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Education

- 2012 – 2019 **Ponce Health Sciences University** **Ponce, PR**
Clinical Psychology, Ph.D.
- 2008 – 2012 **Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico** **Ponce, PR**
Second Major Concentration on French Language
- July 2009 **Sorbonne University IV of Paris, France** **Paris, FR**
Grammar and Phonetic Certification of French
- 2006 – 2012 **Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico**
B.S. in General Psychology, Cum Laude.
- Participate on Institutional Ethic Committee
 - Satisfactorily completed two years in the McNair Research Program.

Professional Development and Trainings

- 2016 **Certificate on Medical Neuroscience** **Coursera, Online Course**
Duke University

Work Experience

- 2014 **School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, Ponce Health Sciences University**
Position: Research Assistant
- 2014 **Anatomy Department, Ponce Health Sciences University**
Position: Chief Editor's in Neuroanatomical Laboratory Manual & Neuroscience Instructors' Coordinator at Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory

Research Certification

- 2017 **Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)**
Curriculum Group: Social & Behavioral Research – Basic/Refresher, Responsible Conduct or Research (RCR) & UCSD Human Research Protection Program - Research Aspects of HIPAA

Research Experience

- 2013 **Theme:** “*Pilot Study to Validate the Children's Depression Inventory-2 with Puerto Rican Teenagers*”. **Institution:** Ponce Health Sciences University Sciences and Puerto Rico University. **Author:** Eduardo Cumba, Ph.D.
- 2013 **Theme:** “*Evaluation of a website intervention on health-related communication between parents and adolescents*”. **Institution:** Michigan State University, University of Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico University and Ponce Health Sciences University. **Authors:** Antonia Villaruel, Ph.D. & Nelson Varas, Ph.D.

Publications

Fernández, A., **Negrón, M.**, González, R. Díaz, L., Betancourt-Díaz, B., Cintrón-Bou, F., Varas-Díaz, N., Villaruel, A. (2017). Attitudes Towards Sexual Communication Between Parents and Adolescents in Puerto Rico. *Puerto Rico Psychology Magazine*, 28(1), 080-095. ISSN: 1946-2016. **NIH Funded:** 1R01MH080694-01, 1K02DA035122-01A1

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Negrón, M. (2009, May). The Mozart effect as causal element in memory levels, blood pressure and pulse in twelfth grade students on advanced current school in the south area of Puerto Rico. Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico. *Ronald McNair Research Program Journal*. (1) 26.

Posters

- 2015 Negrón-McFarlane, M., Fernández-Meléndez, A. & Marzán-Rivera, M. *Stigma and Discrimination in the Health Services in Three Lesbian Couples*. Poster section presented at the Puerto Rico Psychological Association Convention; 2015, November. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 Negrón, M., Díaz, L., Rivera, G., Larrieux, V., Cintrón, F., Varas, N., Villaruel, A. *Sexual Attitudes Toward the Communication and Stigma Towards HIV/AIDS Among Puerto Rican Mothers and Parents*. Poster section presented at the Puerto Rico Psychological Association Convention; 2014, November. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Professional Presentations

- 2015 *Neuroscience Perspective Applied to Psychology* - Student Committee of Puerto Rico Psychological Association. University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus
- 2015 *Neuroscience of Learning; A new Way of Teaching* Puerto Rico Teacher Association Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Community Involvement Voluntary Work

- 2017 Community & Psychology Voluntary After Hurricane Maria
- 2016 “Smile Makers” Founder - A Community Based initiative
- 2015 Mentor of the Puerto Rico Youth Health Careers
- 2013 Co-founder of “Help Me To Educate”

Fellowships & Awards

- 2013 Outstand Academic Achievement Scholarship, Ponce Health Sciences University
- 2012 Clinical Psychology Student Association of Ponce Health Sciences University: Student Movement Recognition for Promoting Intellectual Enrichment and Professional Attitudes. October 3rd, 2012.
- 2012 Who’s Who among Students in American Universities & Colleges: Recognition for outstanding academic achievement in the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico.
- 2010 Vice-President of Student Affairs at the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico & Outstanding Student Award.
- 2008 Scholarship for Academic High Performance of Sciences and Mathematics of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico