

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION/POSTDOCTORAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Research and Evaluation of the Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan (current)
- 2013 *Ph.D., Developmental Psychology, HDFS*, Department of Human Development, Cornell University
Dissertation Title: Exploring the “unknowable” culture-beast: A multidisciplinary approach to investigating cultural influences on science learning
- 2011 *M.A. Human Development and Family Studies*, Department of Human Development, Cornell University
Thesis title: Cultural responsiveness in STEM program planning, implementation, and evaluation
- 2006 *B.A. Psychology, University of Texas at San Antonio*, Honors College, minors in Biology and Statistics
- 2001 *El Paso Community College*

HONORS / AWARDS

- 2012 Provost Diversity Fellowship (1 semester)
- 2008 American Evaluation Association/Graduate Education Diversity Intern (1yr)
- 2007 SUNY Diversity Fellowship (2 years)

FUNDING AWARDS

- 2012 Evaluation of the Exceptional Families Military Program
awarded \$100K by the Department of Defense Office of Special Needs, Junior Evaluator
- 2011 Evaluation of the North Carolina Alliance to Create Opportunity Through Education
awarded \$100K by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Junior Evaluator
- 2010 Latino Studies Program Research Grant, awarded \$1,000
- 2008 Evaluation of the Together in Strength Program
awarded \$35k by the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

PUBLICATIONS

- Casillas, W. D., Hopson, R. K., & Gomez, R. (In press). Making culturally responsive decisions in evaluation practice. In Christie, C.A. & Vo, A.T. (Eds.) *Issues in Evaluation Use and Decision Making in Society*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Gomez, R., Casillas, W., & Ali, A. (In press). Mentorship and the Professional Development of Culturally Responsive Evaluators in the American Evaluation Association’s Graduate Education Diversity Internship (GEDI) Program. *New Directions in Evaluation*.
- Casillas, W.D. & Trochim, W. M. (Under Review). A systems approach to culturally responsive evaluation practice: Culturally responsive uses of the Systems Evaluation Protocol (SEP). In Hopson, R. K. & Hood, S. (Eds.). *Continuing the Journey to Reposition Culture and Cultural Context in Evaluation Theory and Practice*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Casillas, W.D. & Koslowski, B. M. (In Preparation). Evaluating causal explanations for historical events: The role of culture in reasoning and science learning.
- Casillas, W.D. & Trochim, W.M. (In Preparation). Cultural responsiveness in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) program planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Reyna, V.F. & Casillas, W. (2009). Development and dual processes in moral reasoning: A Fuzzy-trace theory account. In Bartels, D. M., Bauman, C. W., Skitka, L. J., & Medin, D. L. (Eds.) *Moral Judgment and Decision Making: The Psychology of Learning and Motivation, Vol. 50*. San Diego: Elsevier.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION EXPERIENCE

- 02/14- now *Evaluation Consultant*, Choose Health: Food, Fun, and Fitness, 4-H New York State Office
08/10-now *Educational Evaluation Consultant*, 4-H New York State Office
01/12- 09/13 *Evaluation Consultant*, Department of Defense Exceptional Family Member Program
01/12- 09/12 *Educational Evaluation Consultant*, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill/North Carolina State University, Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate
- 09/08-09/09 *Graduate Education Diversity Intern with the American Evaluation Association (AEA)*
01/10-12/13 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Cornell Office of Research on Evaluation
(Undergraduate Research Experience)
09/06-12/06 *Intern, Office of the Congressman Henry Cuellar*, U.S. House of Representatives, San Antonio
06/06-12/06 *Research Assistant*, Laboratory for Rational Decision-Making, Cornell University
05/06-07/06 *Research Assistant to Legislative Affairs Director for the American Medical Student Association*, Washington, D.C. National Headquarters
01/06-12/06 *Program Evaluation Consultant*, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
01/06-06/06 *Research Assistant*, DYAD Laboratory, University of Texas at San Antonio
01/06- 06/06 *Team Leader for Analysis and Management of Data*, Medical Student Disaster Relief Effort, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
05/05-01/06 *Coordinator Assistant*, Diabetes and Glandular Disease Research, P.A.
09/2004 *Research Consultant*, University of California at Los Angeles
05/02- 06/05 *Social Science Research Assistant II*, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 08/13-12/13 *Teaching Assistant*, Cornell University, HD 2380 Scientific Reasoning
06/13-07/13 *Lecturer*, Cornell University, HD 2390 Cognitive Development in Cultural Contexts
08/10-12/10 *Teaching Assistant*, Cornell University, HD 2300 Cognitive Development
01/10- now *Mentor*, Cornell University
01/09-05/09 *Tutor*, A.V.I.D Program, Ithaca High School
01/02-05/02 *Tutor*, America Reads/ K-16 Initiatives Program, University of Texas at San Antonio

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2012 American Evaluation Association (AEA) Online webinars: Understanding Mexican Culture to Improve the Interview Experience with Mexicans
2012 AEA Online webinars: Evaluation Theory Tree
2012 AEA Two-day eStudy: Creating Surveys to Measure Performance and Assess Needs
2011 AEA Online Webinar: Utilization-Focused Evaluation
2011 Concept Systems Incorporated Two-Day eCourse: An Introduction to Concept Mapping for Planning and Evaluation
2009 AEA Workshops “*Extending Logic Models*”, “*Systems Thinking*”
2009 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) *Career Development Conference* by special invitation
2009 Concept Systems Incorporated Two-Day in person Training: Facilitated Training for CSI Applications
2008 American Evaluation Association (AEA) Workshop “*Collaborative Evaluation*”, “*Transformative Mixed Methods Evaluation*”
2008 American Evaluation Association (AEA) Workshop “*Transformative Mixed Methods Evaluation*”

PRESENTATIONS

- 10/2012 Panel: *Challenges and Approaches to Complex Programs: Evaluating the North Carolina Alliance to Create Opportunity through Education (NC OPT ED)*
American Evaluation Association Conference 2012
- 10/2012 Paper Presentation: *Making culturally responsive decisions in evaluation practice*
American Evaluation Association Conference 2012
- 07/2012 Paper Presentation: *The role of culture in evaluation of causal mechanisms*
International Society for the Psychology of Science & Technology Conference 2012
- 12/2010 Guest Lecture, *An Introduction to Cultural Psychology*
Cornell University, Department of Human Development
- 11/2010 Paper: *Capturing Quality: Rubrics for Logic Models, and Evaluation Plans*
American Evaluation Association Conference 2010: Evaluation Quality
- 11/2010 Paper: *Using Systems Thinking Concepts in Evaluation of Complex Programs*
American Evaluation Association Conference 2010: Evaluation Quality
- 11/2009 Poster Presentation: *Addressing Diversity in Evaluation of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Programs*
American Evaluation Association Conference 2009: Context and Evaluation
- 11/2009 Multipaper Session Presentation: *Culturally Responsive Leaders: Toward Transforming and Adapting Communities for Public Good*
American Evaluation Association Conference 2009: Context and Evaluation
- 07/2008 Poster Presentation: *Cognitive Representations, Acculturation, and Adolescent Decision-making*
30th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society
- 05/2008 Poster presentation: *A Fuzzy-trace Theory of Acculturation and Adolescent Decision-making: Is HIV worth It?* 20th Annual Convention for the Association for Psychological Science

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- American Educational Research Association since 2014
International Association for Cross-cultural Psychology since 2011
American Psychological Association since 2011
International Society for the Psychology of Science and Technology since 2010
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues since 2009
American Evaluation Association since 2008
Association of Psychological Science since 2007
Cognitive Science Society since 2007

SERVICE/COMMITTEES/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 2007-13 *Latino Graduate Student Coalition, Cornell University*
2007-10 *Graduate student representative to the Graduate Studies Committee*

List of References

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