

## **BIOGRAPHY**

Peter M. Gutierrez, Ph.D.

Dr. Gutierrez earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan in 1997. From 1996-2007 he was on the faculty in the Department of Psychology at Northern Illinois University. He earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor in 2002, at which time he was appointed assistant chair of the department. From 2002-2006 he served on the Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Planning Task Force convened by the Illinois Department of Public Health. He ran the Adolescent Risk Project, a school-based suicide screening and assessment program at Auburn High School in Rockford for 7 years.

Dr. Gutierrez joined the VA VISN 19's Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center in 2006 as a clinical/research psychologist. He is principle investigator on a grant funded study investigating the impact of medication packaging changes on decreasing accidental and intentional overdoses in high risk psychiatric patients. He is jointly directing a pending grant funded military suicide research consortium. Dr. Gutierrez has been serving on the U. S. Army Suicide Reduction and Prevention Research Strategic Planning Workgroup, as the Soldier Identification and Case Management Expert Lead since March of 2009. He is a licensed psychologist in Colorado.

Dr. Gutierrez currently is also associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine. He is an expert in adolescent and young adult suicide assessment, veteran suicide, and psychosocial interventions for suicidal veterans. He is co-author of the 2008 book *Adolescent Suicide: An Integrated Approach to the Assessment of Risk and Protective Factors*. He is immediate past-president of the American Association of Suicidology and recipient of their Shneidman Award for outstanding research contributions in suicidology. Dr. Gutierrez is an associate editor of the premier journal in the field – *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, and regularly reviews for numerous other journals.