

Irma Barron, PhD
Biography

Dr. Barron joined the PsyD program in April 2020 as the Practicum Coordinator, her specialization is in couple and family systems. She serves on the Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Council of Greater Miami Executive Member, Florida Family Research Network (Bowen) Advisory Board Member, Florida Interest Network Board of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, South Florida Human Trafficking Task Force, Florida National University Powerhouse. Dr. Barron holds clinical memberships in American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (AAMFT), American Psychological Association (APA) and APA Division 52, International Council of Psychologists (ICP), International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors (IAMFC), Society for Cross Cultural Research (SCCR), and International Violence and Trauma (IVAT). Dr. Barron's professional presentations, publications, APA podcast, print and media appearances are on Human and Sex Trafficking of Men, Boys, and LGBTQI populations, intersectionality of climate change and human trafficking, and existential angst among adolescents facing a global warming future.

Dr. Barron began at Albizu University (AU), Miami campus in 2001 as an Adjunct faculty in the master's in psychology programs, from 2003 – 2008, as an Assistant Professor and Practicum Coordinator, from 2008-2015 as Associate Professor and Practicum Coordinator, and from 2015 – 2020 as Professor and Practicum Coordinator. In 2004, she received the Faculty of the Year Award and in 2005, Distinguished Faculty of the Year Award in the master's in psychology programs. Dr. Barron was a contributing author to Albizu University first HRSA grant award: Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training for Professionals and Paraprofessionals 1.5 million-for a three-year funding cycle from 2014-2017. This grant award was in response to the Obama White House "Now is the Time" initiative in response to the Sandy Hook Massacre in Newton, Connecticut. The success of the first grant lead to second HRSA grant award: Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program Integrated training for Healthier Communities (IHC) Program Training for Marriage and Family Therapy, Mental Health Counseling, and School Counseling; Professional track 1.92 million-for-a four-year funding cycle from 2017-2021. Moreover, Dr. Barron developed Part 1 Modules 1-10 of the Inter-Professional Integrated Care Training for Healthier Communities Course.

Dr. Barron is an alumna of the PhD in Family Therapy program from Nova Southeastern University, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). She is alumna of Barry University Council of Accreditation of Counseling and Related (CACREP) programs with a specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, and a graduate of the St. Thomas University School of Law, Human Trafficking Academy, with a Certificate in Intensive Training in Combatting Human Trafficking. Dr. Barron is engaged in numerous outreach activities, and community service appointments providing years of community service to non-profit and grassroots organizations, as well as international disaster crisis counseling.