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Dr. Benigno has a diverse research agenda and he has published articles on clinical supervision, organizational socialization, physical education policy and urban education. He has also presented nationally and internationally on Urban Education Reform, Instructional Supervision and Transformational Strategies to Improve Public Education. Last Spring Dr. Benigno published and presented his research on Urban Education, "The Urban Experience" at ATINER's education conference proceedings in Athens Greece and this fall he will be a guest presenter at the World Education Day in Dalian, China, presenting on "Transformational Leadership in Public Education".