

Maria Puente



Maria Puente currently serves as the Interim Dean of the Division of Mathematics, Behavioral, and Social Sciences at Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC). Prior to this role, Dr. Puente was Chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and concurrently the coordinator and editor of BHCC's Fifth Year Interim Report to NEASC. A clinical psychologist by training, Dr. Puente has had over twenty years of experience in higher education as a professor of Psychology. She has likewise engaged in phenomenological, qualitative research in the areas of family dynamics of women recovering from substance dependence, families experiencing domestic violence, trauma survivors of natural disasters, and socioeconomically disadvantaged children. As an administrator, Dr. Puente has managed UNICEF, USAID, and ILO grants for a variety of projects that focused on psychosocial rehabilitation and the lives of children in very difficult circumstances; coordinated administrative functions for a university-based psychological wellness center; and clinically supervised graduate students undergoing masters-level practicum in group play therapy. Presently, Dr. Puente is leading initiatives to expand the Honors program at Bunker Hill Community College and to enhance global learning across the College's curriculum.