

Hispanic Neuropsychological Society (HNS)
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As a native Californian, Latinx and neuropsychologist it is a privilege to serve my community. Yet, both the lack of diversity among neuropsychologists and lack of access to care among Latinx populations, reflects ongoing, systemic inequity highlighting the need for continued individual action and collective activism.

For eight of my 15 years at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA), I served as Director of Neuropsychology and Director of Training within the Divisions of Clinical Research, Neurology and the Concussion Program. Two years ago, I pivoted to providing care to my culturally diverse, local community within a private practice setting. Yet, I continue to conduct research at CHLA involving neurocognitive outcomes among culturally-diverse, pediatric populations diagnosed with epilepsy, concussion, nonaccidental head trauma and pulmonary disease.

Increasing equity is both a professional but personal mission. Currently, I am co-authoring a chapter on microaggressions experienced by neuropsychologists of color. I have helped spearhead Equity Forums to increase education and foster dialogue regarding racism, misogyny and bias experienced by neuropsychologists. Additionally, I am the Producer of Equity & The Game Radio airing on both local public radio and college stations. The show’s mission is to uplift and empower black and brown athletes facing inequities as well as provide tools for resilience and success.

As HNS systemically evolves from a small group of pioneers to a larger presence within the field, there is a need to identify and support Latinx neuropsychologists and trainees at risk for encountering inequity and racism jeopardizing their professional trajectory, impacting mental health and overall quality of life. I am ready to serve, and if allowed, also ready to lead as MAL, in order to uplift and empower my Latinx colleagues.

