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Bio

Dr. Johnson Kuo-Lin Ma is an assistant professor at Adler University (Vancouver campus). He earned his B.A. in psychology at Simon Fraser University, and completed his M.A. in organizational psychology at Teachers College, Columbia University. He completed his Ph.D. in clinical psychology with specialization in diversity community mental health at Palo Alto University. He's research interest is focused on cultural variation of suicide among culturally and linguistically diverse groups. He is also interested in identifying barriers to mental health services and develop culturally appropriate services for immigrants and other underserved communities. He has several publications on suicide and diversity issues with his mentors and collaborators Dr. Joyce Chu, Dr. Peter Goldblum and Dr. Bruce Bongar.

Dr. Ma is a registered clinical psychologist based in Vancouver, BC. He is a trilingual psychotherapist with experiences in providing community-based psychological services in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese to diverse underserved populations with severe mental illness and complex trauma in San Francisco Bay Area, Waianae Coast of Oahu Island, and Vancouver, British Columbia. His current focus of clinical work is providing diagnostic assessment and psychotherapy to individuals/immigrants undergoing rehabilitation from physical injuries and traumatic events. Treatment areas include: depression, anxiety, posttraumatic stress, chronic pain, and adjustment to neurological injuries (e.g. brain injury).

Dr. Ma also develops and provides culturally adopted mental health and crisis intervention training in Mandarin to a Chinese crisis line volunteer group based in Vancouver, BC. He is particularly interested in integrating western psychological theories/intervention with Chinese indigenous ways of well-being and healing.

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