

2020 Evelyn Lee Visiting Scholar Lecture to feature noted immigrant youth health researcher Carola Suárez-Orozco

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Carola Suárez-Orozco, PhD

Immigrant youth health researcher Carola Suárez-Orozco, PhD, a distinguished professor of counseling and school psychology at the University of Massachusetts Boston, will deliver the 2020 Evelyn Lee Visiting Scholar Lecture in Cultural Competency and Diversity ^[1] on Tuesday, October 20, as part of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences? Grand Rounds series.

Following her Grand Rounds presentation, Suárez-Orozco will also take part in a midday session for trainees on the topic of advocating for immigrant-origin children, youth, and their families. Both events will be held virtually via Zoom, and streaming links are available at psychiatry.ucsf.edu/lee ^[2].

Suárez-Orozco has been and continues to be interested in the ways in which the experience of immigration shapes children and their families. Her body of research uses mixed-methodological strategies to elucidate the child, adolescent, and young adult experience of immigration in order to examine learning and identity processes. Of late, her work is focused increasingly on classroom bias and bridging the compassion gap, especially as it relates to the immigrant-origin children and youth who now account for over a quarter of the student population.

Prior to joining the University of Massachusetts Boston faculty, she was a professor of human development and psychology at UCLA, where she was the principal investigator on a Spencer Foundation grant ("Making the Invisible Visible: Systematically Examining Classroom Bias") and a Ford Foundation grant ("Bridging the Compassion Gap: Addressing Social Inclusion for Immigrant Origin Children & Youth?").

Suárez-Orozco has been awarded an American Psychological Association (APA) Presidential Citation for her contributions to the understanding of cultural psychology of immigration, has served as chair of the APA Presidential Task Force on Immigration, and is a member of the National Academy of Education. She is the co-founder of Re-Imagining Migration [3] and a former editor of the *Journal of Adolescent Research*. Her books include *Children of Immigration*, *Learning a New Land*, as well as the *Transitions: The Development of the Children of Immigrants*.

The annual Evelyn Lee Visiting Scholar Lecture in Cultural Competency and Diversity is sponsored by the UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Diversity Committee [4] in remembrance of Evelyn Lee, EdD [5], who served as a clinical faculty member for more than twenty years before her passing in 2003. In addition to her work at UCSF and San Francisco General Hospital, Lee served as executive director of San Francisco-area mental health agency Richmond Area Multi-Services and authored more than 30 publications fostering cultural competence and cross-cultural communication in mental health. The lectureship aims to further her mission of expanding diversity, equity and inclusion in the field of mental health by bringing prominent experts to share their experiences and expertise with campus trainees, faculty, and staff.

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- [1] <https://calendar.ucsf.edu/event/lee2020>
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