

## PROJECT/THESIS CHAIRS: FACULTY RESEARCH INTERESTS

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*Students might consider reviewing chairs' research interests to ensure that they find a good match for their thesis-project course.*

### **BARRERA, IRAN**

Mental health literacy in Mexican-American communities and mental health care disparities in Hispanics; minority communities; cultural linguistics to mental health care; evidenced based practice; qualitative and quantitative methods.

### **GARCIA, BETTY**

Behavioral health, children, TAY, adults and seniors; Recovery Model; Forensic; co-occurring disorders, trauma, Cultural diversity/oppression, social justice, Incarceration, Immigrant/immigration, indigenous populations, mixed methods research.

### **HARRIS, DEBRA**

Education management; developmental disabilities; quantitative research methods; administrative issues; supervision; program evaluation; social worker compassion fatigue; drug and alcohol addiction; chemical dependency; co-occurring dependencies; mixed methods.

### **LAMA, GYANESH, K.**

Poverty; institutions; global social development; social innovations "the middle class"; geographic and racial disparities; housing and homelessness; geo-social networks; social justice; GIS (Geographic Information System); quantitative and qualitative methods.

### **MIDDLETON, E. JANE**

Needs Assessment – Community Health, Children's Hospital; Survey – Mental Health, Child Welfare; Monitoring/Evaluation Programs – Developmental Disabilities; Case Management; Alcohol Abuse; Quality of Care (HMO); Long Term Care; Conceptualization of issues; Understanding of operationalization and measurement.

### **SIMPSON, ROGER**

Marriage and family; social support; mental health; African-American male empowerment; cultural diversity; faith-based organizations; minority communities and the Digital Divide; qualitative method.