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BACKGROUND:

- MD, University of Buenos Aires, School of Medicine, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Dip-Psych/Diploma in Psychiatry (*Distinction*), Mc Gill University, Montreal, Canada.
- MSc., Columbia University, School of Public Health and Department of Social and Community Psychiatry, New York, US.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Psychiatric Epidemiology and Social Psychiatry

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1989 - American Psychiatric Association, Simon Bolivar Award,
American Psychiatric Association
- 1991 - American Association for the Advancement of Science Behavioral Sciences Award (with Dr. B.P. Dohrenwend et al.)
- 1998 - John Templeton Foundation, Exemplary Papers Awards Program, Honorable Mention
- 1999 - World Federation for Mental Health Distinguished Public Service Award
- 1999 - United States Department of Health and Human Services SAMHSA, Center for Mental Health Services Special Recognition Award
- 2008 - National University of Cordoba, Argentina Doctor Honoris Causa
- 2008 - National University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Faculty of Law Honors
- 2010 - PAHO/World Health Organization, Special Recognition Award
- 2011 - Spanish Neuropsychiatric Association, Honorary Member