

Biographical Sketch
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Dr. Luz Garcini is originally from Mexico and completed her doctoral training at the SDSU/UCSD JDP in Clinical Psychology where she worked on a combined degree in clinical psychology and epidemiology. Her dissertation, which is the first to provide population-based estimates of psychological distress among undocumented Mexican immigrants in high-risk neighborhoods, highlights the effect of context on the mental health of this stigmatized subgroup. Broadly, Dr. Garcini's research focuses on: 1) inform innovative approaches, methodology and assessment techniques to the study of health among socially disadvantaged Latinxs; 2) identify mechanisms involved in health promotion within culturally and contextually sensitive frameworks; and 3) increase translational research useful to reduce health disparities. Dr. Garcini is recipient of two Ford Foundation Fellowships and a Dissertation Award, was recently awarded the 2016 APA Distinguished Graduate Student Award, and she is highly committed to activities supporting increased representation and retention of Latinxs in psychology.