

# ETIONY ALDARONDO, PH.D

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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### Executive Director

The Melissa Institute,  
Coral Gables, FL

We are thrilled to announce that Dr. Etiony Aldarondo, Ph.D., will be our keynote speaker at the upcoming event. Dr. Aldarondo is the Executive Director of The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment and President of the Behavioral Sciences & Wellness Networks. With over 30 years of experience in domestic violence research and advocacy, mental health services, community partnerships, and higher education administration, Dr. Aldarondo is a distinguished clinical psychologist whose work has profoundly impacted the field.

Dr. Aldarondo's academic journey includes prestigious appointments at institutions such as the University of New Hampshire, Harvard Medical School's Cambridge Hospital, The Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic, Boston College, the University of Miami (UM), and Albizu University. His scholarship, recognized with numerous awards for educational excellence and community engagement, focuses on the positive development of ethnic minority and immigrant youth, domestic violence, and social justice-oriented clinical practices.

He has authored several influential books, including *\*Advancing Social Justice through Clinical Practice\** (Routledge), *\*Programs for Men Who Batter: Intervention and Prevention Strategies in a Diverse Society\** (Civic Research Institute, co-edited with Fernando Mederos, Ed.D.), and *\*Neurosciences, Health and Community Well-Being\** (San Luís, Nueva Editorial Universitaria, co-edited with Dr. Enrique Saforcada and Mauro Muñoz).

Dr. Aldarondo's dedication to grassroots advocacy is evident through his roles as Founding Executive Director of the National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence, Founding Director of the Community and Educational Well-Being Research Center at UM, Past Executive Director of The Council on Contemporary Families, and current board member of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.

