

Research Profile



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Professional Education:

Ph.D., Human Development & Family Studies, Pennsylvania State University, 1985-91

Research Interest Area(s):

Adaptation to host country and mental health issues in transnational diasporic immigrant/ refugee populations/ public policy implications.

Key areas of focus: testing new paradigms for situating and understanding coping patterns, integration/ acculturation processes, identity issues, salience of social networks in relation to psychological health and aging in these growing populations in the US and around the world.

Active Grants & Funding:

- Research proposal to conduct a meta-analysis of demographic factors, social networks and mental health patterns across five large-scale studies of selected immigrant populations – data housed in the Murray Research Center Archives at HMDC (Online data access, use of work space and research facilities in Cambridge, MA., technical assistance from the Center staff , on-site and long-distance opportunities for scholarly collaboration, exchange and dissemination). Funding agency: Harvard MIT Data Center (HMDC); duration: 2005-continuing.

Current contracted research projects:

- Consultant/ Program Co-Evaluator, 21st Century Centers Grant at Imhotep Institute Charter High School, Philadelphia, PA. Funding agency: Pennsylvania State Department of Education Grant (evaluation component); duration: 2004-2007.
- Regional Evaluator, "Aligning Curriculum to Standards in Pennsylvania (ACTS in PA)" for SERVE Educational Research Laboratory. Funding agency: Pennsylvania State Department of Education (evaluation component); duration: 2005-2006.

Professional Affiliations:

- Member, American Counseling Association (ACA), 2004-'06
- Member, Association of Adult Development & Aging, 2004-'06
- Member, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), 2002-'03; '04-06
- Member, Psychologists for Social Responsibility (PSY-SR), 2002-03; 2004-'06
- Member, American Council on Education/ Office of Women in Higher Education (Delaware Network), 2003-05

Honors and Awards received (last five years): N/A

Publications (last three years):

Articles

Economic Forces Drive Trends in Education – article published in the Delaware State News and Capitol Review, Dover, De, 2005.

BluePrint for Transformation: A Model for Enhancing Human Capital Through Professional Development. Paper co-presented at the World Conference on e-learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare and Higher Education, published in Conference publication, Washington DC, 2004.

Presentations

Transnational Migration, Identity and Adaptation – Paradigms Lost, Paradigms Gained: A Conceptual Framework for Understanding the Connections Between Identity, Adaptation and Psychological Wellbeing. Talk presented at York College, CUNY, New York, 2006.

Across Continents and Cultures: glimpses from a personal journey – a talk presented at the Jenner's Pond Community Forum, West Grove, PA, 2005.

De-Mystifying Outcomes Assessment: A two-day hands-on workshop for grant recipients (agencies) of United Way of Delaware, Wilmington DE, September 2004.

De-Mystifying Program Evaluation: A hands-on workshop for grant recipients (agencies) of Water Resources Educational Network (WREN), a project of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters, Harrisburg, September 2002.