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EDUCATION

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA Ph.D., Applied Developmental Psychology Dissertation: "Ethnic Community Health Promotion and Well-being: Relational and Cultural Praxis of Cape Verdean Women Health Advocates"	2006
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA M.A., Counseling Psychology Graduated with First Class Honors	2001
McGill University, Montreal, Canada B.A., summa cum laude, Psychology (Honors Program)	1997

LANGUAGES

English, French, Portuguese & Spanish (fluent)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Yerby Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Harvard School of Public Health and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	2007-2009
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Conference and Travel Award New Connections Training Symposium, Washington, D.C.	2008
Davis Putter Grant (for activist scholarship that contributes to elimination of social and health disparities)	2002-2003
Nominated to participate in the Graduate Student International Research Forum	2002-2003
Boston College Graduate Student Association Award	2002-2003
Hugh Brock Scholarship, McGill University	1994-1997

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

American University School of International Service Assistant Professor	2010-present
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Harvard School of Public Health Dept. Society, Human Development, and Health & Center for Community-Based Research, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Yerby Postdoctoral Research Fellow Mentors: Karen Emmons, Ph.D.; Jennifer Allen, D.Sc., David Williams, Ph.D.	2007-2009
Boston University, School of Public Health School of Public Health Instructor	2009-2010
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA Instructor, Dept. of Applied Developmental & Educational Psychology	2008-2010
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA Graduate Researcher, Dept. of Applied Developmental & Educational Psychology	2002-2007
Campus School, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA Co-investigator on interdisciplinary research project “Eagle Eyes Expression and Campus School Creations: Participatory Action Research Project”	2002-2003
Boston College Research Partnership (Havana, Cuba) Principal Investigator on comparative study of U.S. and Cuban mental health care practice and policies	2001-2002

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **De Jesus, M.** & Xiao, C. (2012). Cross-Border Health Care Utilization Among the Hispanic Population in the United States: Implications for Closing the Health Care Access Gap. *Ethnicity & Health*. Epub ahead of print publication.
2. **De Jesus, M.** (2012). The Impact of Mass Media Health Communication on Health Decision-Making and Medical Advice-Seeking Behavior of U.S. Hispanic Population. *Health Communication*. Epub ahead of print publication
3. **De Jesus, M.** (2012). Promoting Culturally Responsive Health Communication. *Intercultural Management Quarterly*, 13(2): 9-11.
4. **De Jesus, M.** & Xiao, C. (2012). Predicting Internet Use as a Source of Health Information: A “Language Divide” Among the Hispanic Population in the United States. *Policy and Internet*, 4(2):1-12. Epub ahead of print publication
5. Allen, J.D., **De Jesus, M.**, Mars, D., Laura, T., Cloutier, L., & Shelton, R.C. (2012). Decision-making about the HPV vaccine among ethnically diverse parents: Implications for health communications. *Journal of Oncology*: 1-5. Epub ahead of print publication
6. Shelton, R.C., Snaveley, A.C., **De Jesus, M.** Othus, M.D., Allen, J.D. (2011). HPV vaccine decision-making and acceptance: Does religion play a role? *Journal of Religion and Health*: 1-11. Epub ahead of print publication

7. Quintilliani, L., **De Jesus, M.**, Wallington, S.F. (2011). The impact of student diversity on interest, design, and promotion of web-based tailored nutrition and physical activity programs for community colleges. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 43(5):379-384.
8. **De Jesus, M.**, Puleo, E., Shelton, R.C., & Emmons, K.M. (2010). Factors associated with colorectal cancer screening among a low-income, multiethnic, highly insured population: Does provider's understanding of the patient's social context matter? *Journal of Urban Health: Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine*, 87(2):236-243.
9. **De Jesus, M.**, Shelton, R., Puleo, E., & Emmons, K. (2010). Associations between perceived social environment and neighborhood safety: Health implications. *Health & Place*, 16(5):1007-1013.
10. **De Jesus, M.** (2010). Institutional barriers and strategies to health promotion: Perspectives and experiences of Cape Verdean women health promoters. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 12(3), 397-407.
11. **De Jesus, M.**, Parast, L., Shelton, R.C., Kokkinogenis, K., Othus, M., Li, Y., & Allen, J.D. (2009). Actual versus preferred sources of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) information among Black, White, and Hispanic Parents: Implications for health care providers and parent education. *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine: The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Network*, 163:1066-1067.
12. **De Jesus, M.** (2009). Mutuality at the center: Health promotion with Cape Verdean immigrant women. *Ethnicity & Health*, 14(1):45-59.
13. **De Jesus, M.** (2009). The importance of social context in understanding and promoting low-income immigrant women's health. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved: The Johns Hopkins University Press*, 20(1) 90-97.
14. **De Jesus, M.** (2007). HIV/AIDS and immigrant Cape Verdean women: Contextualized perspectives of Cape Verdean community advocates. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 39(1-2):121-131.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **De Jesus, M.** & Lykes, M. B. (2004). Racism and 'Whiteness' in transitions to peace: Indigenous peoples, human rights, and the struggle for justice. In M. Fine, L. Weis, L. P. Pruitt, & A. Burns (Eds.), *Off White: Readings on power, privilege, and resistance*. New York: Routledge Farmer, pp.331-344.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. Shelton, R.C., Snaveley, A.C., **De Jesus, M.**, Othus, M.D., Allen, J.D. (2010). Religious factors and HPV vaccine access among multiethnic caregivers. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 39(supplement), S135. [Medical Abstract].
2. **De Jesus, M.** & Mercer, J. (2005). UNICEF. In C. B. Fisher & R.M. Lerner (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Applied Developmental Science*, Volume 2. Thousand Oaks: Sage, pp. 1107-1108. [Encyclopedia Entry].
3. **De Jesus, M.** (Spring 2009). Six Projects Funded for 2009. *The Just Word, The Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health & Human Rights*, 15(1), p. 3-5. [Newsletter Entry].
4. **De Jesus, M.** (Spring 2008). Six Projects Funded for 2008. *The Just Word, The Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health & Human Rights*, 14(1), p. 6-7. [Newsletter Entry].
5. **De Jesus, M.** (Summer 2007). Six Projects Funded for 2007. *The Just Word, The Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health & Human Rights*, 13(1), p. 8-9. [Newsletter Entry].
6. **De Jesus, M.** (Fall 2006). A Special Visit from a Past Grantee. *The Just Word, The Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health & Human Rights*, 12(2), p. 9. [Newsletter Entry].
7. **De Jesus, M.** (Spring 2006). Seven Projects Funded for 2006. *The Just Word The Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health & Human Rights*, 12(1), p. 8-10. [Newsletter Entry].
8. **De Jesus, M.** (Fall 2003). Nicaraguan perspective: An interview with Fernando Cardenal, S.J. [Una perspectiva Nicaragüense: Una entrevista con Fernando Cardenal, S.J.]. *The Just Word, The Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health & Human Rights*, 9(2), p. 1. [Newsletter Entry].
9. **De Jesus, M.** (Spring 2003). School of the Americas Protest, November 2002. *The Just Word, The Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health & Human Rights*, 9(1), p. 7. [Newsletter Entry].
10. **De Jesus, M.** (Fall 2002). Understanding terrorism through the lens of Ignacio Martín-Baró's liberation psychology. *The Just Word*, 8(2), p. 1-2.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

1. **De Jesus, M.** & Earl, T. R. Defining Quality Mental Health Care from the Perspective of Brazilian and Cape Verdean Immigrant Patients. [sent to peer-reviewed journal on December 11, 2012]

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. **De Jesus, M.**, Lopez-Class, M., & Sandoval, L. A systematic review of the cancer-related literature on Latinos using disaggregate and aggregate data [working title]
2. Greaney, M., **De Jesus, M.**, Sprunk-Harrild, K., Emmons, K. Designing Audience-Centered Interactive Voice Response Messages to Promote Cancer Screenings Among Low-Income Hispanic Women [working title]
3. **De Jesus, M.** & Miller, E. Fatalistic Beliefs and Cancer Prevention Among Latinas [working title]

CONFERENCES

Recently Accepted Abstract Submissions

International Studies Association Annual Convention 2013

San Francisco, CA

April 3-6, 2013

Paper: Border-Crossing to Seek Health Care Services Among Latino Immigrants in the United States

DC Health Communication Conference

Fairfax, VA

March 28-30, 2013

Paper: The Impact of Mass Media Health Communication on Health Decision-Making and Medical Advice-Seeking Behavior of U.S. Hispanic Population

Recently Submitted Abstracts

American Public Health Association

141st Annual Meeting & Exposition

Nov. 2-6, 2013

Boston, MA

Paper 1: Border-Crossing to Seek Health Care Services Among Latino Immigrants in the United States

Paper 2: Internet as a Source of Health Information Among Latinos in the United States

Submitted Jan 30, 2013

AcademyHealth

Annual Research Meeting

June 23-25, 2013

Baltimore, MD

Submitted Jan 16, 2013

Paper: Cross-Border Health Care Utilization Among the Hispanic Population in the United States: Implications for Closing the Health Care Access Gap

Conferences**Paper Presentations/Panels**

Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association (MWPCHA) 2012 Annual Meeting Washington, D.C.	May 2012
13th Annual IMI Conference on Intercultural Relations Talk: Relational Cross-cultural Communication Strategies Work Effectively with Multicultural Patients: Perspectives of Cape Verdean Health Promoters	March 2012
23rd Annual Ann Ferren Conference on Teaching, Research, and Learning Conference Panelist: Integrating Inclusiveness in the Classroom American University	January 2012
139 th American Public Health Association Conference Healthy Communities Promote Healthy Minds and Bodies Washington, DC	October 2011
DC Health Communication Conference Designing for Health The Center for Health and Risk Communication Fairfax, VA	May 2011
The International Studies Association Convention Global Governance: Political Authority in Transition Montreal, Canada	March 2011
22nd Annual Ann Ferren Conference on Teaching, Research, and Learning Conference American University	Jan 2011
Invited Talk De Jesus, M. Contextual factors and health among multiethnic populations: HPV and implications for primary care. Participatory Research at McGill. Department of Family Medicine, McGill University.	October 2009
Roundtable Presentation De Jesus, M. Perspectives and Experiences of Cape Verdean Women Health Promoters on Institutional Barriers and Strategies to Women's Health Promotion Paper presented as part of panel, "Community Health Workers: Agents	August 2009
Roundtable Presentation De Jesus, M. Perspectives and Experiences of Cape Verdean Women Health Promoters on Institutional Barriers and Strategies to Women's Health Promotion Paper presented as part of panel, "Community Health Workers: Agents of Change" <i>136th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition</i> , San Diego, CA. of Change" <i>136th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition</i> , San Diego, CA.	May 2008

- Panel Symposia April 2008
 De Jesus, M. Mutuality at the Center: A Grounded Theory of the Health Practice of Cape Verdean Health Promoters
 Paper presented as part of panel, "Community-Based Approaches and Health Promotion for Low-Income Immigrant Women"
116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA
- Invited Symposium March 2007
 De Jesus, M. What is Research Good For?
 Paper presented as part of panel, "Benefits of Academic Research"
Latin American Studies Association (LASA) XXVII International Congress, Montreal, Quebec
- Symposium April 2006
 De Jesus, M. Ethnic Community Health Promotion and Well-being: Critical Cultural Praxis of Female Cape Verdean Health Advocates
 Paper presented as part of panel, "From Cape Verde to the United States: Women, Ethnic Identity, Health, and Well-Being"
Sixth Annual Diversity Challenge Conference, "Do Immigrants Catch or Carry Race and Culture?" at the Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race & Culture, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- Invited Symposium June 2005
 De Jesus, M., Lykes, M.B., & Liem, R., in collaboration with the Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health and Human Rights. Contributions of Ignacio Martín-Baró's Liberation Psychology to Understanding and Confronting Terror-isms
 Paper presented at the *Fourth Biennial Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Convention* on "Understanding and Addressing Disparities: International Approaches," Toronto, Ontario
- De Jesus, M. Inequality, HIV/AIDS, and Cape Verdean Women: Situated Perspectives of Cape Verdean Human and Social Service Professionals April 2005
Cultural Psychology Conference
 Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- Presentation March 2004
 De Jesus, M. Cultural Dimensions of Working with Cape Verdean Women around HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education
Cultural Psychology Conference
 Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- Presentation February 2004
 De Jesus, M., Lykes, M.B., & Liem, R., in collaboration with the Ignacio Martín-Baró Fund for Mental Health and Human Rights
 Understanding Terror-isms from the Perspective of Liberation Psychology
Cultural Psychology Conference
 Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Presentation January 2004

De Jesus, M. Multiple Meanings of Reconciliation: The Case of Chiapas
Center for International Partnerships and Programs Conference
 Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Symposium March 2003

De Jesus, M., Lykes, M.B., & Liem, R., in collaboration with the Ignacio Martín-Baró
 Fund for Mental Health and Human Rights
 Constructing a Shared Social Meaning and Response to Terror-ism: Lessons from Ignacio
 Martín-baró's Liberation Psychology, with Maria De Jesus & Ramsay Liem. Twentieth
 Anniversary Conference on Social Responsibility in the Twenty-First Century. Psychologists
 for Social Responsibility. Paper presented at the *20th Anniversary Conference, Psychologists
 for Social Responsibility (PsySR)*, University of the District of
 Columbia, Washington, D.C.

Symposium January 2002

De Jesus, M., Lykes, M.B., & Liem, R., in collaboration with the Ignacio Martín-Baró
 Fund for Mental Health and Human Rights
 (De)constructing terror-isms: Toward a theory and practice informed by Ignacio Martín-
 Baró's liberation psychology. With Maria De Jesus and M. Brinton Lykes. Paper presented at
 4th Conference of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI):
 Understanding and Addressing Disparities: International Approaches, Toronto, Canada

Poster Presentations:

De Jesus, M. & Earl, T. R., "Emic Perspectives of Immigrant Patients on Quality Mental Health Care"
 for "The 2012 Summit on the Science of Eliminating Health Disparities." *The National Institute
 of Minority Health and Health Disparities and the Office of Minority Health*, National Harbor, MD,
 December 17-19, 2012.

De Jesus, M. Internet as a Source of Health Information Among Latinos in the United States.
AcademyHealth Annual Convention 2012, Orlando, FL, June 24-26, 2012.

De Jesus, M. Mutuality as a key process in promoting Cape Verdean immigrant women's
 health. *136th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition*, San Diego, CA, October 28, 2008.

De Jesus, M. Health Promotion with Cape Verdean Immigrant Women. *136th APHA
 Annual Meeting & Exposition*, San Diego, CA, October 28, 2008.

De Jesus, M. Promoting Cape Verdean Immigrant Women's Health in a Context of
 Structural and Community Violence. *Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Junior Investigators
 Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, May 1, 2008.

De Jesus, M. Mutuality at the Center: Health Promotion with Cape Verdean Immigrant
 Women. *New England Science Symposium*, Boston, MA, April 6, 2008.

De Jesus, M. Inequality, HIV/AIDS, and Cape Verdean Women: Situated Perspectives of Cape Verdean Human and Social Service Professionals. *Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Meeting*, Atlanta, Georgia, April 7-10, 2005.

De Jesus, M. Cape Verdean Women, HIV/AIDS, and Social Inequalities. *Eastern Psychological Association (EPA) Conference*, Boston, Massachusetts, March 11-13, 2005.

De Jesus, M. Cape Verdean Women and Health Inequalities. *2005 Lynch School of Education Graduate Student Research Forum*, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, April 22, 2005.

Liem, R, Lykes, M. B., & De Jesus, M. Liberation Psychology as Praxis: Innovative Responses to Human Rights Abuses. Poster Narrating the future, negotiating the past: Maya women's storytelling and community survival. Paper presented in Symposium: Narrating war, re-storying lives: Korean and Guatemalan war survivors story the future. *American Psychological Association (APA) Conference*, Hawaii, Honolulu, July 28-August 1st, 2004.

Seminars:

- NVivo Data Analysis Seminar December 2012
- Participate in Washington Institute for Public and International Affairs Research (WIPAR) Funding Assistance for New Scholars (FANS) Monthly Seminar- 2011-2012
- Participate in Center for Health, Risk, and Society (CHRS) Monthly Seminar – 2010-present

EXTERNAL GRANT REVIEWERSHIP

National Institutes of Health (NIH) 2012

FUNDING

External Support

DC Developmental Center for AIDS Research (DC D-CFAR) April 2012

PI: De Jesus

HIV-Related Perceptions, Barriers and Facilitators to HIV Testing, and HIV-Related Communication Norms Among East African and African American Women in Washington, D.C.

National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute January 2009

CATCH: Cancer Prevention with Latino Community

PI: K. Emmons

Role: Co-Investigator

National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute June 2008

Healthy Directions2

PI: K. Emmons

Role: Co-Investigator

Yerby Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Harvard School of Public Health and Dana–Farber Cancer Institute
Health Disparities 2007-2009

Davis Putter Grant August 2002
PI: De Jesus
Health Promotion Model with Cape Verdean Community
Health Promoters

Internal Support

International Travel Award January 2013
Research Collaboration in Santiago, Chile

SIS Conference Travel Award Nov 2012

SIS Collaborative Research Awards August 2012
co-I: De Jesus
Identifying HIV prevention strategies for Latino sexual minority young men living in DC

Dean’s Summer Research Award April 2012
Qualitative Research on HIV-Related Perceptions, Barriers and Facilitators to HIV Testing, and HIV-Related Communication Norms Among East African and African American Women in Washington, D.C.

Office of the Provost’s Faculty Research Support Grant Nov 2011
HIV Prevention Among East African and African American Women

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association (MWPHA)	2011-present
International Studies Association	2011-present
National Communication Association	2010-present
International Communication Association	2011-present
American Public Health Association	2007-present
Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network (ESIN)	2007-present
Society for Community Research and Action-Community Psychology	2006-present
American Psychological Association	2001-present
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues	2001-present

GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEWER

National Institutes of Health	2012-present
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