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Zoila G. Tovar-Blank is a native Arizonan, who returned to the Valley of the Sun after completing her B.A. in Psychology from [Stanford University](#). She is a doctoral candidate in [Counseling Psychology](#) in the Division of Psychology in Education at Arizona State University (ASU). Zoila recently completed her APA-accredited predoctoral internship at Counseling & Consultation at Arizona State University. Currently, she is a counseling faculty member at Scottsdale Community College in the Maricopa County Community College District ([MCCCD](#)). While working on her Ph.D. at ASU, she also received her Master's of Education in Counselor Education. Zoila's research illustrates her passion and dedication to Latino mental health and educational issues. Zoila has conducted numerous studies with Drs. G. Miguel Arciniega, Patricia Arredondo, and Sharon E. Robinson Kurpius addressing Latino mental health protocols and gender roles, multicultural competencies, and academic persistence of racial/ethnic minority undergraduates, respectively. She has numerous poster/paper presentations and symposiums made at various local and national conferences. Publications include co-author of a book chapter, titled *Counseling At-Risk Gifted Latinas*, in the **Handbook for Counseling Adolescent Girls and Women: Talent, Risk, and Resiliency**. Now, at [Scottsdale Community College](#), Zoila's aspiration is to share her own experiences with future students as their professor, counselor, mentor, and research collaborator to empower them to reach their own personal and professional goals.

Her dissertation is titled: "A qualitative investigation of academic persistence of biracial undergraduates." She is scheduled to defend on April 17, 2009.