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Bridging the gap between Neuroscience and Psychology: Medical model Vs Psychosocial model

The unfortunate reality exists that there is a significant barrier between neuroscience and psychology. There are over 600 neurological conditions that are recognized and treated in the field of medicine, such as Muscular Dystrophy, Huntington's Disease, Rett's Syndrome, Bell's Palsy, and Locked-In Syndrome to name a few; however, the psychological manifestations and treatments are most often ignored. It is imperative that the field of medicine addresses the reciprocity between neurological conditions and psychosocial functioning. The goal of this keynote is to educate the audience on how to recognize, address, and provide appropriate therapeutic interventions, both medically and psychologically.

Biography

Jennifer DeFeo is noted as one of the leading experts of the DSM-5 in the State of California. She has conducted over 50 state, national, and international trainings on the topic. She was the highlighted presenter at the 18th Annual Inter-national Violence, Abuse, and Trauma Conference (IVAT) in San Diego in September, 2013, the 18th Annual IVAT Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii in March, 2014, and the Illinois American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference in Naperville, Illinois to conduct a full 7 hour workshop to educate Clinical Psychologists, Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, Psychiatrists, and Medical Doctors/Professionals on the DSM-5 and ICD-10 diagnostic systems. Her DSM-5 and ICD-10 training is also an approved accredited workshop with the Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences (AATBS) to train social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, medical physicians, and marriage and family therapists in the United States. Additionally, she is working with the Mexican Board of Professionals to institute the DSM-5 into the Mexican Higher Education Institutions, and has presented this topic at the First Annual Psychological Society Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October, 2014 and various locations in Mexico (Tijuana, Ensenada, and Mexicali).

Presently she is a California licensed psychologist, distinguished professor of psychology, and Interim Associate Chair for the Department of Marriage and Family Therapy at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Irvine, California where she has been working since 2010. She also is a senior reviewer and editor for the Journal of Psychiatry, OMICS, and the Journal of Hispanic Higher Education.

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