



# Dr. Andrés Consoli

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## International Presence

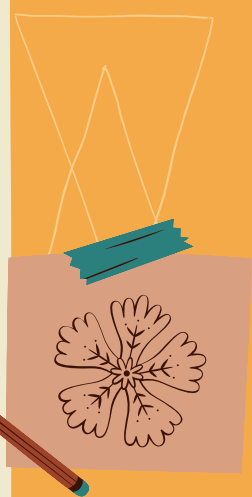


Dr. Consoli is an associate professor at UC Santa Barbara. He currently serves as the Vice President for International Affairs for APA's Division 17. Dr. Consoli has been involved in several international leadership positions throughout his career. He is a fellow of divisions 29 and 52. He has been engaged in a two decade long partnership with Universidad del Valle in Guatemala.

You can view Dr. Consoli's Google Scholar profile [here](#).

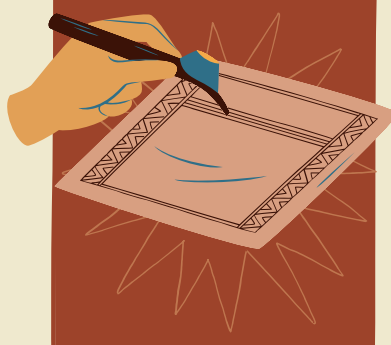
## Source of Motivation

Dr. Consoli reflects that his identity as a multi-nation person took roots when he came to the U.S. from Argentina, at the age of 24. Having already worked as a clinician in Argentina, Dr. Consoli studied differences in therapists' mental health values as a graduate student. He reflects that as he became an active member and leader within the Interamerican Society of Psychology, NLPA, & Div 52, he developed a deep appreciation for reciprocal learning. In his transnational collaborations, he employs diverse strategies and methodologies, with the long term goal of reciprocal helping, healing, and learning.



## Impact

Dr. Consoli shares that his international collaborations have been both personally and professionally meaningful. He states "I rediscovered myself as a cultural being." He expresses feeling at peace about his professional contributions when they align with his commitment to social justice, relationship building, and co-construction through learning partnerships.



## Barriers

Dr. Consoli states that barriers are inevitable but it is how we deal them that matters the most. He reflects that intentionality and commitment to long term projects is what helps him navigate roadblocks. He also emphasizes building partnerships with collaborators who share a commitment to advancing peace and justice.



## Advice for Graduate Students

- Honor your roots and make it a part of your research agenda and your professional development
- Walk gently, humbly, kindly, and with mutuality in mind when engaging internationally.
- Consider how your own training can be both a bridge and a barrier in international work.
- Avoid imposing your frame of reference.
- Allow yourself to be transformed.
- Do your very best to become a multilingual scientist-practitioner.

