

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### **EDUCATION**

- 2005      Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology – Experimental/Health Psychology  
Loma Linda University  
Loma Linda, California
- 2008      Master of Public Health - Health Promotion and Education  
Loma Linda University  
Loma Linda, California
- 1998      Bachelor of Science - Educational Psychology  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, New York

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2008-Present    American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Research Coordinator, Culture and Behavior Laboratory  
Loma Linda University, Department of Psychology  
PFT-08-014-01-CPBB, PI: Flynn, Patricia; Mentor: Betancourt, Hector  
*Culture, Healthcare, and Cancer Screening among Underserved Latinas*
- The aim of this research is to identify and develop an instrument to assess cultural factors relevant to physician-patient relations and test its associations with cancer screening among Latino and Anglo women.
  - Daily tasks include: training and supervising nine research assistants, organizing laboratory meetings, developing academic/community collaborations, overseeing budget, participant recruitment, data collection, entry and analyses, preparation of conference presentations, manuscripts, progress reports, and grant proposals.

- 2007- Present Adjunct Faculty  
Loma Linda University, Department of Psychology  
Graduate Level Courses Include:
- Social Psychology
  - Cross-Cultural Psychology
  - Graduate Seminar: Health Disparities and Inequalities
- 2007- 2008 Research Director  
*CoachArt*, Los Angeles, CA  
Non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life of chronically ill children by providing free lessons in the arts and athletics
- Responsible for program evaluation and developing collaborations with academic and medical institutions to establish research and programmatic partnerships.
- 2005- 2007 Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Research Coordinator, Culture and Behavior Laboratory  
Loma Linda University, Department of Psychology  
NIH/NCI 1R21CA101867-01A2, PI: Betancourt, Hector  
*Culture and Cancer: The Case of Latino Women*
- Employed qualitative and quantitative methodological approaches to identify cultural factors relevant to breast and cervical cancer screening and develop an instrument to assess these cultural factors among Latino and Anglo women.
- 2001- 2005 Graduate Research Assistant  
Loma Linda University, Department of Psychology  
Culture and Behavior Laboratory; Dr. Hector Betancourt
- Collaborated on the development of a funded NIH/NCI R-21 proposal
  - Investigated the role of culture and ethnic disparities in breast cancer screening
  - Prepared conference and peer-reviewed manuscripts
- 2002- 2004 Graduate Teaching Assistant  
Loma Linda University, Department of Psychology  
Courses Include:
- Social Psychology; Dr. Hector Betancourt
  - Cross-Cultural Psychology; Dr. Hector Betancourt
  - Advanced Research Methodology; Dr. Kelly Morton
  - Developmental Psychology; Dr. Kelly Morton
- 1999- 2001 Graduate Research Assistant  
Loma Linda University, Department of Psychology  
Adult Development Laboratory; Dr. Kelly Morton
- Assisted in the data collection, entry, statistical analyses, and preparation of conference presentations for various projects such as culture and moral development in medical students, palliative care, and bereavement

## **HONORS/AWARDS**

- 2008 National Institute of Health/National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Travel Scholarship to *The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities*, Washington, D.C.
- 2008 National Institute of Health/ National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program
- 2008 American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
- 2006 National Institute of Health/ National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program
- 2005 Selma Andrews Award for presenting research at the Interamerican Society of Psychology Biannual Convention, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Loma Linda University
- 2003 Selma Andrews Award for presenting research at the Interamerican Society of Psychology Biannual Convention, Lima, Peru; Loma Linda University
- 2001 Selma Andrews Award for presenting research at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA; Loma Linda University

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE/INTERESTS**

### **Courses Taught**

Social Psychology  
Cross-Cultural Psychology  
Seminar: Health Disparities and Inequalities

### **Additional Teaching Interests**

Health Psychology  
Experimental Psychology/Research Methods

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

The role of culture and psychological processes in health behavior (e.g. cancer, diabetes, etc.)  
The role of culture and psychological processes in educational disparities  
Attribution theory of motivation and emotion  
Stereotypes and perceptions of mistreatment

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Psychological Association  
Interamerican Society of Psychology  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
Western Psychological Association

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Service to Profession

Behavioral and Social Scientist Volunteer for SES Related Cancer Disparities

- American Psychological Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Attend professional development workshop on strategies for the improvement of cancer disparities; June, 2009, New Orleans, LA

### Ad-Hoc Reviewer

Annals of Behavioral Medicine

Health Education and Research

### Service to Community

American Cancer Society Inland Empire Leadership Council; Member

CoachArt; Research and Community Volunteer

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2008 National Institute of Health Grant Process and Review; Washington, D.C.

2006 National Institute of Health Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration; Riverside, CA

## PUBLICATIONS

Betancourt, H., & Flynn, P. (*in press*). The psychology of health: Physical health and the role of culture and behavior. In Azmitia, M., Cabrera, N., Carlo, G., Chahin, J., Contreras-Grau, J., & Villarruel, F., (Eds.). *Handbook of U.S. Latino Psychology*, Sage Publications.

Koneru, V., Weisman de Mamani, A., Flynn, P., Betancourt, H. (2007). Acculturation and mental health: Current findings and recommendations for future research. *Applied and Preventive Psychology, 12*, 76-96.

Betancourt, H., Flynn, P. & Hodges, M. (2006). Disparities in breast cancer screening: Investigating the role of culture. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine, Proceedings of the Society of Behavioral Medicine's Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting, 31*, 75.

## MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

Betancourt, H., Flynn, P.M., Riggs, M., & Garberoglio, C. (*under review*). A bottom-up approach to cultural instruments: Development of a cancer screening scale for Latino and Anglo women. *Manuscript submitted for publication.*

Tucker, J., Betancourt, H., & Flynn, P. (*under review*). Cultural beliefs, attributions for healthcare mistreatment, and cervical cancer screening. *Manuscript submitted for publication.*

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION

Betancourt, H., & Flynn, P.M. (*under preparation*). Fatalism, screening related emotions, and clinical breast examination compliance among Latino and Anglo women. *Manuscript under preparation.*

Betancourt, H., Flynn, P.M., & Ormseth, S. (*under preparation*). Sick of being mistreated: Culture, perceptions of mistreatment, and continuity of care in cancer screening. *Manuscript under preparation.*

## CONFERENCE PAPER (ORAL) PRESENTATIONS

Flynn, P. (August, 2008). *The cancer problem: Incidence, mortality, and screening in the Inland Empire*. Invited presentation for the American Cancer Society Access to Care Forum. San Bernardino, California.

Flynn, P. (July, 2008). *Culture, healthcare and cancer screening among underserved Latinas*. Invited Presentation for the American Cancer Society Inland Empire Leadership Council Meeting, Riverside, California.

Flynn, P., & Betancourt, H. (June, 2006). A model for the study of culture and health behavior. In H. Betancourt (Chair), *Investigating culture and health disparities: The case of cancer screening*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Long Beach, CA.

Hodges, M., Navarrete, B., Garberoglio, C., Betancourt, H., & Flynn, P. (June, 2006). Culture and disparities in breast cancer screening. In H. Betancourt (Chair), *Investigating culture and health disparities: The case of cancer screening*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Long Beach, CA.

Betancourt, H. & Flynn, P. (April, 2005). *The role of culture in health disparities*. Paper presented at the conference on Rethinking Inequalities and Differences in Medicine, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Betancourt, H. & Flynn, P. (July, 2005). *Culture, psychological processes, and behavior: Understanding disparities among Anglos and Latinos in the U.S.* Paper presented at the Interamerican Congress of Psychology, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Betancourt, H., Flynn, P.M., & McMillin-Williams, K. (May, 2004). *Assessing cultural factors in health disparities*. Paper presented at the conference on Culture, Spirituality, and Health; Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California.

Morton, K., Flynn, P., McMillin, K., & Mason, R. (May, 2001). *The costs of palliative care in cancer patients*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Maui, HI.

## CONFERENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Resendiz, A., Betancourt, H., Flynn, P., & Chavez, D., (August, 2009). *Understanding values in multicultural communities: Between and within ethnic group variations*. Poster sessions presented at the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Flynn, P., Betancourt, H., Tucker, J., Garberoglio, C., & Riggs, M. (August, 2007). *Culture, emotions, and self-breast examinations among Anglo and Latino women*. Poster session presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Argueta, C., Coker, C., Flynn, P., & Betancourt, H. (July, 2007). *Cultural values and health among Latino and Anglo women in the U.S.* Poster session presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Congress of Psychology, Mexico City, Mexico.

Navarrete, B., Betancourt, H., & Flynn, P. (July, 2007). *Culture and achievement motivation in Latino and Anglo American high school students*. Poster session presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Interamerican Congress of Psychology, Mexico City, Mexico.

Flynn, P., Betancourt, H., Tucker, J., & Riggs, M. (May, 2007). *Breast cancer, screening specific emotions, and the role of culture*. Poster session presented at the Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Vancouver, Canada.

Flynn, P., Betancourt, H., Hodges, M., Tucker, J., & Morrow, J. (May, 2007). *Perceptions of healthcare professionals: Disparities among Anglo and Latino women*. Poster session presented at the Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Vancouver, Canada.

Betancourt, H., McMillin-Williams K., Hodges, M., Flynn, P., Zaw, G. (August, 2004). *Cultural and psychological antecedents of behavior*. Poster session presented at the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI.

Flynn, P., & Betancourt, H. (July, 2003). *Cultural values, attributions, and breast cancer screening*. Poster session presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Congress of Psychology, Lima, Peru.

Morton, K., Worthley J., Mercer, H., Flynn, P., McMillan, K., Mason, R. (August, 2001). *Cultural values and cognitive flexibility as predictors of moral reasoning*. Poster session presented at the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

**RESEARCH SUPPORT**

- 2008- 2010     *Culture, Healthcare, and Cancer Screening among Underserved Latinas*  
 American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Research Fellowship  
 PFT-08-014-01-CPPB; \$94,000 total costs  
 Loma Linda University & City of Hope National Medical Center  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Mentor: Hector Betancourt, Ph.D., Co-Mentor: Carlos Garberoglio, M.D.  
 The aim of this research is to identify and develop an instrument to assess cultural factors relevant to physician-patient relations and test its associations with cancer screening among Latino and Anglo women.
- 2009-2011     *Cultural and Psychological Factors Influencing Treatment Adherence in Patients with Type II Diabetes*  
 CONICYT Chilean Council for Scientific Research and Technology  
 #1090660; \$94,000 direct costs  
 PI: Betancourt, Hector; Universidad de La Frontera, Chile  
 Role: Consultant  
 The aim of this research is to identify cultural factors that influence diabetes treatment adherence, to develop cultural instruments to assess these factors, and to test the role of culture and psychological factors as determinants of diabetes treatment adherence in the Metropolitan (urban) and Araucania (rural) regions of Chile.
- 2008-2010     NIH/National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Health Disparities  
 Loan Repayment Program, \$70,000 total costs  
 The purpose of this program is to recruit and maintain highly qualified professionals to research careers that focus on health disparities issues.
- 2008-2010     *Culture and Motivational Factors in Academic Expectancies among Mapuche Students in Rural Areas of the Araucania Region of Chile*  
 CONICYT Chilean Council for Scientific Research and Technology  
 #1080150; \$88,000 direct costs  
 PI: Gonzalez, Maria Elena; Universidad de La Frontera, Chile  
 Role: Consultant  
 The purpose of this research is to investigate inequalities associated with educational aspirations and academic achievement among Mapuche and mainstream Chilean high school students.
- 2006-2008     NIH/National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Health Disparities  
 Loan Repayment Program, \$70,000 total costs
- 2005- 2007     *Culture and Cancer: The Case of Latino Women*  
 NIH/NCI 1R21CA101867-01A2; \$364,000 total costs  
 PI: Betancourt, Hector; Loma Linda University  
 Role: Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
 The aims of this research were to identify cultural factors relevant to cancer screening

among Anglo and Latino women in Southern California, develop instruments to measure those cultural factors, and use the instruments to test the relations among culture, psychological processes and cancer screening.

- 2004      *Motivated Breast Cancer Screening Behavior and its Cultural Antecedents*  
Loma Linda University Seed Money Grant for Dissertation Research
- 2002      *Cultural Value Orientations, Attributions, and Breast Cancer Screening*  
Loma Linda University Seed Money Grant for Thesis Research

### **PENDING RESEARCH SUPPORT**

*Culture and Behavior in Latino and Anglo Type II Diabetes Treatment Adherence*

NIH/NIDDK, Challenge Grant, 4040-0001; \$994,317 total costs

PI: Betancourt, Hector

Role: Co-Investigator

*Cancer Inequality: Culture in Ethnic and Socioeconomic Healthcare Discrimination*

NIH/NCI, R01 OO200122; \$1,857,600 total costs

PI: Betancourt, Hector

Role: Co-Investigator

### **DISSERTATION AND THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Mendez, A. (current). *Simpatia and Perceptions of Healthcare Mistreatment among Latino and Anglo Women.*

Argueta, C. (2008). *Cultural Values among Anglos and Latinos: A Qualitative Approach.*

Tucker, J. (2008). *Cultural Beliefs about Health Professionals, Attributions for Mistreatment, and Continuity of Cancer-Related Care.*

Navarette, B. (2008). *Culture and Achievement Motivation in Anglo and Latino High School Students.*

Berry, M. (2007). *The Role of Stereotypes, Social Cognition and Emotions in Judgments of Untraditional Women.*

Navarette, B. (2007). *Culture, Attributions, and Emotions in Achievement Motivation among Anglo and Latino High School Students.*

Milner, A. (2006). *Latino Students' Prejudice and Stereotypes toward African Americans.*

## REFERENCES

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