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## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **Manijeh Daneshpour, PhD**

**Manijeh Daneshpour** is the systemwide director and distinguished marriage and family therapy professor in the couple and family therapy department at Alliant International University in California and a licensed marriage and family therapist with nearly three decades of academic, research, and clinical experience. She is from Iran and identifies herself as a third-wave feminist. Manijeh's main areas of research, publications, and presentations have centered on gender, multiculturalism, social justice, third-wave feminism, premarital and marital relationships, and Muslim family dynamics. She has studied Muslim families not as a religious group but as individuals, members of family units, and a distinct group within their own societal context. She published a book titled *Family Therapy with Muslims*, using classic and contemporary family therapy theories in working with Muslim families cross-culturally.

Her recent book titled *Gender, Power, and Global Social Justice: The Healing Power of Psychotherapy* is a groundbreaking book with a centered and balanced perspective about the impact of gender and power on men's and women's relationships with each other and their ecological contexts. It focuses on how mental health practitioners privilege client voices, promote justice in gendered relationships, and manage the impact of socio-political issues in therapeutic practice. Manijeh is a recognized leader in multiculturally sensitive individual, couple, and family therapy and works with both Easterners and Westerners specializing in relational and systemic therapy.