

Faculty for the Science Enrichment Education Program



Georgia Robins Sadler, BSN, MBA, PhD Dr. Sadler is a professor in the Department of Surgery at the UC San Diego School of Medicine and a faculty member in the San Diego State University/UC San Diego Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology. She has a track record of successfully implementing many complex community-based research studies to benefit members of communities with health disparities. She has earned international recognition for her leadership of such research studies as the: *Asian Grocery Store-Based Cancer Education Program; African American Cosmetologists Promoting Health Program; Community-Based Sample Collection Project; Psychosocial Instrument Validation Studies; multiple large-scale clinical trials education programs for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Pacific Islanders; an American Sign Language, Deaf Culture, and Cancer Control Training Program for Medical Students; an Oncology Training Program for American Sign Language Interpreters; and multiple Cancer Education Programs for the Deaf Community.* Many of these programs for the Deaf community were conducted on a national platform with participants drawn from every state in the nation. For each of these projects Sadler has generated prolific scientific presentations and publications to assure the optimal dissemination of the studies' findings.

Another outcome of her past and current work is that she has also included hundreds of students who are drawn from diverse communities and circumstances that are underrepresented in the health and science fields to work with her. By doing this, she gives the students in-depth, hands-on research experience and the opportunity to become authors on future published manuscripts. By carefully mentoring each of these students, virtually everyone has elected to enroll in graduate education and most on the doctoral level. The University recognized her dedication to helping underrepresented students advance in 2004 by giving her the University's first awarded, *Outstanding UCSD Faculty Mentor in the Social Sciences and Humanities*. In 2008, she was awarded the prestigious Margaret Hay Edwards Achievement Medal by the American Association for Cancer Education, and she, Dr. Malcarne, and Fe Seligman of Operation Samahan jointly received the Faith Fancher Research Award from the California Breast Cancer Research Program. In 2009, her long term partnership with the national Deaf community was recognized with the Deaf Awareness Day Community Partner Award and in 2010, she received the Health Care Champions Award. In 2013, UCSD's Women in Surgery gave her its Faculty Mentoring Award and in 2014, the Department of Surgery recognized her mentoring with its Excellence in Surgery Research Award by a PhD Scientist. In 2015, she received the National Technical Institute for the Deaf's Outstanding Partnership Award for her long-term mentorship of Deaf students. For more information about Dr. Sadler's research, please visit: www.georgiasadler.com or Researchgate.net.



Vanessa L. Malcarne, PhD Dr. Malcarne is a professor in the Department of Psychology at San Diego State University (SDSU) and Co-Director of the SDSU/UC San Diego Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology. She is also appointed to the faculty of the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center. Dr. Malcarne is recognized for her expertise in cancer-related prevention and quality of life issues, particularly in underserved communities. She has collaborated extensively with Dr. Sadler on projects including psychosocial instrument validation studies; clinical trials education programs for African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Pacific Islanders; psychosocial interventions for improving quality of life in cancer patients and survivors, and cancer education programs for the Deaf community. Dr. Malcarne also studies quality of life in rheumatology, and has extensive collaborations both nationally and internationally in this area, focusing on psychosocial adjustment and challenges due to illness-related appearance changes. Dr. Malcarne has a special interest in assessment in diverse communities, and has published extensively on reliability and validity of commonly used psychosocial and health outcomes measures across diverse samples.

Dr. Malcarne is passionately dedicated to student development, and is most proud of the many graduate and undergraduate students who have first-authored and co-authored publications and presentations with her. She has received national and university awards for mentoring and classroom instruction of graduate and undergraduate students. She has received the Senior Mentor Award from the Society of Behavioral Medicine (inaugural recipient, 2015) and the Outstanding Education and Training Award from the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (2011). She has received awards for Outstanding Faculty member from the SDSU/UC San Diego Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology (2002, 2006, 2014, 2016) and the SDSU Department of Psychology (2012, 2013, 2014). In 2013, she received the “Monty,” SDSU’s top award for Outstanding Faculty Contribution to the University. SDSU is designated as a minority-serving institution with a variety of programs designed to promote participation of students from underrepresented groups in the sciences (e.g., McNair Scholars, Minority Behavioral Sciences Research Scholars, and Minority Access to Research Careers Scholars). Dr. Malcarne has actively participated in all of these programs and has mentored many of their students, including them as authors on many publications and presentations. She is well known among undergraduates for her presentations on how to successfully apply to graduate school. For information about Dr. Malcarne’s research, please visit: <http://www.sci.sdsu.edu/malcarne/people-2/vanessa-l-malcarne-phd/>



France Nguyen-Grozavu, PhD, MPH, MA Dr. Nguyen-Grozavu received a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry/Cell Biology and a Bachelor of the Arts for an independent major titled “Issues in Public Health” at UC San Diego. She went on to obtain a double Master’s degree in Public Health and Asian American Studies as well as a doctorate in Social Welfare from UC Los Angeles (UCLA). Her dissertation fieldwork was supported by the Fulbright Fellowship and the National Security Education Program. She also completed a four-year pre-doctoral AIDS research training program supported by National Institute of Mental Health at UCLA. She has worked at various health focused and

health policy organizations, including interning at the district office of the Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa with support from the Pat Brown Institute, as well as interned for international organizations such as the Pan American Health Organization with support from the University of California International Global Conflict and Cooperation, Pacific Institute for Women’s Health, and the SHARE Institute. She has conducted health-related research projects locally and abroad, including projects in Mexico, Moldova, Russia, and Vietnam, as well as taught classes at Ashford University, San Diego State University, University of Phoenix, and University of Southern California. She conducted international research in Mexico (supported by the Fogarty Minority International Research Traineeship), and in Moldova and Russia (supported by the International Research and Exchanges Board). She has a broad knowledge base related to the field of public health, international health, disease prevention and health promotion, and health policy. Lastly, France was President of the Public Health Student Association of the American Public Health Association, where she oversaw a national public health mentoring program, as well as participated as a mentee to the Consul General of Canada through a mentorship program at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.



Sandy Bohan, MPH Ms. Bohan is a doctoral student at the San Diego State University/ UC San Diego Joint Doctoral Program in Public Health, under the mentorship of Dr. Vanessa L. Malcarne and Dr. Georgia Robins Sadler. She began collaborating with them while completing her master’s degree in public health. Previously, Ms. Bohan earned her BA in Philosophy at SDSU. Throughout her training, her research has focused on cancer control and cancer health equity, through the lens of health promotion. She applies her strengths in health communication, marketing, and decision making towards improving patient accrual and diversity in cancer clinical

trials. To that end, she has led two formative studies on promoting adequate representation of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in cancer trials. Her work will build towards interventions that have policy and procedural implications on the cancer clinical trials system.

During her training, Ms. Bohan has been a dedicated mentor to many students in the Science Education Enrichment Program hosted by the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center. She is devoted to supporting students in reaching their goal of achieving personal and academia success.



Manuel Gonzales, BA Mr. Gonzales is a graduate from San Diego State University, receiving his B.A in Psychology with a minor in Public Health. Manuel was a scholar in the 2016 SDSU/UCSD Creating Scientists Summer Program in Cancer Disparities where he was placed in the Body Image, Sexuality, and Health (BISH) lab under Dr. Aaron J. Blashill given his research interests in skin cancer prevention and high-risk behaviors associated with skin cancer. He was also accepted into the Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) Program and chosen to be a recipient of the prestigious Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship, CSU Trustee's Award of

Outstanding Achievement, and the 2019 most outstanding graduating senior in Psychology. Manuel also volunteered for the past three years as a Peer Leadership Consultant (PLC) through the Student Life and Leadership Department presenting leadership based worked workshops to all organizations on campus. Furthermore, he has mentored students through various jobs and organizations throughout his college career. Manuel will begin in the San Diego State University/University of California San Diego Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology in the Fall of 2019. He will work under Dr. Kristen Wells conducting research on minority health disparities in San Diego. He hopes to one day become a professor conducting research on cultural factors that influence the physical and mental health of Latinos and developing culturally adapted interventions for this population. Manuel is very passionate about mentoring the next generation of young scientists. In his free time, Manuel enjoys exercising, cooking, painting, and most importantly food.