Modeling Culturally Specific Social Capital and Health in Latino/x Communities

Dr. Melissa Flores (she/her) is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Arizona. As an interdisciplinary scientist, her primary focus is understanding the complex interplay of social and structural factors contributing to health disparities within the Latino/x population and other historically excluded groups. Her approach is centered on resilience while employing advanced quantitative methods to model social environments. Her ultimate goal is to establish links between these environments and health outcomes, such as cardiovascular health and disease across the lifespan.

Dr. Flores is also a distinguished National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) K99/R00 Fellow. Within this project, she leverages machine learning techniques to optimize cardiovascular disease risk assessment specifically tailored to the Latino/x communities.

Dr. Flores is dedicated to fostering diversity in academia. She actively engages in mentoring activities across various academic disciplines and is committed to strengthening the academic pipeline for scholars from underrepresented backgrounds.

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