. (May 15, 2019).

Bassett, M. (July 10, 2018). 2018 Full Court Press Regional Expert Witness Training: Building capacity for expert witness in domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Sponsored by Expert Witness Programs at the Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (IDVSA) at the University of Texas at Austin, & UTRGV Office for Victim Advocacy and Violence Prevention. (Brownsville, Texas).

Faculty Development: UTRGV Faculty Professional Development Conference. International Center for Sustainability Across Curriculum. (May 18-19, 2018).

Griffin, M. (February 23, 2018). Immigration Status: A Social Determinant of Health. UTRGV Grand Rounds series. Sponsored by UTRGV School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics.

Faculty Development: What's New in Blackboard Training. UTRGV Center for Online Learning and Teaching Technologies. (January 11, 2018).

Survivor-Centered Sexual Assault Investigations/Multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Decision Case Workshop (August 16, 2017). Conducted by Texas Association Against Sexual Assault.

Trauma-Informed Care Course (March 25, 2017). Through the National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth: Family & Youth Services Bureau.

Trauma-Informed Care Overview Training (March 22, 2017). Through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Faculty Development: Maximizing Teaching Effectiveness for Summer Courses (May, 2014).

Motivational Interviewing for Mental Health Disorders.

Prolonged Exposure Therapy (2010). Presented by the Center for Deployment Psychology.

Intensive Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (May, 2010). Presented by the Beck Institute for Cognitive Therapy and Research.

Basic Group Critical Incident Stress Management, Individual Critical Incident Stress Management, Treating Adult & Child Survivors of Abuse and Trauma, Family Issues, AIDS/HIV, ALLY training (homophobia and heterosexism), Ethics in Counseling, Personality Disorders, and Family Violence.

Trained on Prevention and Management of Aggressive Behaviors (PMAB), a system for social service workers to protect both themselves and mental health consumers.

Van Dahlen, B. (2014). Wars wind down: Addressing the complex challenges that confront returning veterans and their families. Plenary session at the Texas Psychological Association conference. Dallas, Texas.

“Our Soldiers, Our Veterans, Our Need for Awareness” Conference hosted by the UTPA Veterans Services Center (October 22, 2010).

Brandon, A. R. (2014). Targeted approaches to psychiatric illness during pregnancy, pregnancy loss, and the postpartum. Concurrent session at the Texas Psychological Association conference. Dallas, Texas.

Preventing and Responding to Disruptive Students in and out of the Classroom. (September 24, 2009). Sponsored by the UTPA Office of the Dean of Students.

“Child Sexual Abuse: Assessment and Intervention.” (May 15, 2008). Conference sponsored by the UTPA Department of Rehabilitation Addictions Studies Project and Student Health Services.

Asperger’s Syndrome: Assessment and Intervention Strategies from Preschool to Adulthood. (February 13, 2008).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Mercado, A., Talavera Garza, L., Popan, J., Nguyen-Finn, K., Sharma, R., & Colunga-Rodriguez, C. (2019). Impairment of functioning and substance use in a Latino population. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse, 18*(3), 404-412. doi: 10.1080/15332640.2017.1404953

Chen, R. K., Nguyen-Finn, K. L., & Park, J. (2018). Effectiveness of practicum supervision as perceived by Hispanic undergraduate rehabilitation services students. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling, 49*(4), 14-20.

Nguyen-Finn, K., & Fischer, J. (2018). Moving Beyond Culturally Competent Services for Vietnamese Americans: Working Towards Social Justice. *Radical Psychology: Multicultural and Social Justice Decolonization Initiatives*. Lexington Books.

Nguyen-Finn, K. (2018). History of Treatment of Persons with Psychological Disabilities. In I. Marini & M. A. Stebnicki (Eds.), *The Psychological and Social Impact of Illness and Disability, 7th Ed.* (pp. 29-48) New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company.

Mercado, A., Talavera-Garza, L., Popan, J., Nguyen-Finn, K., Sharma, R., & Colunga-Rodriguez, C. (2017). Impairment of Functioning and Substance Use in a Latino Population. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*.

- Mercado, A., Rogers, D. L., Villarreal, D., Rodriguez, C. C., Terracciano, A., Nguyen-Finn, K. (2016). Personality and Substance Use in Mexicans and Mexican Americans. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*, 14(6), 907-920. doi:10.1007/s11469-016-9639-5
- Nguyen-Finn, K., Lopez, J., & Alaniz, M. B. (2013). Cardiovascular disease and spinal cord injury. *Journal of Life Care Planning*, 12 (2), 45-54.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. & Fox, D. D. (2013). Respiratory dysfunction and spinal cord injury. *Journal of Life Care Planning*, 12 (2), 63-76.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2012). History of Treatment of Persons with Psychological Disabilities. In I. Marini & M. A. Stebnicki (Eds.), *The Psychological and Social Impact of Illness and Disability*, 6th Ed. (pp. 27-44) New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Mercado, A., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (2015). Voices from the field: Practitioner's suggestions for effective treatment of cultural minority groups. *Texas Psychologist*, 68(2), 10-11.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Chen, R., & Nguyen-Finn, K. Counselor Spirituality and Level of Professional Quality of Life.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. L. Rice and potatoes: One Amerasian's story. In S. Gelberg, Ed., *A Cultural Toolbox: Skills and Strategies for Healing, Resilience, and Growth*.

GUEST LECTURE EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2020: Borderline personality disorder, Adult Psychopathology, Doctoral Clinical Psychology
- Spring 2017: Private practice, Internship, Masters of Rehabilitation Counseling
- Summer 2017: Law and ethics, Internship, Masters of Rehabilitation Counseling
- Fall 2015: Personality disorders, Psychology of Disabilities, Masters of Rehabilitation Counseling
- Fall 2015: Group Counseling, Masters of Rehabilitation Counseling
- Summer 2015: Lifespan and Development, Undergraduate of Psychological Sciences
- Spring 2015: DSM-5, Masters of Rehabilitation Counseling
- Spring 2014: Schizophrenia, Psychology of Disability, Undergraduate of Rehabilitation Services
- Fall 2014: Trauma and related disorders, Practicum, Masters of Clinical Psychology

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Symposia

- Mercado, A., Morales, F., Torres, A., & Nguyen-Finn, K. L. (2020, August 6-9). *Caring for caregivers: The role of culture, support, and stigma in mental illness among caregivers*. [In K. Trevino & K. Ramos, (Co-Chairs) *Addressing the psychosocial needs of underrepresented people with serious life-limiting illness*.] American Psychological Association Government Collaborative Program Proposal accepted by the Committees on Rural Health (CRH) & Aging (CONA) at APA's Annual Scientific Meeting, Washington, D.C. (Conference cancelled)
- Nguyen-Finn, K. L. (2020, May 27). *Self-care for psychological health as an ethical mandate* [Keynote]. 2020 Texas Rehabilitation Association Conference, Galveston, Texas. (Conference cancelled)
- Jones, C., Bassett, M., Campo, J., Nguyen-Finn, K. L. (2020, May 21). *Case study: Triumphs & tragedies in using expert witness* [Conference session]. 2020 Conference on Crimes Against Women, Dallas, Texas. (Conference cancelled)
- Chen, R., Nguyen-Finn, K., & Park, J. (July 12, 2018). "Effectiveness of practicum supervision as perceived by Hispanic undergraduate rehabilitation services students." Concurrent session at the National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns annual training conference, The Silver Jubilee: Shaping Innovation in Multicultural Rehabilitation. Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Blanco, E., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (September 20, 2017). "Motivational interviewing techniques for clients with co-occurring disorders." Concurrent session at the University of North Texas Office of Substance Misuse and Mental Health Recovery Research Recovery Conference. Denton, Texas.
- Mercado, A., Gelberg, S. O., Haynes, L., McGraw, R., & Nguyen-Finn, K., & Poteet, M. A. (2015). "Post-Colonial Psychology: Towards Social Justice and a New View of Cultural Competence." Concurrent session at the Texas Psychological Association conference. San Antonio, Texas.
- Mercado, A., Gelberg, S. O., Haynes, L., Simonsen, G., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (2014). "Multicultural perspectives and important clinical considerations in the treatment of culturally diverse groups." Concurrent session at the Texas Psychological Association conference. Dallas, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K., Diallo, A., & Fischer, J. (2014). "Extreme Ethical Challenge: Confronting the Ethical Violations of a Colleague." Concurrent session at the annual National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) Fall Conference on Rehabilitation Education, Washington, D.C.
- Nguyen-Finn, K., Diallo, A., & Fischer, J. (2013). "Assessment in Rehabilitation: Ethical Issues." Concurrent session at the annual National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) Fall Conference on Rehabilitation Education, Washington, D.C.
- Blankenship, L., Koo, P., Silva, S., Nguyen-Finn, K., & Cano, V. (2007). "Optimizing Mental Health

at UTPA: Collaborative Counseling and Medication Assistance Programs.” Roundtable session at the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education NASPA Mental Health Conference. Houston, TX.

Poster presentations

- Mercado, A., Talavera-Garza, L., Popan, J., Nguyen-Finn, K., & Sharma, R. (August, 2017). Impairment of Functioning and Substance Abuse in a Latino Population. Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association 125th Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.
- Chen, R. K., Lee, C. L., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (April, 2016). “Structural Equation Modeling: Test of Life Satisfaction in a Muscular Dystrophy Sample.” Poster Session, 16th Annual National Rehabilitation Educators Conference, Newport Beach, California.
- Nguyen-Finn, K., & Sharma, R. (2014). “Clinical Supervision at University Counseling Centers.” Poster session at the annual National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE) Fall Conference on Rehabilitation Education, Washington, D.C.

INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, & PRESENTATIONS

- Nguyen-Finn, K. (November 7, 2019). *Psychological Effects of Mass Trauma*. Mass Violence Prevention and Response Conference. Hosted by: Texas Southmost College Office of Student Life, Counseling and Student Accessibility Resources, & the Criminal Justice Program of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department, Brownsville, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (December 20, 2019). *Domestic Violence and Medical Professionals, Part Two*. UTRGV School of Medicine, Family Medicine Resident, QI Project – Domestic Violence Lecture Series. Edinburg, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (November 8, 2019). *Domestic Violence and Medical Professionals, Part One*. UTRGV School of Medicine, Family Medicine Resident, QI Project – Domestic Violence Lecture Series. Edinburg, Texas.
- (April 18, 2019). Panelist. *Let’s Talk About Consent: Informational Q&A on consent, gender, sex, sexuality, and sexual assault*. Sponsored by UTRGV Office for Victim Advocacy & Violence Prevention. Edinburg, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (April 10, 2019). *After Suicide Loss*. Mental Health Awareness Summit: Family Wellness. Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (November 14, 2018). *The Intersection Between Disability and Domestic Violence*. Domestic Violence and Disability Awareness Conference. Hosted by: Texas Southmost College Office of Student Life, Counseling and Student Accessibility Resources, & the Psychology Department, Brownsville, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (September 29, 2018). *Expressive Arts in Mental Health*. Raising Awareness, Ending Stigma: Rio Grande Valley Mental Health Coalition Conference. Edinburg, Texas.

- Nguyen-Finn, K. (April 11, 2018). *Living Life Well Despite Obstacles*. Opening Minds to Mental Health - Mental Health Conference. Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (March 9, 2018). *Learning to Deal with Stress*. 2018 Migrant Leadership Conference. UTRGV P-16 Outreach Programs. Edinburg, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (February 10, 2018). *Stress: I Can't Even*. 2018 Building Bonds Conference. UTRGV P-16 Outreach Programs, Mother-Daughter Program. Edinburg, Texas.
- (October 26, 2017). Panelist. *Immigration and International Students (Focus includes victims who are undocumented and international students who are victims or perpetrators of violence)*. 2nd Annual Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (CAVE) Conference: Serving Marginalized & Underserved Populations. Edinburg, Texas.
- (October 25, 2017). Panel Moderator. *Responding to the Needs of Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities*. 2nd Annual Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (CAVE) Conference: Serving Marginalized & Underserved Populations. Edinburg, Texas.
- Mercado, A., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (August, 2017). "Work, Life, Balance." Concurrent Session, ADRP Community Partners Information Sharing Conference, Edinburg, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (June, 2017). "Expressive Arts in Behavioral Healthcare." Plenary Session, "Counseling & Employment Supports: Current Trends," UTRGV School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling Annual Conference, Edinburg, Texas.
- Mercado, A., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (April, 2017). "Ethicultural Perspectives in Cross-Cultural Psychology and Clinical Practice." Concurrent Session, "Celebrating Recovery!" Palmer Drug Abuse Program 8th Annual Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health Conference, Edinburg, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. & Mendez, D. (March, 2017). "Clinical Interventions for Clients with HIV/AIDS." University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley Addiction Resource Center: Lecture Series.
- Mercado, A., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (October, 2016). "Ethicultural Perspectives in Clinical Practice." Concurrent Session, "Mindscape: Behavioral Health Today," Tropical Texas Behavioral Health 9th Annual CEU/CME Conference, South Padre Island, Texas.
- (October 18, 2016). Panelist. *Effects of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence on Victims and Survivors: Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered, Research-Based Approaches and Understanding Revictimization and Victim-Blaming (Understanding Victims/Survivors and Non-Compliance)*. 1st Annual Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (CAVE) Conference: Stigmas & Stereotypes in Gender-Based Violence. Brownsville, Texas.
- (April, 2016). Panelist. *Special Panel*. UTRGV PACE Conference on Sexual Assault. Brownsville, Texas.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2015). "How Religious Coping and Spiritual Connectedness Affect Older Adults' Depression and Life Satisfaction." Student Statistics Research Conference, University of Texas

Rio Grande Valley Statistics Consulting Center and School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences.

- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2014). "Culturally Sensitive Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Interventions with Asian Americans." Plenary session at the first annual Coastal Bend Coordinated Community Response Coalition Cultural Diversity Conference: Different Roots, One Tree. Corpus Christi, TX.
- Nguyen-Finn, K., & Reagan, D. W. (2014). "Fundamentals of Individual Crisis Intervention." Concurrent session at the Palmer Drug Abuse Program 5th Annual Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health Conference. Edinburg, TX.
- Nguyen-Finn, K., Diallo, A., & Fischer, J. (2014). "Assessment in Rehabilitation: Ethical Issues." Concurrent session at the MORE Health @ UTPA Conference, Edinburg, TX.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2013). "Time and Stress Management Skills." Break-out session workshop at the Generation Texas Leadership Conference. Edinburg, TX.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2012). "Taking Control and Living Life Well Despite Obstacles." Break-out session workshop at the Student Leadership Conference. Edinburg, TX.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2010). "Career Exploration." Break-out session workshop at the Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Conference for former foster children. Edinburg, TX.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2010). "Unraveling Gender." Concurrent session at the Office of Student Development Multicultural Leadership Conference. Edinburg, TX.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2009). "Team Building." Break-out session workshop at the Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Conference for former foster children. Edinburg, TX.
- Rodriguez, M., Blankenship, L., Nguyen-Finn, K., & Cano, V. (2008). "Mask Project: An expressive arts activity." Pre-conference workshop at the Bridging the Divide: Suicide Prevention and Awareness Conference. Regis University, Denver, CO.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2005). "Cultural Diversity and Tolerance." Break-out session workshop at the Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Conference for former foster children. Edinburg, TX.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2004). "Exploring Team Dynamics and Team Building Skills Through Games." Break-out session workshop at the Texas Association of Student Special Services Programs, Inc. 7th Annual Student Leadership Conference "Developing Leaders for a Brighter Tomorrow!" for high school students.
- Nguyen-Finn, K. (2004). "Personality Styles, Communication Skills, and Teamwork." Break-out session workshop at the Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) Conference for former foster children. Edinburg, TX.
- Avila, A., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (1999). "Oppositional Defiant Disorder." Concurrent session at the Head Start Conference, "A Head Start for the 21st Century" for Head Start teachers and teachers' aides. Alamo, TX.

Poster presentations

Chen, R. K., Lee, C. L., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (October, 2016). "Structural Equation Modeling: Test of Life Satisfaction in a Muscular Dystrophy Sample." Poster Session, "Mindscape: Behavioral Health Today" Tropical Texas Behavioral Health 9th Annual CEU/CME Conference, South Padre Island, Texas.

Chen, R. K., Lee, C. L., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (June, 2016). "Structural Equation Modeling: Test of Life Satisfaction in a Muscular Dystrophy Sample." Poster Session, "Counseling and Employment Supports: Current Trends" UTRGV School of Rehabilitation Services & Counseling Annual Conference, Edinburg, Texas.

Chen, R. K., Lee, C. L., & Nguyen-Finn, K. (December, 2015). "Structural Equation Modeling: Test of Life Satisfaction in a Muscular Dystrophy Sample." Poster Session, STITCH Conference, Edinburg, Texas.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Develop and present workshops and presentations on topics such as Stress Management, Women's Self-Defense (Psychological and Physical), Women's Issues, Diversity & Tolerance, Eating Disorders, Conflict Resolution, Career Exploration, Increasing Self-Esteem, Healthy Relationships, and Communication for students, faculty and staff, and the community at large. Provide training for staff and faculty working with students who have behavioral or emotional problems. Conduct training for Residential Life staff on how to handle student crises effectively. Presented to parents of entering freshmen on common transitional issues for new students and available campus resources.

Highlights include:

February 4, 2020. UTRGV MBA Association. Emotional Intelligence in Business presentation as part of the Soft Skills in Business Workshop Series.

January 10, 2020. Da Average Boys podcast, RGV Titan Radio. Guest speaker on suicide prevention and mental health.

December 27, 2019. Compassion Fatigue for Easter Seals Providers. Presentation for staff members of Easter Seals Rio Grande Valley. McAllen, TX.

October 16, 2019. Emotional & Spiritual Intelligence. McAllen Evening Rotary: Leadership Speaker Series. McAllen, Texas.

October 15, 2019. Domestic Violence Panel Discussion. Texas Southmost College and the Cameron County District Attorney's Office. Brownsville, Texas.

August 13, 2019. Holistic Wellness. Teacher In-Service Workshop. South Texas High School for Health Professions (Med Hi). Mercedes, TX.

May 16, 2019. Compassion Fatigue and the Effects of Trauma on the Brain for CASA Advocates/Volunteers. CASA of Cameron & Willacy Counties. Brownsville, TX.

April 5, 2019. Compassion Fatigue for First Responders. Presentation for EMT high school students. South Texas High School for Health Professions (Med Hi). Mercedes, Texas.

November 17, 2018. Drum Circle/Forgiveness Workshop for Survivors of Suicide. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, South Texas Chapter: International Survivors of Suicide Loss. Edinburg, TX

September 1, 2018. Interpersonal Violence Panel Presentation/Discussion. SafeMD Program. UTRGV School of Medicine (2-hr panel)

July 3, 2017. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) 8-hour course. Staff training. Hope Family Health Center. (8-hr CEU)

March 16, 2017. Self-Care for Caregivers: Combatting Compassion Fatigue. Workshop. Palm Valley Animal Center Medical Department.

December, 2016. Non-Suicidal Self-Injury. 2-hour course. Palmer Drug Abuse Program staff professional development training.

October, 2016. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) 8-hour course. Community training. (8-hr CEU)

September, 2016. Sexual Abuse and STIs for Foster Parents/Guardians. Training. Benchmark Family Services.

December, 2015. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) 8-hour course. Community training. (8-hr CEU)

May 1, 2015. Caring for Those Who Care: Compassion Fatigue & Self-Care Workshop. Palm Valley Animal Center Medical Department.

March 27, 2015. Self-injurious Behaviors. Community seminar. (4-hr CEU)

Fall 2008 to Fall 2014. Various suicide awareness and prevention trainings conducted including QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) and Truth About Suicide to students, faculty and staff.

March 18, 2014. "Leadership Styles." Workshop. UTPA Student Leadership Academy.

May 31, 2013. "Stress Management and Building Resiliency." Presentation for pre-service teachers. UTPA Fitness to Teach Academy.

February 9, 2013. Personal Safety. Presentation to middle school girls and their mothers. UTPA Mother-Daughter Program.

November, 2010. "Improving Self-Esteem." Workshop. UTPA Student Leadership Academy.

September, 2010. "Self-Injurious Behaviors." Co-presented to correctional staff at Evans Juvenile Detention Facility.

June 2007. “Defining Career Choices.” Workshop. UTPA Upward Bound Summer Program.

March 2005. “Personality and Leadership Styles.” Workshop. UTPA Student Leadership Academy.

April 2005. “Self-Defense.” Workshop for staff members. Mujeres Unidas, a battered women’s/rape crisis center, McAllen, Texas

April 2005. Assisted with workshop on self-defense for students as part of Health Week for UTPA.

March 2004. “Responding to Difficult Situations with Students.” Developed and conducted training for Tutoring Lab staff. UTPA Learning Assistance Center Tutorial Training Program.

April 2003. Bacchus & Gamma Peer Education Network Mock Trial. Panel Member. As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

May 2001. “Self-Care for the Caregiver.” Developed and conducted Workshop. St. John’s Episcopal Church Community of Hope Lay Chaplain Program.

Fall, 1999-2002. South Texas Community College, Psychology Career Night. Participated, each regular semester, on a panel of professionals in the field of psychology. Discussed personal experiences in field, provided practical advice to students considering a career in psychology, and provided additional information about various opportunities available.

August 1999. “How to better understand and assist their students who have emotional, mental, or behavioral disorders.” South Texas Community College, Faculty Development Day. Proposed, developed, and presented to full-time faculty members Faculty Training. Also developed and distributed a STCC campus and community resource guide and directory.

GRANTS

Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health: Court Improvement Grant (2020). Awarded: \$22,270, August 22, 2019. PI: Sandra Hansmann & Cynthia Jones (OVAVP). Role: Team member.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Award reviewer (invited), *Texas Psychological Association, Diversity Division State Award*. (2019).

Peer reviewer (invited), *Animals & Society*. (2019): *Manuscript ID SOAN-1884R2*

Peer reviewer (invited), *Animals & Society*. (2019): *Manuscript ID SOAN-1884*

Peer reviewer (invited), *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*. (2019): *Manuscript ID WESA-2019-0024*

Book manuscript reviewer (invited), Jones & Bartlett Learning. (2019). *Cannabis for Health*.

Book Proposal reviewer (invited), Jones & Bartlett Learning. (2019). *Working title: Telehealth: Incorporating Interprofessional Practice for Healthcare Professionals in the 21st Century.*

Peer reviewer (invited), *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse.* (2018, 1): *Manuscript ID WESA-2017-0069*

Book Proposal reviewer (invited), Jones & Bartlett Learning. (2018). *Working title: Holistic Caring -- Cannabis Care.*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Rehabilitation Association, Member.

Texas Rehabilitation Association, Member.

Board Member: July, 2019 - .

2020 Conference – Registration Committee Member.

2020 Conference – Silent Auction Committee Member.

Valley Area Rehabilitation Association, Charter Member.

Founding President, Board Member: August, 2019 -

National Council on Rehabilitation Education, Member.

Division Membership: National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns.

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, Member.

SKILLS

Experience presenting comfortably to groups in sizes of up to 300 participants.

Effectively work with and meet the unique counseling needs of a population of 85% Hispanic and first-generation college students.

Communicate and work effectively with individuals of diverse cultures and backgrounds, including student athletes, student veterans, first-generation college students, and non-traditional college students.

Ability to supervise counseling interns, both on and off campus.

Ability to effectively work collaboratively with various campus entities and departments.

Experience administering MBTI, 16PF, CDM, SDS, Strong Interest Inventory, and Discover assessments.

Use Theramanager, a counseling center EMR software. Used FTP, Front Page, and Dreamweaver to update web pages. Used as system administrator level Titanium, a college counseling center

management/EMR software. Adept at MS PowerPoint, MS Word, MS Excel, MS Publisher, Adobe Acrobat Professional. Beginner level at Photoshop. Experience with SPSS.