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**A DECOLONIZING ANALYSIS OF MULTICULTURAL  
COMPETENCE COUNSELING APPROACHES**

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## SUMMARY

Recent studies on the multicultural counseling competencies (MCC) framework found it to be limited in scope and lacking in-depth epistemological consideration. To increase theoretical diversity in multicultural counseling, this study explores the experiences of 16 therapists of color (TOC) who were familiar with MCC practices in the United States. Using semi-structured interview and thematic analysis, the initial themes identified were re-interpreted through a decolonizing framework and researcher's reflexivity. The findings contribute to the field of multicultural counseling and therapy by bringing to light the epistemological and colonial problems within the MCC framework and propose critical interculturality as an alternative framework for addressing the needs of clients from diverse cultural backgrounds.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION

San Diego State University School of Education (2010)

Master of Sciences, Marriage and Family Therapy

University of California, San Diego (2005)

Bachelor of Sciences, Developmental Psychology

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### TEACHING & CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Fleet and Family Support Center (Therapist, 2015 – Present)

San Diego State University (Lecturer, 2013 – 2015)

Union of Pan Asian Community (Therapist, 2013 – 2015)

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