

Celebrating the Career of George Michael Cuesta, PhD: A Beacon of Hope in Clinical Neuropsychology

Dr. Cuesta's Unwavering Commitment to Rehabilitation Psychology and Mentorship in Higher Education



New York City, New York Feb 3, 2025 (IssueWire.com) - New York, New York – George Michael Cuesta, PhD, a distinguished clinical neuropsychologist, has dedicated his life to the fields of rehabilitation psychology, clinical psychology, and higher education mentorship. With an extensive academic background and a diverse career spanning over three decades, Dr. Cuesta's contributions to mental health have been profound, impacting countless lives and fostering the next generation of

psychologists.

Dr. Cuesta began his academic journey at the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from 1973 to 1978. Following his military education, he pursued a Master of Education in Counseling at Boston University, completing his Degree in 1985. His commitment to academic excellence led him to Alliant International University-San Francisco Bay, where he obtained a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Clinical Psychology in 1995. Dr. Cuesta's passion for learning did not stop there; he completed a 2-year, full-time Master of Arts degree in Buddhist Studies at Maitripa College in Portland, Oregon on May 11, 2024.

Dr. Cuesta's professional career in clinical psychology began with foundational experiences as a Psychology Intern at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center from July 1988 to June 1990 and at the University of California, San Francisco, from July 1991 to June 1992. His early work focused on building client rapport and applying cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) techniques to treat various psychological conditions.

In 1996, Dr. Cuesta took on a postdoctoral resident role in clinical neuropsychology at San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, where he specialized in assessments and treatments for patients with traumatic brain injuries and neurodegenerative diseases. His role as a staff neuropsychologist at the Traumatic Brain Injury Unit at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center further solidified his expertise in providing clinical neuropsychological assessments and treatment for brain-injured patients and their families.

Dr. Cuesta's tenure at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains, New York, from 1999 to 2010, marked a pivotal point in his career. As the Director of Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology, he played a critical role in developing the department, supervising clinical staff, and mentoring psychology students. His dedication to clinical research and publication has contributed to the advancement of knowledge in the field, showcasing his commitment to the betterment of psychological practices.

In addition to his extensive clinical work, Dr. Cuesta has served the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, where he provided invaluable neuropsychological assessments and psychotherapy services to veterans. From 2010 to 2015, he was Director and Supervisory Psychologist at the Manhattan Vet Center Program, focusing on the treatment of combat veterans facing complex physical and psychological challenges, including PTSD and traumatic brain injuries. His service earned him recognition for his unwavering commitment to improving the well-being of those who have served in the military.

Dr. Cuesta's military experience as a Captain in the Medical Service Corps of the United States Army Reserve during Operation Iraqi Freedom reflects his dedication to serving active-duty soldiers and their families. His contributions were recognized with the Army Commendation Medal, further demonstrating his commitment to excellence in psychological care.

Most recently, Dr. Cuesta took on the role of clinical psychologist at the Metropolitan Hospital Center in East Harlem, New York City, where he continues to provide critical mental health support. His vast expertise in clinical neuropsychology, psychotherapy, and mentoring enhances the services offered at the hospital, ensuring that patients receive the highest quality of psychological care.

Throughout his career, Dr. Cuesta has exemplified a commitment to mentoring, teaching, and providing exceptional psychological care to a diverse range of populations. His dedication extends beyond the

clinical setting, as he actively engages in shaping future psychologists through his teaching and mentorship.

On a personal note, Dr. Cuesta resides in New York City and is a passionate world traveler. He explores different cultures and experiences, enriching his life and perspective.

As Dr. George Michael Cuesta continues to impact the field of clinical neuropsychology, his legacy of compassion, dedication, and excellence serves as an inspiration to both his peers and the communities he serves.

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