

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY

Etiony Aldarondo, Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Research, Director Dunspaugh-Dalton Community and Educational Well-Being Research Center
Ph.D., 1992, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

A native of Puerto Rico, Etiony Aldarondo is Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Dunspaugh-Dalton Community and Educational Well-Being Research Center in the School of Education at the University of Miami. He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and completed a postdoctoral research fellowship in the Family Violence Research Program at the University of New Hampshire.

Dr. Aldarondo's professional career includes appointments at Boston College, Harvard Medical School's Cambridge Hospital, and the Philadelphia Child Guidance Center. He joined the University of Miami faculty in 2002. The recipient of various recognitions for academic excellence, his scholarship focuses on positive development of ethnic minority and immigrant youth, domestic violence, and social justice-oriented clinical practices. His publications include the books *Advancing Social Justice through Clinical Practice* (Routledge) and *Programs for men who batter: Intervention and prevention strategies in a diverse society* (Civic Research Institute with Fernando Mederos, Ed.D.)

Dr. Aldarondo has a long history of involvement with grass root advocacy organizations and federal government research and public policy agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Institute of Justice. He currently serves on the boards of directors for the National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence, The Council on Contemporary Families, and The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment, Project Hope, and Profunda.

Kent Burnett, Associate Professor
Ph.D., 1984, Stanford University

Kent Burnett joined the University of Miami's Counseling Psychology Program in 1991, after serving as an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Burnett's early work focused on computer applications in health psychology. He was the originator of the "Computer-Assisted Diet and Exercise Training" (CADET) software series for hand-held computers, as well as the developer of the "Computer-Assisted Health Awareness and Promotion" (CHAP) program for helping high school students track and modify important health-related behaviors over the course of an academic semester. Other early work included computer programs for stress management, sleep assessment, and analysis of ambulatory heart rate data in cardiac patients.

Burnett has published numerous articles on cognitive-behavioral assessment and treatment of a wide range of health-related conditions and was co-investigator with Dr. Arlette Perry (Chairperson of Exercise and Sport Sciences) in a clinical trial to study the safety and efficacy of Meridia as a means of helping 12-16 year old adolescents lose weight.

More recently, Dr. Burnett's work has focused on acute stress disorder and post traumatic stress disorder in medical patients who have sustained serious physical injury (e.g., orthopedic surgery patients, burn patients, and those with multiple physical trauma). Over his career, he has served as a reviewer for numerous journals. He has been on the editorial board of *Computers in Human Behavior* for the past decade and is currently a reviewer for the *Journal of Traumatic Stress*.

Blaine Fowers, Professor

Ph.D., 1987, University of Texas at Austin

Blaine Fowers joined the University of Miami faculty in 1990, and served as the Director of Training of the doctoral program in Counseling Psychology from 1997 to 2005, and as Department Chairperson from 2005 until July 2009. He was the program coordinator for the Master's program in counseling from 2005 – 2007. Fowers received a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin. He served as an assistant professor at the University of New Mexico before coming to Miami.

In his role as a teacher, Fowers provides instruction in research methods, family therapy and couples therapy. He also supervises marriage and family therapy practicum.

Fowers is the author of the books, *Virtue and Psychology* and *Beyond the Myth of Marital Happiness* and co-author of *Re-envisioning Psychology*. His primary scholarly interest is in the ethical dimension of psychology as a science and as a practice discipline. Fowers is particularly interested in the interplay of virtues, cultural ideals, and historicity in psychological practices and ordinary life. The ethical framework for his work has its sources in ontological hermeneutics and virtue ethics, and it emphasizes the cultivation of human flourishing through an integrated life comprised of the pursuit of meaningful goals, common goods, and character development. In a series of articles, chapters, and books, he has applied this ethical framework to multiple domains in psychology, including marriage, family therapy, psychotherapy, and multiculturalism. This work highlights the character strengths necessary for both excellence in professional activities and flourishing as a human being.

Fowers is a licensed psychologist and Fellow of the American Psychological Association's Division 24 (Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology) and member of Division 17 (Counseling Psychology). He is an approved supervisor of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He is an editorial board

member of the Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology and has co-edited two issues of the American Behavioral Scientist.

Debbiesiu Lee, Assistant Professor

Ph.D., 2005, Arizona State University

Debbiesiu Lee joined the University of Miami faculty in August 2006. She earned her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Arizona State University. Lee's research interests in the multicultural arena focus on examining issues of competence, training, and identity development. She is also currently conducting a comprehensive meta-analysis on how individuals cope with discrimination and the impact of discrimination on mental health. In her publications, Lee advocates for the use of non-traditional methodologies in multicultural research. Lee's most recently completed research with students included developing a cross-cultural measure of parenting styles and exploring how attachment, personality development, and other interpersonal factors relate to mental health. Her articles have appeared in *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*, and *Psychotherapy*.

In her clinical work, Lee's passion is in working with low-income, families of color. She has specialized in serving young children, adolescents and their families, particularly in issues related to trauma and mood disorders. Since her time at UM, Lee has taught courses focused on multicultural issues in counseling and psychology, clinical practicum, case conceptualization, and doctoral level supervision.

Lee is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA), APA Division 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues), and APA Division 44 (Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues). She is a Fellow of APA Minority Fellowship Program. Lastly, she is an active member of the Society for Interpersonal Theory and Research (SITAR).

Brian Lewis, Clinical Assistant Professor, Director of Training, Director of the Institute for Individual and Family Counseling

Ph.D., 1981, University of Florida

Brian L. Lewis joined the University of Miami faculty in 2002 as the Director of the Institute for Individual & Family Counseling and he has served as the Director of Training for the doctoral program in Counseling Psychology since 2005. He provides clinical supervision to practicum students in the doctoral degree program in Counseling Psychology and masters degree programs in Marriage in Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling. He teaches courses in family therapy and consultation.

Lewis received his Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Florida. Prior to coming to Miami, he was the training clinic director for the doctoral program at Antioch New England Graduate School and he is past president of the Association of Directors of Psychology Training Clinics.

Lewis' scholarly interests are in the areas of professional training, health psychology, and social justice. His recent publications include "The Practicum Experience: A Survey of Practicum Site Coordinators" and "Health Psychology 'Specialty' Practice Opportunities In a Rural Community Hospital: Practicing Local Clinical Science" both appearing in *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*. Lewis has also given numerous presentations on topics related to stress, health, and wellness, including complementary treatment approaches to the treatment of medical conditions.

Lewis is a licensed psychologist and a member of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the National Register of Health Services Providers in Psychology. Within APA, he is a member of Division 24 (Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology) and Division 17 (Counseling Psychology), and he is currently the secretary-treasurer of Division 17's Health Psychology special section. Lewis is also board certified in Clinical Health Psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology.

Robert McMahon, Professor

Ph.D., 1973, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Robert McMahon joined the University of Miami faculty in 1977.

McMahon supervises masters and doctoral level students in the Counseling Psychology Program. His research studies encompass psychosocial factors in substance abuse and HIV risk in adolescent and adult substance abusers. His funded projects have included "Psychological Correlates and Treatment Outcomes for High and Low Functioning Alcoholics," and "Prediction of Relapse Among Cocaine Abusers," and "Psychoeducation and Prevention of HIV Infection."

His recent publications include "Personality, Stress, and Social Support in Cocaine Relapse Prediction," in *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, and "Effects of a Cognitive-Behavioral HIV Prevention Intervention Among HIV Negative Male Substance Abusers in VA Residential Treatment," in *AIDS Education and Prevention*.

McMahon is a consultant to the School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry on drug abuse and HIV prevention, and a member of the university-wide Committee on Protection of Human Subjects in Research. He is also a member of the Faculty Senate. He is a member of the American Psychological Association (Divisions 17 & 50) and a fellow of the Society for Personality Assessment.

Guerda Nicolas, Associate Professor, Chair, Department of Educational & Psychological Studies

PhD, 1998, Boston University

Originally from Haiti, Dr. Nicolas obtained her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Boston University. She completed her predoctoral training at Columbia University

Medical Center and her postdoctoral training at the New York State Psychiatric Institute/Columbia University, Department of Child Psychiatry. She is a license psychologist and focused her practice in the area of children, family, and community well-being. Prior to coming to University of Miami, she held faculty positions at Boston College, Department of Counseling, Developmental and Educational Psychology, as well as the College of Saint Elizabeth in New Jersey.

As a multicultural (Haitian American) and multilingual psychologist (Spanish, French, and Haitian Creole), her research is reflective of her background and interests. Her current research projects focus on developing culturally effective mental health intervention for people of color, with a specific focus on immigrant children, adolescents, and families. In addition, she conducts research on social support networks of Caribbean population with a specific focus on Haitians; spirituality and adolescents; and social support and mental health of Blacks. She has published many articles and book chapters and delivered numerous invited presentations at national and international conferences in the areas of women issues, depression and cultural interventions, social support networks of ethnic minorities, and spirituality.

Dr. Nicolas is an active member of the American Psychological Association serving on divisional committees for Division 35, 45, 17, and 12. In addition, she has been a member of several APA committees including the Committee on International Psychology, Strategic Planning Committee, and the Committee on Early Career Psychologists. In addition to APA, she has been an active member of the Caribbean Studies Association and the Haitian Studies Association. She is current president of the Haitian Studies Association, the Psychology of Black Women of Division 35, and president-elect of the Section of Ethnic Minorities of Division 12.