

**CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

Undergraduate	University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus Field: Psychology, B.A. (2013) Major: Methods and Techniques of Social Research Honors: Suma Cum Laude
Graduate	Albizu University, San Juan Campus Field: Clinical Psychology, PhD. 2019 Honors: Suma Cum Laude
Internship	Children’s Institute, Inc. Los Angeles California. APA accredited Clinical Psychology Internship. Trauma Track. Certified in Trauma Focused CBT. (09/2018- 08-2019).

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

Fellowship	Brown University, Rhode Island. Post-doctoral Research fellowship at Bradley Hospital and Department of Psychiatric and Human Behavior. (9/2020- 8/2022).
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HONORS AND AWARDS

DPHB Diversity Early Career Faculty Development Award: *Training in an evidence-based treatment to serve Latinx caregivers with trauma.*
PSI CHI®- “The International Honor Society in Psychology (2011-13)-
University of Puerto Rico
Albizu University’s Institutional Scholarship. For prospective students who
demonstrate academic excellence at Albizu University, San Juan. 2014.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OR CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Psychologist, Rhode Island No. PS02047 Issued: Feb 7, 2022
Certified Trauma Focused CBT therapist 2019

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor (Research), DPHB, Brown University, Rhode Island, 9/2022-Present

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

Clinical Psychologist, DPHB, Bradley Hospital, Rhode Island, 8/2022 – Present

MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETIES

National Latinx Psychological Association (NLPA)

Association of Professional Solving the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

PUBLICATIONS LIST

ORIGINAL PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. Martínez-Taboas, A., **Jiménez-Colón, G.**, Colón Laboy, M., González Jiménez, C., Torres Narváez, M., & Valdez Pimentel, Y. (2014). Lo que todo profesional de la salud debe saber sobre las convulsiones psicógenas no-epilépticas (CPNE). [What every health professional should know about psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES)]. *Sociedad y Salud* (5). 2. 140-154.
2. Martínez-Taboas, A., **Jiménez Colón, G.**, Torres Narváez, M., Colón Laboy... & González Jiménez, C. (2016). LGBT y sexualidad en revistas psicológicas puertorriqueñas: Un análisis bibliométrico. [LGBT and sexuality in Puerto Rican psychological journals: A bibliometric analysis.] *Behavioral Sciences Journal* (31). 1. 73-84.
3. Méndez, J., Valdez Pimentel, Y., Torres Narváez, M., Colón Laboy, M., **Jiménez-Colón, G.**, González Jiménez, C., Rodríguez-Gómez, J., Martínez-Taboas, A., (2017). Clinical profile of patients with psychogenic non-epileptic seizure in Puerto Rico. *Puerto Rico Health Science Journal*, 36 (4). 1-6.
4. Duarte-Vélez, Y., Gómez, J. **Jiménez, G.**, & Spirito, A. (2018). Socio-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Suicidal Behavior with a Puerto Rican male adolescent", *Evidence-Based Practice in Child & Adolescent Mental Health Journals*. 3 (2), 81-97. DOI: 10.1080/23794925.2018.1432300
5. **Jiménez-Colón, G.**, Martínez-Taboas, A., & Arias-Mendoza, J. (2021). Comparison of Semiology in Patients with Psychogenic Nonepileptic Seizures or with Epilepsy in Puerto Rico. *Epilepsy and Behavior*. 124. 1-5.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.yebeh.2021.108337>

6. Duarté-Vélez Y., **Jimenez-Colon, G.**, Jones, R., & Spirito, A. (2022). Socio-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Latinx adolescents with suicidal behaviors: A pilot randomized trial. *Child Psychiatry & Human Development*. DOI: [10.1007/s10578-022-01439-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10578-022-01439-z)
7. **Jimenez-Colon, G.** & Duarté-Vélez, Y. (2022). Raising children in different cultures: working with Latinx youth with suicidal behaviors and their families. *Rhode Island Medical Journal*, 105(4), 31-35.
8. Buitron, V., **Jimenez Colon, G.**, & Duarté-Vélez Y. (2023). Mental health services and social support among Latinx families with adolescents with suicidal behaviors. *Evidence-Based Practice in Child & Adolescent Mental Health*. DOI: 10.1080/23794925.2023.2183433
9. Duarte-Velez, Y., **Jimenez-Colon, G.**, Buitron, V., Polanco Frontera, N., & Gomez, J. (2023). Clinician perspectives on challenges among Latinx/Hispanic adolescents with suicidal behaviors and their families. *Journal of Applied Research on Children: Informing Policy for Children at Risk*, 14 (1), Article 3. <https://doi.org/10.58464/2155-5834.1541>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. Duarté-Vélez Y., **Jimenez-Colon, G.**, Nocera, L., Gomez, J., Tavarez, J., Jones, R.N., Donaldson, D., Aiello, M., Torres Lopez, A., Sanchez, I., and Spirito, A. (June, 2025). *Randomized controlled trial: Socio-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Suicidal Behaviors in Latinx adolescents at six-month follow-up*. Manuscript submitted.
2. Aiello, M., **Jimenez-Colon, G.** & Duarté-Vélez Y. (August, 2025) *Bridging acculturation gaps in Latinx and Hispanic families after a youth's suicidal crisis*. Manuscript submitted to *The Brown University Child and Adolescent Behavior Letter (CABL)*

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

1. Aiello, M., Hollinshead, M., **Jimenez-Colon, G.** & Duarté-Vélez Y. (In progress) *Exploring the mental health consequences of exposure to community violence in Latine and Hispanic youth living in Rhode Island*.
2. Duarté-Vélez Y., **Jimenez-Colon, G.**, Nocera, L., Gomez, J., Jones, R.N., Aiello, M., Tavarez, J., Donaldson, D., Torres Lopez, A., Sanchez, I., & Spirito, A. *Randomized controlled trial: Socio-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Suicidal Behaviors in Latinx adolescents at twelve-month follow-up*. In Progress

3. **Jimenez-Colon, G.,** Sanchez, I., Aiello, M., & Duarte-Velez, Y. *Transgenerational Trauma in Latinx Families: Impact on parenting and child suicidality.* In Progress

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Jimenez Colon, G., & Duarte-Vélez Y.** (2023). Adolescencia trans, cuir y no binarie: Asuntos del desarrollo. (Tras, queer and non-binarie adolescence: Issues of Development) In: Vazquez Rivera, M., Rodriguez Madera, S., Ramos Pibernus, A. & Rivas, E. (Eds.), *Comunidades Trans, Cuir y No binarie: Presencia y resistencia.* True Self Foundation, San Juan, PR.

OTHER NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Arocho, A., **Jiménez-Colón, G.** & Rodríguez, C. (May, 2013). Experiencias en el componente de capacitación del Programa *ConVida* y el Proyecto *InVita*. [Experience with mentorship component in the program *ConVida* and *InVita* Project.] *Boletín Informativo del Instituto de Investigación Psicológica* (3)1, 3.
2. Martínez-Taboas, A., **Jiménez-Colón, G.,** González-Jiménez, C., Valdez Pimentel, Y., Méndez-Ruiz, J., Colón Laboy, M., Torres Narváez, M. (2016). Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures (PNES): Answers for the most common questions. [Information brochure for patients and their families]

ABSTRACTS

1. **Jiménez-Colón, G. & Duarte-Vélez, Y.** (2013, April). Exploratory Study: Perception of the experiences of the disability's population in the university context: Proposal. (Chair) Design of activities aimed at the promotion of emotional health within the Río Piedras Campus. Presented at the 1st Sub-graduate Meeting of Research and Creation. Organization by: Research Initiatives and Sub-graduate Creative Activity (iINAS). At Carolina, Puerto Rico.
2. **Jiménez-Colón, G.,** Morales, A. & Duarte-Vélez, Y. (2013, September). Exploratory Study: Perception of the experiences of the disabilities population in the university context: Result. Oral presentation at 5th student research day, From the Association of Psychology for the Promotion of Student Research (APPIE). At San Juan, Puerto Rico.
3. Duarte-Vélez, Y.; Torres Dávila, P.; **Jiménez Colón, G.,** & Polanco Frontera, N. (2014, November). Clinicians' Experiences with Suicidal Latino/a Adolescents:

Puerto Rico and USA. Panel in Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology, in Suriname.

4. Martínez-Taboas, A., **Jiménez-Colón, G.**, Colón Laboy, M., González Jiménez, C., Méndez-Ruiz, J., Torres Narváez, M., & Valdez-Pimentel, Y (2015, March). What every health professional should know about psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES). Oral presentation at 7th Student Research Day. From the Association of Psychology for the Promotion of Student Research (APPIE). At San Juan, Puerto Rico.
5. Martínez-Taboas, A., **Jiménez-Colón, G.**, Colón Laboy, M., González Jiménez, C., Méndez-Ruiz, J., Torres Narváez, M., & Valdez-Pimentel, Y. (2015, May). What every health professional should know about psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES)]. Poster session at II Student Symposium on Mental Health Research, at San Juan, PR.
6. Méndez, J., Valdez Pimentel, Y., Torres Narváez, M., Colón Laboy, M., **Jiménez-Colón, G.**, González Jiménez, C., Rodríguez-Gómez, J. , Martínez-Taboas, A., (2015, November). Clinical Profile of Non-Epileptic Psychogenic Seizures (CPNE) in Puerto Rico. Professional Poster in 62th Convention of Association of Psychologist in Puerto Rico (APPR). San Juan, Puerto Rico.
7. Méndez, J., Valdez Pimentel, Y., Torres Narváez, M., Colón Laboy, M., **Jiménez-Colón, G.**, González Jiménez, C., Rodríguez-Gómez, J., Martínez-Taboas, A., (2016, April). Clinical Profile of Non-Epileptic Psychogenic Seizures (CPNE) in Puerto Rico. Conference at III Student Symposium on Mental Health Research, At San Juan, PR.
8. **Jiménez-Colón, G.** & Duarte-Velez, Yovanska (2016, November). Experience of Mental Health professionals with adolescents at suicide risk in Puerto Rico. Conference at 63rd Convention of Association of Psychologist in Puerto Rico (APPR). San Juan, PR.
9. González-Jiménez, C.J., **Jiménez-Colón, G.**, Vidot-Hidalgo, F., Piñero-Meléndez, M., Aldarondo-Hernández, A., ... Martínez-Taboas, A. (2017, June). Electoral participation, political activism, and personality throughout different Puerto Rican generations. Poster session presented at the IV Student Symposium on Mental Health Research, at San Juan, PR.
10. Martínez-Taboas, A., **Jiménez-Colón, G.** & Arias, J. (2018, January). What do we know about Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures (PNES)? A view from neurology to psychopathology. Panel to present at 64th Convention of Association of Psychologist in Puerto Rico (APPR). At Ponce, Puerto Rico

11. Duarte-Vélez, Y., & **Jiménez-Colón, G.** (2018, January). Sociocultural variables related to suicidal risk in adolescents in two clinical samples: Puerto Rico and USA. Conference to present in 64th Convention of Association of Psychologist in Puerto Rico (APPR). At Ponce, Puerto Rico

12. **Jiménez-Colón, G.** & Duarte-Vélez., Y. (2021, April). Socio-Cultural factors and suicidal risk in a clinical sample of Latinx adolescents. Society for Research in Child Development 2021 Virtual Biennial Meeting.

13. **Jimenez-Colon, G.** & Duarte-Velez, Y. (2022, January) Socio-cultural and suicidal risk variables in a clinical sample of Latinx adolescents with suicidal behaviors. In Y. Duarte-Velez (Chair), *Socio-cultural Context and Evidence-based Treatment for Latinx Youth with Suicidal Behaviors*. Symposium conducted at the 2022 National Multicultural Virtual Conference and Summit.

14. Duarte-Velez, Y., **Jimenez-Colon, G.**, & Spirito, A. (2022, May). *Preliminary results at three- and six- month follow-ups of the socio-cognitive behavioral therapy for Latinx adolescent with suicidal behaviors: A randomized clinical trial*. Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology Conference, Illinois, Chicago, IL.

15. Duarte-Velez, Y., Rosso, S. & **Jimenez-Colon, G.** (2022, October). Identity negotiation and differences between Latinx LGBT+ and cisgender heterosexual youth at risk of suicide. In Y. Duarte-Velez (Chair), *Suicidal Behaviors among LGBTQ+ Latinx: Psychosocial factors and affirmative treatment*. Symposium conducted at the 2022 National Latinx Psychological Association in Denver, CO.

16. **Jimenez-Colon, G.** & Duarte-Velez, Y. (2022, October). The Socio-cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Suicidal Behaviors: An Affirmative approach for LGBTQ+ Latinx youth, two case studies. In Y. Duarte-Velez (Chair), *Suicidal Behaviors among LGBTQ+ Latinx: Psychosocial factors and affirmative treatment*. Symposium conducted at the 2022 National Latinx Psychological Association in Denver, CO.

17. Duarte-Vélez Y., **Jimenez-Colon, G.**, Jones, R., & Spirito, A. (2023, June). *Trajectory of the Socio-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Suicidal Behaviors for Latinx youth*. Oral presentation at the XXXIX Interamerican Psychology Conference in Asuncion, Paraguay.

18. **Jimenez-Colon, G.**, Aiello, M., Sanchez, I. & Duarte-Velez, Y. (2024, October) Transgenerational Trauma in Latine Families: caregiver trauma, parenting, and child suicidality. In G. Jimenez-Colon (Chair), *Suicidality in Latine and Hispanic Youth: Transgenerational Trauma, Community Violence, and Treatment*.

Symposium presented at the 2024 National Latinx Psychological Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

19. **Jimenez-Colon, G.**, Aiello, M., Sanchez, I. & Duarte-Velez, Y. (2025, October) *Understanding Intergenerational Trauma through Latinx Caregivers' Narratives: A Qualitative Exploration of their migration stories*. In Y. Duarte-Velez (Chair) *Addressing Gaps in the Treatment of Latinx Youth with Suicidal Behaviors*. Symposium to be presented at the 2025 National Latinx Psychological Association in Texas,
20. Duarte-Velez, Y., **Jimenez-Colon, G.** Aiello, M., Espinal, N. & Torres-Lopez, A. (2025, November) *Addressing social determinants of health to improve suicidality outcomes with a new clinical model including community health workers*. Poster accepted for presentation for the IASR/AFSP International Summit on Suicide Research in Boston, MA, United States.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

REGIONAL

1. Jimenez-Colon, G. (2024, April). *Transgenerational Trauma in Latinx Families: Impact on parenting, child suicidality, and access to mental health services*. (Virtual Presentation) Invited speaker to the Advance RI-CTR Clinical and Translational Seminar Series Providence, RI.
2. Aiello, M. & **Jimenez-Colon, G.** (2025, April). *Socio-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Suicidal Behaviors: Clinical strategies to work with Latine youth and their families*. Invited to present for the Bradley Hospital Social Work Department Speaker Series.
3. **Jimenez-Colon, G.** (2025, May). *Understanding how trauma impacts Latinx families*. Invited by Brown University Health Community Health Institute to present at Temas Familiares Conference 2025 Providence, RI.

GRANTS

1. *Transgenerational Trauma in Latinx Families: Impact on parenting, child suicidality and access to mental health services*
Grant Number: Advance-CTR (U54GM115677), NIGMS \$37,500
Role: Principal Investigator 11/17/2022- 11/16/2023
Mentors: Duarte-Velez & Spirito

2. *A new clinical model for the engagement of Latinx youth with suicidal behavior and their families in a culturally centered CBT treatment*

Grant Number: STR-1-138-22, AFSP

\$1,500,000

Role: Co-investigator

10/1/2023-09/30/2026

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Planning committee for the Conference entitle: *Expanding Culturally Responsive Mental Health Care: Diversity among Hispanic/Latinx Youth and Families in Rhode Island*.

Conference: August 25 & 26 of 2023 in Providence RI.

Member of the working committee of the Bulletin at Association of Psychologist in Puerto Rico (APPR) (2016-2020)

Member, Editorial Board, Revista Salud y Conducta Humana/*Health and Human Behavior Journal*, Ponce, P.R. Reviewer of three articles in this peer review journal. (2015- 2020)

Secretary Directive of PSI CHI® “The International Honor Society in Psychology Chapter of University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus (2012-2013)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

1. *Mi Gente Program* providing evidence-based treatment for Latinx families and youth with depressive disorders, suicidal behaviors, and trauma, with particular attention to the LGBTQ+ community.

Role: Clinical Psychologist

09/ 2022- Present

Role: Clinical Supervisor

03/2024- Present

2. *InVita Research Lab and Mi Gente Study*- clinical research work aimed to increase awareness of the need of culturally responsive care and culturally center treatment for underserved population, particularly for Latinx youth and their families in Rhode Island.

Roles: Project coordinator and Co-investigator

02/2020- present

3. Mentor of the *National Latinx Psychological Association* providing mentoring and support to underserved students in graduate school.

Role: Mentor

07/2023-2024

4. Presenter at the Brown University Post-doctoral seminar series facilitating didactics around *Research design & methods: Recruiting diverse population*

Role: Co-presenter and facilitator

02/2023 & 02/2024

5. *Expanding Culturally Responsive Mental Health Care: Diversity among Hispanic/Latinx Youth and Families Conference*, Providence, RI.
Role: Planning Committee Member August 25-26, 2023
6. “*Mostrando Orgullo*” (Showing Pride) Support Group for Latinx/Hispanic LGBTQ+ youth in Youth Pride Inc.
Role: Facilitator in an online/in person support group once per week
January 2021 – August 2022
7. Jimenez-Colon, G. (Workshop). *Promoviendo la comunicación en la familia para entender a mi adolescente* (Promoting family communication to understand my adolescent). In person presentation offered in Spanish directed to caregivers: Invited by Progreso Latino. October 2023
8. Advance RI-CTR Community Engagement Studios (ACES) conversation with the community. In-person group with Hispanic caregivers with trauma around future research ideas and disseminating research findings with the community.
September 16, 2024
9. **Jimenez-Colon, G.** (2025, May). *Understanding how trauma impacts Latinx families*. Invited by Community Health Institute at Brown University Health to present at Temas Familiares Conference 2025 Providence, RI. Topic pres
May 2025

MENTORING ROLES

RA Professional Development Series and Mentoring program at Brown University:

Irene Sanchez, BA (2021-2024)

Emma DeMartino, BS (2021- 2023)

Post-doctoral Fellows (Co-lateral Mentorship):

Michelle Aiello, PhD (2023 – 2024)

Álvaro Gamio-Cuervo, PhD (2025- present)

External to Brown Mentorship:

Génesis Ramos-Rosado, BA (2023-2024) Doctoral student at Arizona State University under *National Latinx Psychological Association (NLPA)- Mentoring Program*

Irene Sanchez, BA (2024-Present) Doctoral student at The Lehigh University – PhD Counseling psychology