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CAREER OBJECTIVE

- Research and development in counselor education, supervision, research, and practice

DEGREES AND CREDENTIALS

Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota February 2012

- *Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Counseling Studies, GPA of 4.00*
- *Dissertation: The lived experiences of Mexican American adolescent grandchildren raised by their grandparents: A phenomenological study*

University of Texas at Brownsville, Brownsville, Texas May 2007

- *Master of Education (MEd), Counseling and Guidance, GPA of 3.96*
- Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPC-S) #64381 2010
- Certified Principal (Grades EC-12) 2008
- Certified School Counselor (Grades EC-12) 2007
- Classroom Teacher: All-Level Music (PK-12) 2003

Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee May 1993

- *Bachelor of Science (BS), Music Education, GPA of 3.34*

COUNSELOR SUPERVISION

Counseling Practicum/Internship Instructor, University of Texas at Brownsville 2013-present

School Counselor Site Supervisor, Brownsville Independent School District 2012-2014

COUNSELOR EDUCATION

Assistant Professor, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley 2014-present

- *COUN 6369: Internship I*
- *COUN 6344: School Counseling*
- *COUN 6365: Practicum I*
- *COUN 6347: Child & Adolescent Counseling*
- *COUN 6340: Diagnosis & Treatment Planning*

Adjunct Professor, University of Texas at Brownsville 2012-2014

- *COUN 6368: Group Counseling*
- *COUN 6345: Career Counseling*
- *COUN 6344: School Counseling*
- *COUN 6340: Diagnosis & Treatment Planning*
- *COUN 6328: Techniques of Psychotherapy*
- *COUN 6313: Personal Growth*

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant Professor of Counseling, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley 2014-present
- *appointed school counseling field experiences coordinator*
 - *volunteered as a member of the College of Education Research Council*
 - *served on TEA accreditation committee as counseling program liaison*
 - *headed comprehensive exam and faculty seminar series*
- At-Risk Counselor, Eddie A. Lucio Jr. Middle School, Brownsville, Texas 2013-2014
- *piloted the Brownsville ISD Middle School Dropout Program counseling at-risk youth*
 - *volunteered as team leader for district crisis intervention and response*
- Academic Counselor, Simón Rivera High School, Brownsville, Texas 2009-2013
- *volunteered as member of district crisis intervention and response team*
 - *authored the Texas Title I Priority Schools (TTIPS) Grant for 2011-2012*
- Academic Counselor, Charles Stillman Middle School, Brownsville, Texas 2007-2009
- *served as campus representative on District Educational Improvement Council*
 - *authored the campus Texas Educator Excellence (TEEG) Grant for 2007-2008*
- Music Teacher / Counselor Intern, Southmost Elementary, Brownsville, Texas 2005-2007
- *taught music classes for Pre-Kindergarten through grade 5*
 - *provided group counseling on the topics of self-esteem, grief, and divorce*
- Assistant Band Director, Rio Hondo High School, Rio Hondo, Texas 2004-2005
- *taught elementary music classes for first and second grade*
 - *helped marching band earn eighth place at UIL State Championships*
- Director of Bands, Valley View Junior High School, Pharr, Texas 2003-2004
- *augmented support for constructing a high school fine arts facility*
 - *increased number of students in band program from 45 to 183*
- Director of Bands, Sycamore High School, Pleasant View, Tennessee 2000-2003
- *served as conductor for All-Cheatham County Bands in 2002*
 - *earned third place at 2002 Tennessee Marching Championships*
- Director of Bands, Marshall County High School, Benton, Kentucky 1999-2000
- *taught the music appreciation required for graduation*
 - *received distinguished ratings as Kentucky Marching Finalist*
- Director of Bands, Lewis County High School, Hohenwald, Tennessee 1996-1999
- *received grants for new band uniforms and computer systems*
 - *advanced to three consecutive Tennessee Marching Finals*
- Assistant Band Director, Smith County High School, Carthage, Tennessee 1993-1996
- *established a beginning band program at four elementary schools*
 - *attained first place awards at contests in three different states*

PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIPS

University of Texas at Brownsville & Brownsville Independent School District	2009-2010
• <i>Licensed Professional Counselor Internship</i>	
Stillman Middle School, Brownsville, Texas	2008
• <i>Counseling Internship</i>	
Southmost Elementary School, Brownsville, Texas	2007
• <i>Counseling Practicum</i>	
Southmost Elementary School, Brownsville, Texas	2006
• <i>Group Counseling Practicum</i>	
University of Texas at Brownsville	2006
• <i>Pre-Practicum Clinical Experience</i>	

COURSES TAUGHT

Summer 2016

- COUN 6369 Counseling Internship I - Community
 - Thursday 4:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.
 - Weekly Clinical Supervision (seven students – CACREP requirement)
- COUN 6340 Diagnosis and Treatment Planning
 - Friday 4:10 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

Spring 2016

- COUN 6369 Counseling Internship I – School
 - Thursday 4:40 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.
 - Weekly Clinical Supervision (six students – CACREP requirement)
 - Site Observations (six students / three per student – TEA requirement)
- COUN 6365 Counseling Practicum I – Community
 - Monday 4:40 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.
 - Weekly Clinical Supervision (six students – CACREP requirement)
- COUN 6344 Group Counseling
 - Thursday 7:20 p.m. – 9:50 p.m.

Fall 2015

- COUN 6369 Counseling Internship I – School
 - Monday 7:20 p.m. – 9:50 p.m.
 - Weekly Clinical Supervision (six students – CACREP requirement)

- COUN 6365 Counseling Practicum I – School
 - Monday 4:40 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.
 - Weekly Clinical Supervision (six students – CACREP requirement)
 - Site Observations (six students / three per student – TEA requirement)
- COUN 6340 Diagnosis and Treatment Planning
 - Monday 7:20 p.m. – 9:50 p.m.

ADVISING _____

- Graduate student advising – Counseling and Guidance Program Students
 - Support 45 students in the process of admission and completion of program of study

OFFICE HOURS: Mondays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesdays 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Thursdays by Appointment

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT _____

- *co-authored CACREP Mid-Cycle Report that was approved with no conditions*
- *initiated CACREP transition application from community counseling to clinical mental health*
- *assisted in drafting TEA school counseling application for UTRGV*
- *helped revise course descriptions and prerequisites for UTB and UTPA consolidation*
- *assisted in aligning accreditation standards in counseling course syllabi*
- *served on weekly advanced programs committee for the department of counseling and guidance*

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION _____

- *contacted teachers to recruit them to school counseling graduate program*
- *contacted school counselors to recruit them to take courses for LPC Texas licensure*
- *provided advisement for students who were considering withdrawing from the program*

TEXES, CPCE, AND NCE PREPARATION _____

- *assisted in analyzing TExES school counselor exam scores by domain and competency*
- *conducted group and individual preparation sessions prior to taking the exam*
- *assisted in analyzing the National Counselor's Exam (NCE) scores by domain and competency*

COMPREHENSIVE EXAM PREPARATION _____

- *provided feedback on student-generated essay practice questions*
- *conducted preparation sessions prior to exam administration*
- *administered and proctored comprehensive exam as scheduled by the graduate office*
- *reviewed comprehensive exam results with students who did not meet passing standard*
- *developed and administered a benchmark exam to all field experience counseling students*
- *analyzed benchmark exam scores by domain and competency aligned with the CPCE*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2016, July 9 – 12, American School Counselor Association Expo, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2015, March 30 – April 3, American Counseling Association Conference, Montreal, Canada
- 2016, February 4 – 6. Counselors' Institute, South Padre Island, Texas
- 2015, October 18 – 21. NAHLS International Research Forum, South Padre Island, Texas

PUBLICATIONS

- Cavazos Vela, J., Lerma, E. **Whittenberg, J. F.**, Hinojosa, Y., & Rodriguez, K. (in press). The Role of Positive Psychology, Cultural, and Family Factors on Latina/o College Students' Vocational Outcome Expectations. *Journal of Employment Counseling*. (acceptance rate is 40%; Journal Impact Rating is 0.38).
- Cavazos Vela, J., Sparrow, G. S., **Whittenberg, J. F.**, & Rodriguez, B. (in press). The role of character skills and family on Mexican American college students' career decision self-efficacy. *Journal of Employment Counseling* (acceptance rate is 40%; Journal Impact Rating is 0.38).
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2016). Responding to a school shooting incident: The need to improve school crisis response. In *Ideas and research you can use: VISTAS 2015*. Retrieved from <http://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/vistas>. (acceptance rate is 64%).
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2015). The lived experiences of Mexican American grandparents raising adolescent grandchildren: A phenomenological study. [Monograph]. *Journal of Intercultural Disciplines*, 570-586. (acceptance rate is 70%).
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2015). Immersion into a Mexican American culture: A heuristic inquiry. [Monograph]. *Journal of Intercultural Disciplines*, 553-569. (acceptance rate is 70%).
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2014). The lived experiences of Mexican American adolescent grandchildren raised by their grandparents: A phenomenological study. In *Ideas and research you can use: VISTAS 2015*. Retrieved from <http://www.counseling.org/knowledge-center/vistas>. (acceptance rate is 64%).

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED

- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2016). *The correlation between marital cohesion in Hispanic American custodial grandparents and the emotional well-being of the grandchild*. Manuscript revised and resubmitted for publication consideration (09/06/16) to Journal of Intercultural Disciplines. (acceptance rate is 70%).
- Cavazos Vela, J., Smith, W., **Whittenberg, J. F.**, Guardiola, R., & Savage, M. (2015). *The impact of positive psychology factors on Mexican American college students' psychological grit*. Manuscript revised and resubmitted for publication consideration (06/21/16) to Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development. (acceptance rate is 13%; Journal Impact Factor is 0.30).

Cavazos Vela, J., Smith, W., **Whittenberg, J. F.**, Guardiola, R., & Savage, M. (2015). *Positive psychology factors as predictors of Mexican American college students' career search self-efficacy*. Manuscript submitted for publication consideration (07/06/15) to Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development. (acceptance rate is 13%; Journal Impact Factor is 0.30).

Cavazos Vela, J., Sparrow, G. S., **Whittenberg, J. F.**, Gonzalez, S. L., & Rodriguez, B. (2015). *The role of character skills and family on Mexican American college students' career decision self-efficacy*. Manuscript submitted for publication consideration (07/06/15) to Journal of Employment Counseling. (acceptance rate is 40%; Journal Impact Rating is 0.38).

Lerma, E., & **Whittenberg, J. F.**, & (2015). *Improving crisis intervention in school counseling programs*. Manuscript submitted for publication consideration (08/012/15) to Journal of School Counseling. (acceptance rate is 34%).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION ---

Cavazos Vela, J., **Whittenberg, J. F.**, Gonzalez, S. L., & Hinojosa, Y. (2016). *Evaluating the impact of a positive psychology intervention with Mexican American adolescents*.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2015). *Counseling Studies: Research, theory, and practice*. Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2015). *Phencyclidine (PCP) intoxication: A comprehensive case study*. Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2015). *The correlation between the level of marital cohesion in Hispanic American custodial grandparents and the level of emotional well-being of the grandchild*. Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2015). *A phenomenological study of the parenting stress experienced by Hispanic American grandparents raising grandchildren*. Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2014). *A comparative examination of cognitive therapy and behavior therapy interventions in the alleviation of the severity of obsessive-compulsive symptoms*. Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2014). *The impact of marital satisfaction in Hispanic American custodial grandparents on the grandchild being raised*. Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2014). *Diversity, multiculturalism, and ethics: Strategies and integration in counseling*. Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2014). *An investigation of the coping resource factors that impact the successfulness of Hispanic American custodial grandparents*. Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2009). *Multi-axial diagnoses of the character Bob Wiley from the motion picture: What about Bob?* Unpublished manuscript.

- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2009). *The applicability of Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy to counseling.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2009). *The epistemology of Hispanic American grandparents raising their grandchildren due to concerns related to the parents of the child.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2009). *Determining the most effective treatment plan for counseling minority children and adolescents.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2009). *Assessing the emotional well-being of Hispanic American adolescents being raised by their grandparents.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2009). *Analysis and rationale in treatment planning for the character Selena St. George from the motion picture: Dolores Claiborne.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2009). *Grandparents raising grandchildren: Difficulties, legal issues, and support.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2009). *Bipolar disorder: Addressing barriers to learning by helping bipolar students cope with disruptive behaviors in school.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2007). *Effectiveness of pharmacological and therapeutic interventions in the alleviation of the severity of obsessive-compulsive disorder symptoms.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2007). *Superlative ISD developmental counseling and guidance program framework.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2007). *Application of the ASCA national model to a high school student coping with substance abuse: A case study.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2007). *Children of alcoholics: An overlooked population of students at-risk.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2006). *My job and my future: A career awareness model for fourth grade students.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2006). *Human validation process model: The experiential approach of Virginia Satir.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2006). *Meaning-Centered REBT: Integration of three theoretical counseling approaches.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2006). *At-risk children and adolescents: Identification and interventions.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2006). *The power of music therapy.* Unpublished manuscript.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2005). *An overview of contemporary assessment measures for social anxiety disorder.* Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2005). *Analysis of effective treatments in the alleviation of post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms*. Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2005). *Effectiveness of applied relaxation training and cognitive restructuring in the alleviation of severe panic disorder symptoms*. Unpublished manuscript.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2005). *Inhalant abuse in minority adolescents*. Unpublished manuscript.

PRESENTATIONS – INTERNATIONAL _____

Whittenberg, J. F. (2016). *The correlation between marital cohesion in Hispanic American custodial grandparents and the level of self-esteem of the grandchild being raised*. Presented at the National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies International Research Forum, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2015). *The lived experiences of Mexican American grandparents raising adolescent grandchildren: A phenomenological study*. Presented at the National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies International Research Forum, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2015). *Immersion into a Mexican American culture: A heuristic inquiry*. Presented at the National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies International Research Forum, South Padre Island, Texas.

PRESENTATIONS – NATIONAL _____

Whittenberg, J. F., Lerma, E., & Hinojosa, K. (2015). *The use of therapeutic film to facilitate positive outcomes in victims of domestic violence*. Presented at the Association for Creativity in Counseling Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

PRESENTATIONS – STATE _____

Whittenberg, J. F. (2015). *Using Superheroes as Metaphors in Counseling*. Presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F., & Morales, R. (2014). *Ethical and legal issues in school counseling*. Presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Dallas, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2014). *Anger management in adolescents: The correlation between self-esteem and self-control*. Presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Dallas, Texas.

Alvarado, M., **Whittenberg, J. F.**, Izo, C., & Mazariegos, M. A. (2013). *Let's talk about sex: Exploring the sexual response cycle and sexual dysfunction*. Presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2012). *Ethical and legal issues in the counseling profession*. Presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Austin, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2012). *Responding to a traumatic event: The Cummings middle school incident*. Presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Austin, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2010). *Hispanic grandchildren raised by their grandparents: A phenomenological study*. Presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Austin, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2008). *Addressing barriers to learning by helping bipolar students cope with disruptive behaviors*. Presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, Houston, Texas.

PRESENTATIONS – REGIONAL

Whittenberg, J. F., & Morales, R. (2016). *Ethical and legal issues in school counseling*. Presented at the Counselors' Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F., Lerma, E., & Hinojosa, K. (2016). *The use of therapeutic film to facilitate positive outcomes in victims of domestic violence*. Presented at the Counselors' Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2015). *Using Superheroes as Metaphors in Counseling*. Presented at the Counselors' Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F., & Hinojosa, K. (2014). *Group techniques: Why do I say? What do I ask?* Presented at the Counselors' Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2013). *Issues in distance counseling, technology, and social media*. Presented at the Counselors' Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2013). *Ethical codes and legal statutes in the counseling field*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2012). *Bipolar students: Learning barriers and disruptive behaviors*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2012). *Reacting to a traumatic event and the grief process in children*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2011). *Ethical, legal, and professional issues in counseling*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2011). *Trends: Adolescent concerns for counselor awareness*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2010). *Reporting child abuse: Ethical and legal issues*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2010). *Unlocking the secret of emetophobia: The key to successful treatment*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2009). *Contemporary interventions for obsessive-compulsive disorder*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2009). *Grandparents raising grandchildren: Difficulties, legal issues, and sources of support*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2008). *Children of alcoholics: Identification and intervention*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2008). *Differentiating occupational stress and dysthymic disorder in teachers*. Presented at the Counselor's Institute, South Padre Island, Texas.

PRESENTATIONS – UNIVERSITY _____

Whittenberg, J. F. (2016). *Helping clients explore thoughts and feelings*. Presented at the CGSA Clinical Skills Workshop, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2016). *Helping clients gain insight into their problems*. Presented at the CGSA Clinical Skills Workshop, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2016). *Group techniques: Why do I say? What do I ask?* Presented at the CGSA Clinical Skills Workshop, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2016). *Lights, camera, action: Helping clients find solutions to their problems*. Presented at the CGSA Clinical Skills Workshop, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2015). *Using superheroes as a therapeutic technique in counseling*. Presented at the Faculty Seminar Series, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2014). *Fostering your counseling identity*. Presented at the Faculty Seminar Series, University of Texas at Brownsville.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2013). *The lived experiences of Mexican American adolescent grandchildren raised by their grandparents: A phenomenological study*. Presented at the 14th Annual Research Symposium, University of Texas at Brownsville.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2012). *Reacting to a traumatic event and the grief process in children*. Presented at the Faculty Seminar Series, University of Texas at Brownsville.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2007). *Grieving and growing: Helping elementary school children understand and cope with loss*. Presented at the Counseling & Guidance Student Conference, University of Texas at Brownsville.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2007). *Freedom to learn: A humanistic approach to education*. Presented at the Education Symposium, University of Texas at Brownsville.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2007). *Carl Rogers: Remembrance and celebration of his life and work*. Presented at the Faculty Seminar Series, University of Texas at Brownsville.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2006). *Systems-oriented therapy with stepfamilies*. Presented at the Marriage and Family Therapy Course, University of Texas at Brownsville.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2006). *Adolescent emergence into adulthood*. Presented at the Human Growth and Development Course, University of Texas at Brownsville.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2006). *Meaning-Centered REBT: Integration of theoretical counseling approaches*. Presented at the Counseling & Guidance Student Conference, University of Texas at Brownsville.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2006). *Logotherapy and existential analysis*. Presented at the Theories and Techniques Course, University of Texas at Brownsville .

Whittenberg, J. F. (2005). *Helping to understand the adolescent*. Presented at the Child and Adolescent Counseling Course, University of Texas at Brownsville.

PRESENTATIONS – LOCAL

Lerma, E., & **Whittenberg J. F.** (2016). *Practicing Self-Care*. Presented at the Communities in Schools Professional Development Day. San Benito, TX.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2016). *The journey to becoming a licensed professional counselor*. Presented at the Career Day, Garcia Middle School, Brownsville, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2016). *So, you want to be a professional school counselor*. Presented at the Career Day, Oliveira Middle School, Brownsville, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2015). *Bullying activities to help school counselors deal with social aggression*. Presented at the San Benito CISD March Counselors' Workshop, San Benito, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2014). *Group counseling activities for elementary school counselors*. Presented at the San Benito CISD December Counselors' Workshop, San Benito, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2014). *Adolescent mental health and suicide awareness*. Presented at Creating a Culture of Excellence, Rivera High School, Brownsville, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2012). *Conflict resolution with students, parents, and colleagues*. Presented at the Faculty In-Service, Rivera High School, Brownsville, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2011). *Crisis intervention in public schools*. Presented at the Faculty In-Service, Rivera High School, Brownsville, Texas.

Whittenberg, J. F. (2010). *Conflict resolution impact on academic success*. Presented at the Faculty In-Service, Rivera High School, Brownsville, Texas.

- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2010). *Crisis management update*. Presented at the Faculty In-Service, Rivera High School, Brownsville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2010). *Conflict resolution in high schools*. Presented at the Faculty In-Service, Rivera High School, Brownsville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2009). *The fight against drugs*. Presented at the Brownsville ISD Parent Seminar Series, Brownville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2009). *Setting academic goals for our children*. Presented at the Brownsville ISD Parent Seminar Series, Brownville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2009). *How to become better parents*. Presented at the Brownsville ISD Parent Seminar Series, Brownville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2008). *How to prepare children for college life*. Presented at the Brownsville ISD Parent Seminar Series, Brownville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2008). *Why parents play an important role in the academic development of their children*. Presented at the Brownsville ISD Parent Seminar Series, Brownville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2008). *How to appropriately deal with adolescent conduct*. Presented at the Brownsville ISD Parent Seminar Series, Brownville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2008). *An overview of interventions in the alleviation of obsessive-compulsive symptoms*. Presented at the Counselors' Monthly Meeting, Hanna High School, Brownsville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2008). *Handling conflict in academic teams*. Presented at the Faculty In-Service, Stillman Middle School, Brownsville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2008). *Ethical and legal issues for educators*. Presented at the Faculty In-Service, Stillman Middle School, Brownsville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2008). *The choking game: El juego del ahorcado*. Presented at the Faculty In-Service, Stillman Middle School, Brownsville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2008). *Separating fact from fiction: What causes violence in our schools?* Presented at the Counselors' Monthly Meeting, Hanna High School, Brownsville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2007). *Understanding bullying interventions for school children*. Presented at the Parent Involvement Meeting, Stillman Middle School, Brownsville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2007). *Effective strategies for conflict resolution*. Presented at the Faculty In-Service, Stillman Middle School, Brownsville, Texas.
- Whittenberg, J. F.** (2006). *Help prevent violence in our school: Stop bullying now!* Presented at the Faculty In-Service, Southmost Elementary School, Brownsville, Texas.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Rio Grande Valley Counseling Association	2014-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>President-Elect, Executive Board</i>• <i>Coordinated approval of Continuing Education Units for Counselor's Institute</i>	
Counseling and Guidance Student Association	2015-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Faculty advisor</i>	
American Counseling Association	2014-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Member</i>	
American School Counselor Association	2014-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Member</i>	
Texas Counseling Association	2012-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Member, Committee for Ethical and Legal Issues</i>	
Tip of Texas Counseling Association	2012-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Senator, Executive Board</i>• <i>Emerging Leader</i>• <i>Coordinated approval of Continuing Education Units for Counselor's Institute</i>	2014 2012
Texas Counseling Association	2010-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Member, Committee for Association Membership</i>	
UTB Counseling and Guidance Student Association	2007-2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Secretary, Executive Board</i>	

COLLEGE SERVICE

Research Academy, College of Education (CERA)	2014-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>co-presented at September workshop on APA Style Writing</i>• <i>helped develop rubric for CERA student conference proposals</i>• <i>co-presented at November workshop on Writing Proposals for Professional Conferences</i>• <i>served on committee to review proposals for CERA student conference</i>	

Dissertation and Thesis Committees

Krystle Ortega	December 2016
<i>Evaluating a parent facilitation program with couples undergoing divorce</i>	
Thesis Committee Member	
Dion Smith	December 2016
<i>An evaluation of the mindfulness-awareness attention scale and gratitude questionnaire</i>	
Thesis Committee Member	

Laura Adame May 2017
Merging two cultures: The unification of two university counseling programs into one new department
Thesis Committee Chair

Vania Palacios May 2017
The lived experiences of counseling graduate students and the impact of their studies on marital satisfaction
Thesis Committee Chair

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- Search Committee, Department of Counseling and Guidance 2015-present
 - *served as a Brownsville campus committee member*
- Texas Education Association Committee, College of Education 2014-2016
 - *served as counseling program committee member*
- Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs 2014-2016
 - *served as counseling program committee member*

PROGRAM SERVICE

- Counseling Program, Department of Counseling and Guidance 2014-2016
 - *managed school counseling field experiences*
 - *organized faculty seminar series*
 - *coordinated comprehensive examination*
 - *co-presented site supervisor trainings*
 - *conducted site evaluations of school counseling students*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Brownsville ISD “Principal for a Day” 2016
 - *Longoria Elementary School*
- Brownsville, Texas “March for Babies” 2015
 - *Brownsville Events Center – booth to promote mental health and wellness*
- Brownsville ISD “Open House” 2015
 - *Lucio Middle School – booth to promote UTB Community Counseling Clinic*
- Brownsville ISD “Walk for the Future” 2014
 - *Visited homes of students who dropped out of school*
- Brownsville ISD Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive 2014
 - *Tip of Texas Family Outreach*
- Communities in Schools Clothing Drive, 2014
 - *Good Neighbor Settlement House*

HONORS AND AWARDS

Counseling and Guidance Student Association	2016
• <i>Outstanding CGSA Advisor</i>	
Rio Grande Valley Counseling Association	2014
• <i>Outstanding School Counselor</i>	
Brownsville Independent School District	2013
• <i>School Counselor of the Year</i>	
University of Texas at Brownsville	2012
• <i>Dr. Emmitte R. Huto Outstanding Alumnus</i>	
American Educational Research Foundation	2012
• <i>Finalist Qualitative Research SIG Outstanding Dissertation</i>	
School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Capella University	2008-2011
• <i>Mental Health Services Doctoral Scholarship</i>	
School Specialties Department, University of Texas at Brownsville	2005-2006
• <i>Graduate Research Assistantship</i>	
Office of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Brownsville	2005-2007
• <i>Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship</i>	