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EDUCATION

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| University of California, Los Angeles
Doctoral Student in Social Welfare
Advisor: Dr. Ian Holloway | <i>In progress</i> |
| University of California, Los Angeles
Master of Public Health
Master of Social Welfare | June 2012 |
| University of Southern California
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Bachelor of Arts in Spanish | May 2009 |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- June 2023-Present, Research Associate (Temp), Department of Psychology, Azusa Pacific University
- August 2020 – August 2022, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Azusa Pacific University
- January 2016 – August 2020, Grant Specialist, Department of Psychology, Azusa Pacific University
- August 2018 – December 2018, Adjunct Professor, Department of Social Work, Azusa Pacific University
- September 2015 – November 2015, Mental Health Clinician (Floater), San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center
- September 2014 – July 2015, Mental Health Clinician, Family Centered Services of Connecticut
- August 2012 – August 2014, Mental Health Therapist, Tarzana Treatment Centers
- August 2007– August 2009, Research Assistant, USC Center for Research on Crime and Social Control

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- SOCW 250 – Introduction to Social Work, Azusa Pacific University
- PSYC 280 – Introduction to Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor Credentialing, Azusa Pacific University

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker, LCSW #75940, California Board of Behavioral Sciences (2017-2023)

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

1. Rawlings, MA, Gonzales-Castaneda, R, **Valdovinos, IC**, Payne, JS, Yu, CH. Spiritually responsive SBIRT in social work education. *J Soc Work Pract Addict.*

2019:1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2019.1590702>

2. Gonzales-Castaneda, R, McKay, JR, Steinberg, J, Winters, KC, Yu, CH, **Valdovinos, IC**, Casillas, JM, McCarthy, KC. Testing mediational processes in a mobile texting aftercare project. *Subst Abus.* 2019:1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08897077.2019.1671941>
3. Keum, BTH, Cano, MA, **Valdovinos, IC**, Boland, D. Impact of online and offline racism on tobacco use, marijuana use, and vaping via depressive/anxiety symptoms among racial minority emerging adults. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry.* 2023 <https://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ort0000691>
4. Keum, BT, **Valdovinos, IC**, & Wong MJ. Problematic internet use, online racism, and mental health issues among racially minoritized emerging adults in the U.S. *Journal of Mental Health and Addiction.* 2023: 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11469-023-01093-z>

SCIENTIFIC AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation. Contingency Management for Youth with Substance Use Issues. Castaneda, R., **Valdovinos, I.**, Farber, J., Padwa, H., & Larkins, S. Presented at the Department of Health Care Services Substance Use Disorder Integrated Care Conference, August 24, 2021, ON24 Virtual Webinar, CA, USA.
2. Poster Presentation. Testing Mediational Processes of Substance Use Relapse Among Youth Who Participated in a Mobile Health Aftercare Pilot. Gonzales-Castaneda, R., McKay, J.A., Steinberg, J., Winters, K.C., Yu, C.H., McCarthy, K., **Valdovinos, I.**, Casillas, J. Presented at the 99th Western Psychological Association-WPA Annual Convention, April 26-28, 2019, Pasadena, CA, USA.
3. Poster Presentation. Youth Substance Use Disorder and Treatment Outcomes: A Snapshot of the Los Angeles County System of Care. Gonzales-Castaneda, R., **Valdovinos, I.C.**, Lee, H.S. Presented at Common Day of Learning, Azusa Pacific University, March 1, 2017, Azusa, CA, USA.
4. Poster Presentation. The Impact of Genetic Cancer Risk Assessment and Sociocultural Variables on the Preventive Cancer Screening Behaviors of Underserved Latinas. **Campos, I.**, Lagos, V.I., Weitzel, J.N. City of Hope, Eugene and Ruth Roberts Summer Student Academy, August 2008, Duarte, CA, USA.

TRAININGS AND GUEST LECTURES

1. **Valdovinos, I.** (August 2021). Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT): Didactic Training. Training webinar, Azusa Pacific University, Community Counseling Center.
2. **Valdovinos, I.** (May, 2020). SBIRT booster: Focus on referral to treatment & care coordination. Training webinar, Los Angeles Housing Services Authority, SBIRT Pilot Training.

3. Castaneda, R. & **Valdovinos, I.** (November, 2019). Clinical supervision: Enhancing clinician/counselor competence in addressing co-occurring disorders among youth. Training webinar, Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency.
4. **Valdovinos, I.** (September, 2016). Social work practice with children and families: Parental Substance Use. Guest lecturer for SOWK 613: Social Work Practice with Children & Families in Early/Middle Childhood, School of Social Work, University of Southern California. Los Angeles, CA.

ROLES ON GRANTS & CONTRACTS

2019-2022, Project Coordinator, SAMHSA Integrating Substance Use Education Training into Mainstream Behavioral and Applied Science Disciplines (PD: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

The goal of this project focused on enhancing the curriculum across the behavioral health disciplines at Azusa Pacific University by integrating additional substance use education training for practitioner students. Responsibilities included coordinating and supervising project operations, including development of the training website, organizing project meetings and assisting with the management of SAMHSA contracting requirements.

2019-2022, Project Coordinator, SAMHSA Provider Clinical Support System-PCSS Training Focused on MAT Preparedness for Nurse Practitioner Students and Field Preceptor Community Health Sites to Address Opioid Use Issues: Enhancing a Faith-Based SBIRT Practice Model (PD: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

The goal of this project focused on collaboration with the APU School of Nursing faculty to enhance the curriculum and training protocols for nurse practitioner (NP) students and field preceptors at community sites in the use of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD). Responsibilities included coordinating virtual trainings and development of the training website, organizing project meetings and assisting with the management of SAMHSA contracting requirements.

2019-2022, Evaluator, SAMHSA Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Navigator Program for Racial/Ethnic Minorities Ages 13-24 Cooperative Agreement (PD: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

The major goal of this project was to implement a prevention navigator model at local community-based organizations that serve at-risk youth to help address needs around substance use, HIV/STDs and housing. Served as project evaluator, responsible for overseeing the implementation and maintenance of all project-related activities according to the proposed timeline, including needs assessment, and implementation and evaluation plans. Also coordinated project meetings, events, data management/analysis and assisted with report writing.

2019-2020 Project Coordinator, Contract with California Health Care Foundation-CHCF/Groups Recover Together – External Evaluation of Real-World Medication Assisted Treatment Program Outcomes (PI: Rachel Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

The goal of this project was to evaluate Groups Recover Together, a medical practice that provides outpatient treatment for patients with opioid use disorders (OUDs), using a best

practice model that combines medication for opioid use disorder, weekly group therapy, and a range of other clinical and social supports. Responsibilities under this project included ensuring project administration was implemented as planned and assisting with coordination and submission of project reports and deliverables.

2019-2021 Project Coordinator, UCLA Subaward (PD: Rachel Gonzales-Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

Served as a project coordinator for a UCLA subaward, funded by the California Community Foundation. This project was focused on interviewing substance use disorder treatment providers who serve youth to generate a shared vision for comprehensive youth-centered services for Los Angeles County. Responsibilities included coordinating and scheduling stakeholder interviews, reviewing and analyzing transcripts of interviews and assisting with report writing and development of project-related materials.

2017-2023 Project Coordinator, Contracts with the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (PI: Rachel Gonzales-Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

Served as project coordinator for three CIBHS training and workforce development contracts focused on providing trainings for providers contracted with the Youth System of Care under the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) division. Responsibilities included assisting with curriculum development; coordinating trainings and training evaluation; collaborating with technology consultant for design of the training website and managing and offering Continuing Education credits to providers who attended the trainings.

2019-2021 Project Coordinator, Contract with the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (PI: Rachel Gonzales-Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

Served as project coordinator for an evaluation of a California Community Reinvestment Grant awarded to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) division. Activities included providing technical assistance for the two CalCRG projects focused on job readiness and a tuition incentive program, coordinating data analysis and summarizing evaluation findings in interim/final reports.

2017-2019 Project Coordinator, Contracts with Shasta County's Health and Human Services Agency, Children's Services (PI: Rachel Gonzales-Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

The goal of the evaluation consisted of providing technical assistance for Shasta County Youth System of Care with a focus on meeting Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) waiver requirements; and workforce development through trainings and webinars for County staff and direct service providers on implementing newly adapted DMC-ODS services (e.g. ASAM assessment, at-risk screening tools, evidence-based practices, recovery support services, family services, co-occurring services, etc.) as well as managing and offering Continuing Education credits to providers who attended trainings. Provided technical assistance with pre- and post-test survey development and analysis and assisted with report writing that included recommendations for system improvement.

2018 -2020 Project Coordinator, Contract with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (PI: Rachel Gonzales-Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

This LAHSA project was funded by the Conrad Hilton Foundation to provide SBIRT services to high-risk homeless young adults. Activities under this contract included coordinating supportive services and housing resources across Los Angeles County to

form a collaborative network that connects homeless individuals and households to services and housing, while providing technical assistance on pre- and post-test survey development and analysis, and training to participating organizations as they prepared to implement SBIRT.

2017-2020, Project Coordinator, Contract with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LAC-DMH) (Vendor: Rachel Gonzales-Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

Coordinating trainings and evaluation for workforce development of the Transition Age Youth System of Care Bureau. Activities included assisting with SUD curriculum development, developing pre- and post-test survey and data analysis, and report writing.

2016-2019 Project Coordinator, SAMHSA SBIRT-Student Training Initiative among Allied Health Professional Disciplines at Faith-Based Universities (PD: Rachel Gonzales- Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

The major goal of this project was to develop a sustainable, interdisciplinary SBIRT curriculum that integrates cultural components of spirituality/religion available through a web-based learning management system for undergraduate and graduate psychology, social, work and nursing disciplines. Responsibilities included curriculum development, collaboration with technology consultant to help design the training website, development and tracking of the project evaluation, providing technical assistance to community organizations on SBIRT implementation and report writing.

2015-2019 Evaluation Coordinator, UCLA Subaward (Evaluator: Rachel Gonzales- Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

Served as an evaluation coordinator for a Hilton-funded adolescent SBIRT project among Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) coalitions. Provided technical assistance and guidance on the development of logic models and implementation plans for SBIRT in coalitions. Provided evaluation support, including pre- and post-test survey development, data analysis, tool-kit development, and report writing.

2016-2018 Evaluation Coordinator, UCLA Sub-Contract with Los Angeles County/SAPC (Co-PI: Rachel Gonzales-Castaneda, PhD, MPH)

Evaluation of the Adolescent Substance Use Disorder (SUD) System of Care in Los Angeles County. The goal of this county-funded project was to develop system standards for assessment, service delivery and measurement for the adolescent SUD system of care. Activities included providing technical assistance around DMC-ODS standards, submitting relevant IRB-material and monthly progress reports and also conducting data analysis on youth system of care treatment data.

HONORS/AWARDS

- California Wellness Foundation Fellowship 2011-2012
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society 2009
- USC's Latino Honor Society 2009
- USC's Mexican American Alumni Association Scholar 2007-2009