

Latino Communities & Problem Gambling

An Inductive Approach



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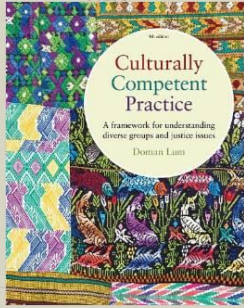
Pathological Gambling

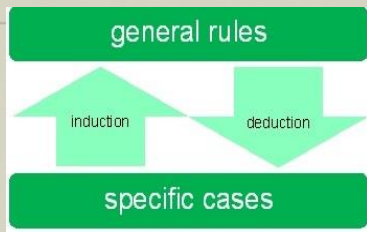


Inductive Reasoning

- ☞ Understanding action from the point of view of the client
- ☞ Observation and data collection from a variety of sources
- ☞ Theory is inductively derived from data

Culturally Competent Practice



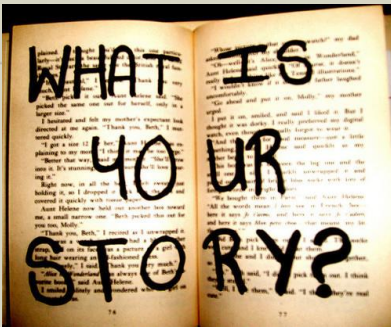


CONTEXT

- ☞ Class
- ☞ Culture
- ☞ Family
- ☞ Poverty/Fragile economic capital
- ☞ Community
- ☞ Spirituality/Religion/Faith

Begin with the client's narrative

☞ Rather than the practitioner-researcher's theoretical constructs or predictions about who the client is or the nature of the client's problems.



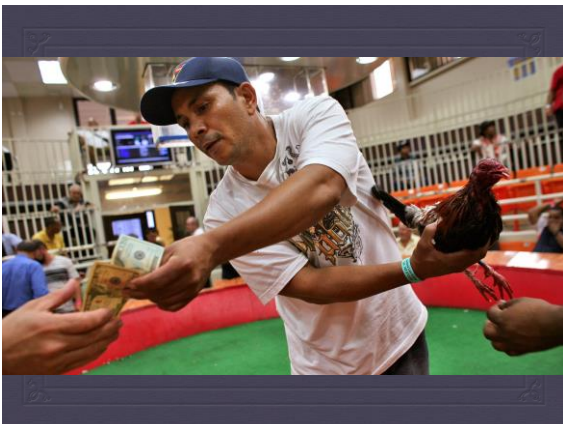


3 CARD MONTE



*“La Bolita”
Ching Chow*





In October 2010 Puerto Rico legislators voted for a resolution to affirm and protect cockfights, stating "they're an integral part of the island's folklore and patrimony."





Macho Culture.

- With their slow arrogant saunter around the barnyard, roosters have yet another association with macho culture.
- Stereotypes emphasize a man's resistance to asking for help

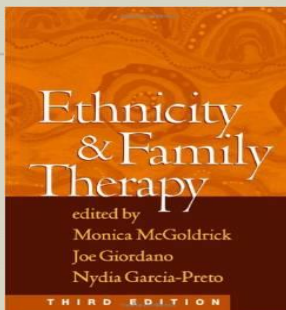
Flip side of “Macho”



Machismo

☞ “Also involves a fathers dedication to his children and his responsibility for the family’s wellbeing” (McGoldrick, 2005).

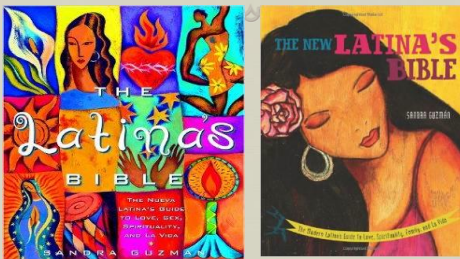
☞ “Machismo may be a bridge not an obstacle, to therapy” (Mirande, 1997; Ramirez, 1979).



“Not a cookbook approach”

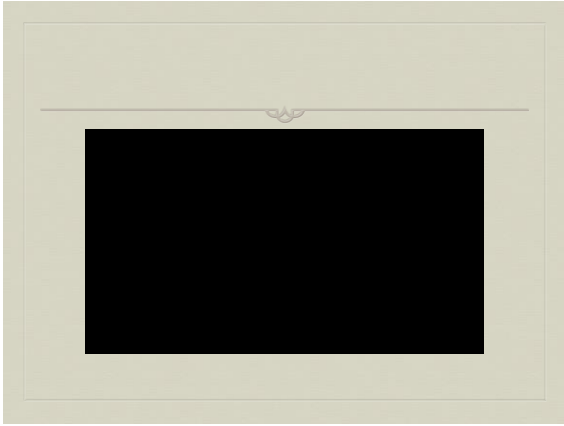
☞ *“Cultural competence requires not a cookbook approach to cultural differences but an appreciation for the often hidden cultural aspects of psychological, spiritual and social selves. A profound respect for the limitations of our own cultural perspectives and ability to deal respectfully with those whose values*

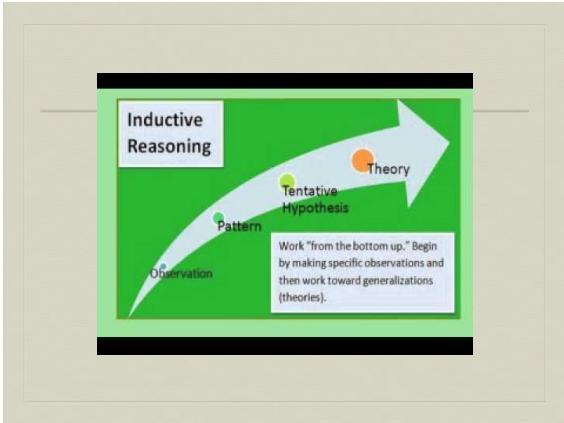
LATINA WOMEN



Nueva Latina

☞ *“As a Nueva Latina I am a combination of all the Latinos I came of age with” Mexican American, Cuban Americans, and Anglos who I call friends. As a Nueva Latina, I am three languages: English, Spanish and SpanGLISH...I refuse to be defined solely by how well I cook a plate of arroz con pollo or how nicely I keep my house. My Latina Femaleness is beyond the walls of my casa and womb”.*

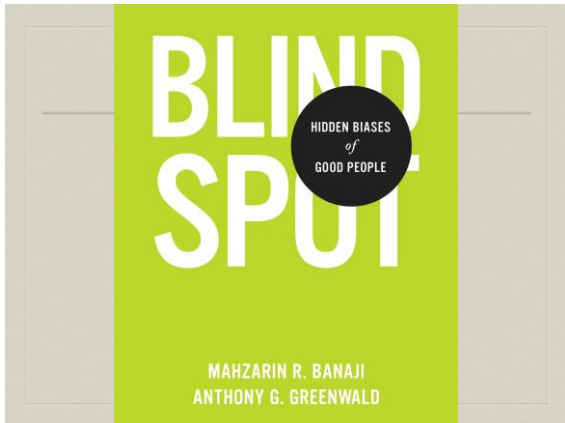






Unskilled Clinicians

- ☞ “The greater problem rests with unskilled clinicians and poor delivery of certain techniques”
- ☞ “Competent Therapist posses a minimum level knowledge and skills”
- ☞ “Therapist should understand what their clients need and avoid forcing clients into a preconceived mold” Gerald Cory, 2003



Implicit Bias

- ☞ Judge Mark W. Bennett, a fifteen year veteran of the Northern District of Iowa bench recently penned an article on the role of implicit bias in the judicial process in the [Harvard Law and Policy Review](#).
- ☞ “Jurors, lawyers, and judges do not leave behind their implicit biases when they walk through the courthouse doors.”

What is Implicit Bias?

☞ Unlike explicit bias (which reflects the attitudes or beliefs that one endorses at a conscious level), implicit bias is the bias in judgment and/or behavior that results from subtle cognitive processes (e.g., implicit attitudes and implicit stereotypes) that often operate at a level below conscious awareness and without intentional control. The underlying implicit attitudes and stereotypes responsible for implicit bias are those beliefs or simple associations that a person makes between an object and its evaluation that are automatically activated by the mere presence (actual or symbolic)” (Dovidio, Gaertner, Kawakami, & Hudson, 2002, p. 94; also Banaji & Heiphetz, 2010).

Hidden Biases

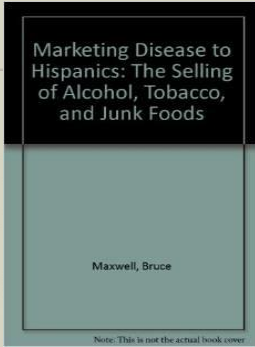
☞ *“we all carry from a lifetime of experiences with social groups – age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, social class, sexuality, disability status, or nationality”*



☞ IMPLICIT SOCIAL COGNITION

☞ INVESTIGATING THE GAP BETWEEN INTENTIONS AND ACTIONS

☞ *Project Implicit investigates thoughts and feelings that exist outside of conscious awareness or conscious control. Visit the research or demonstration websites to try out some tests and learn more about the research and yourself!*



Maxwell, Bruce

Note: This is not the actual book cover

Economically Poor Communities





SAMHSA TIP 59



SUMMARY

- ☞ Inductive approach helps us to move beyond cultural stereotypes
- ☞ Know your own blind spots
- ☞ Ask how people prefer to refer to themselves
- ☞ Develop skills and deepen knowledge in your practice area
- ☞ Continue to challenge yourself to grow and develop professionally and personally. *“If your not working on something, something is working on you”*
- ☞ Competence is never fully realized. It's a lifelong process. We never achieve “Black Belt” status.

Orisha Tradition