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Biography

Concepcion (Concha) Barrio joined the USC faculty in 2006 after serving as associate professor in the School of Social Work at San Diego State University and co-investigator at two research centers funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) in San Diego, the Child and Adolescent Services Center and the Advanced Center for Interventions and Services Research (ACISR) at the University of California, San Diego. Barrio continues to maintain her research positions at these two centers and as principal investigator of the Latino Studies Unit at the ACISR.

Barrio has a national reputation in mental health services research, particularly the interaction of ethnicity and effective clinical practice. Since 1997, she has been the principal investigator on three NIMH grants. Currently, her NIMH research study examines the development of a culturally based family intervention for Mexican-Americans dealing with schizophrenia. She is also a co-investigator on several other National Institute of Health grants in Los Angeles and San Diego that focus on the cultural relevance of mental health services and on the development and cultural adaptation of interventions for Latino and other underserved and under-researched multicultural populations dealing with severe and persistent mental illness and co-morbid conditions.

Barrio has 20 years of social work practice experience in community and private mental health settings with multicultural populations. Her teaching expertise is in the area of advanced direct practice in mental health settings and psychopathology and the diagnosis of mental disorders.

She has served on the Services Research Scientific Merit Review Committee at the National Institute of Mental Health and has been nominated as standing member of this Review Committee. Barrio also serves as reviewer for numerous interdisciplinary scientific journals in social work, psychiatry, psychology, public health, anthropology, cultural diversity and mental health services.

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Aging, Diversity/Cross Cultural, Mental Health

Education

University of Southern California

PhD

University of Southern California
MSW

Loyola Marymount University
BA

Accomplishments

Mentor Recognition Initiative Honor, CSWE Council on the Role and Status of Women in Social Work Education Mentor Recognition Program
2011

Hutto Patterson Award for Distinguished USC School of Social Work Faculty, Excellence in Teaching & Service
2011

USC Mellon Award for Excellence in Mentoring
2008

Most Influential Graduate Faculty Award, SDSU School of Social Work
2005-2006

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