

## *Maine State Forensic Service Workshop*

# **Integrating Race, Ethnicity, and Culture (REC) into Forensic Mental Health Assessments**

Presenters: Natalie M. Anumba, Ph.D., Danielle Rynczak, JD, Psy.D., ABPP, & Lara Guzman-Hosta, Psy.D.

April 14, 2023

8:30am – 12:30pm

Location: Maine Principals' Association

50 Industrial Dr.

Augusta, ME 04330

Workshop leaders will review the literature on the relevance of REC data to forensic mental health assessments, highlighting the research limitations in the field. The workshop will highlight ways in which clinicians can elicit REC data in a forensic context and how it is important for such data to be collected before its relevance is decided. Subsequently the presenters will facilitate small group discussions utilizing a hypothetical case. The case discussion will focus on aspects such as data gathering, decision making about what REC data is relevant to present, and how to communicate results with the court. The workshop will conclude with a brief reflection by the presenters summarizing the experiences in the small group discussions and forward steps for practicing forensic clinicians interested in advancing their skills addressing REC issues in psycholegal contexts.

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will:

1. Identify three ways in which REC and aspects of identity can be incorporated into a forensic mental health formulation.
2. Be able to identify at least four types of data or questions to elicit cultural information during an interview.
3. Identify at least two practical ways in which to communicate about cultural data in a case in a legal context such as in testimony, or in report writing.

**Natalie Anumba, Ph.D.** is a forensic psychologist and Associate Professor at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, where she serves as Co-Director of the Law & Psychiatry Program in the Department of Psychiatry. She conducts evaluations of adults involved in criminal proceedings, serves as a violence risk consultant to state psychiatric hospitals, provides expert witness testimony, and supervises postdoctoral trainees and new professionals. She is an active member of the American Psychological Association and American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) and is Member-at-Large of AP-LS. She has co-authored numerous articles and book chapters, and has presented at local, national, and international conferences.

**Lara Guzman-Hosta, Psy.D.** is a Designated Forensic Psychologist and Forensic Mental Health Supervisor in the state of MA. She has worked in the juvenile court clinics, adult inpatient forensic evaluation services and currently at the Metro Boston Court Clinic Team at the Department of Mental Health's Forensic Services Division. She is an alumna and former faculty of the Center for Multicultural Training in Psychology. She has authored and co-authored articles on cross-cultural issues in psychological assessment. She has conducted international, national, and local presentations and trainings related to cultural issues in forensic mental health systems and practice. Dr. Guzman-Hosta is active within the American Psychology-Law Society, currently a member of the Broadening Representation, Inclusion, Diversity, and Global Equity (BRIDGE) committee and the Practice Committee. Dr. Guzman-Hosta was born and raised in Puerto Rico and has been living in MA since 2004.

**Danielle Rynczak, JD, Psy.D., ABPP** is a licensed attorney and a forensic psychologist. She is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School where she serves as the Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging for its APA-accredited internship and as the Director of Legal Education and Training for the Law and Psychiatry Program. She also holds teaching appointments at Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine and Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. Dr. Rynczak conducts a variety of evaluations of adolescents and adults for civil and criminal cases. She has co-presented a number of workshops and trainings on a local and national level regarding culturally responsive forensic practice, and she raises awareness of related issues in her writing and in her leadership with the American Psychological Association, the American Psychology-Law Society, and as the Chair of the Forensic Psychology Board.

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**Registration and Payment Form**  
(one form per registrant)

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**Date:** Friday April 14, 2023

**Time:** 8:30am – 12:30pm

**Cost:** \$125

**Platform:** In person – limited to 70 attendees (waitlist will be determined on a first come first served basis)

**CE's:**           **4.0 hours for psychologists (CEU category I by Board of Examiners of Psychologists of the State of Maine).**  
                      **4.0 hours for physicians (CME approval under the auspices of Riverview Psychiatric Center Continuing Education Program)**  
                      **3.75 hours for attorneys has been approved through the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar CLE**

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<b>Print Name</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Bar Number (required for attorneys)</b>
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<b>Professional E-Mail</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>	

**To Register:**

1. Mail this completed form with check payment as follows:

**Make checks payable to:** Treasurer, State of Maine

**Mailing Address:**

Attn: Melissa Couture  
State Forensic Service  
11 SHS  
Augusta, ME 04333-0011

**Amount:** \$125

2. Once your check **and** registration form are received you will be emailed a confirmation and payment receipt. Please make sure your email address is correct.
3. All payments and registration forms must be received no later than March 31, 2023.
4. Hospital staff and students/trainees are required to submit this registration form through your respective hospital representatives. Students must submit proof of enrollment with their registration form.