***Alejandra Martinez - Biography***

Alejandra joined the Office of Institutional Diversity in 2021 as a Graduate Assistant for

Diversity Education. She is originally from Ecuador, where she earned a B.A. in Clinical

Psychology from Universidad San Francisco de Quito. She holds an M.S. in Third

Generation Psychotherapies from Valencian International University and an MS.Ed in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Miami. Working bilingually with people of diverse ages, origins, and backgrounds in Ecuador and Miami has taught her the importance of human connection and social support. Alejandra has a commitment to diversity and social change; her approach with clients is to promote empowerment and use their multicultural and diversity factors as resources to develop strengths and skills.

Alejandra is currently enrolled in the Counseling Psychology Ph.D. program at the University of Georgia’s Mary Frances Early College of Education. Her research interests include intersectionality, multiculturalism, and Latinx mental health. Alejandra is part of ¡BIEN! Research Team and La Clinica In LaK'ech, which provides bilingual counseling services to the Latinx community in Athens.