

I am a Miami native and dual Spanish/American bilingual citizen from a multicultural (Spanish-Polish; Argentinian-Honduran) blended family. I am the daughter of a monolingual Spanish-speaking immigrant who had Parkinson's Disease. My lived experiences fueled questions regarding cultural identity, adaptability, and healthcare disparities across the lifecourse.

HNS has been my "home" in neuropsychology. I have been an active member with HNS since 2004, serving in multiple leadership capacities since 2010. Major contributions include serving on the Executive Board of Directors (BOD) as Member at Large (2012-2014) and Treasurer (2019-2020); inaugural Chair of the Mentoring & Education Committee (2013-2016); 2015 HNS Conference Task Force Co-Chair "From Houston to Austin: Suggested Enhancements to the Houston Conference Guidelines. I founded the HNS Mentoring Program and led mentoring programming and socials at national conferences for multiple years. This year, I led the new HNS rebranding and website launch project as Chair of the inaugural Website Committee; served as a HNS representative on the IOPC COVID-19 Teleneuropsychology (TeleNP) Advocacy Team in 2020 and contributed to two TeleNP published manuscripts; and I led the inaugural HNS Heritage Month launch of weekly events to celebrate our HNS familia as well as our organization's current work. Other contributions to HNS include membership on the Test Database Committee (2010-2012); HNS Conference Presentations Sub-Committee Member (2017) and HNS Inaugural Poster Session Committee Member (2018-2019). I was first author on an encyclopedia entry that documented the history of HNS and achievements (2018). In 2019, I was the recipient of the HNS Mentoring in Cultural Neuropsychology Award.

Regarding my clinical work, I have worked with over 6,000 children and adults from over 24 countries. I am the Director of Neuropsychology Concierge® where I am among the country's first neuropsychologists to provide innovative practice models such as on-demand, at-home, and TeleNP since 2016. I conduct civil forensic neuropsychological evaluations for children and adults; independent educational evaluations; and refugee evaluations for children. I am the Founder of Niños Health®, a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing culturally responsive care to under-insured youth. I have provided over \$230,000 in direct clinical and community outreach to the Central Florida region from 2018-2020. I am the Founder of the Brain Tech Project, a global and inclusive virtual accelerator for individuals from diverse disciplines to collaborate to advance brain healthcare innovation. Our first virtual summit in June 2020 "Advancing Digital Transformation in Brain Healthcare" had over 1100 attendees from 28 countries. Additionally, I serve as an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Central Florida Medical School. I have first or co-authorship on 31 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, as well as 35 invited national/international presentations.

Additional training and professional achievements include:

- Doctorate in Clinical Psychology – Florida Institute of Technology
- Pre-doctoral internship– Emory University School of Medicine
- Post-doctoral fellowship– Florida Hospital
- Executive Leadership Certification- Cornell University (2020-2021)
- Editorial Board Member – Revista Iberoamericana de Neuropsicología

Presidential Goals:

Owing to 15 years of competitive basketball, strong mentoring, and working within high tech environments, I thrive in working in culturally diverse and interdisciplinary teams that delight in creative and disruptive problem solving to generate practical solutions. My strengths in inclusive brainstorming approaches that leverage the knowledge and experience of all stakeholders (including trainees); strong portfolio/program management skills; executive leadership experience and training; technology/web background; and wide professional network will be an asset to HNS leadership.

Words are not enough during this era of COVID-19 and social unrest. The “time is ripe” for HNS to be strategic in eliminating racism experienced by our own trainees and clinicians by partnering with other organizations to create accountability in our field through the creation of external review processes, as well as protecting the public who entrust us with their care. To further the HNS Strategic Plan, some of my priorities would be to ensure that HNS contributes to the upcoming Houston Conference guidelines revisions; inter-organizational initiatives with the newly developed Cultural Neuropsychology Council as well as ANA, SBN and clinical psychology guilds as well as internationally by creating liaisons with non-English speaking neuropsychological societies around the world. Other initiatives would be to increase the dissemination of HNS position and education papers; expand social justice and advocacy efforts as well as establish capital fundraising under the new Fundraising Committee that I Co-Chair so that we can significantly increase our HNS budget to support the following: a) HNS media campaigns to facilitate pipeline issues in our field and public education; b) HNS Mentoring Program and CE programming, c) establish endowments for HNS and develop scholarship/awards for trainees and professionals, d) collaborate with APA, state legislative bodies, and state psychological associations regarding incentives for bilingual providers in the workforce.