



# Bernardo M. Ferdman, Ph.D.

Specializing in the practice of inclusion in diverse groups and organizations, developing inclusive leadership, and bringing one's whole self to work

**Bernardo is passionate about helping to create an inclusive world in which more of us can be fully ourselves and accomplish our goals in ways that are effective, productive, and authentic. He is an accomplished leadership and organization development consultant and CCE Board Certified Coach with over three decades of experience working with diverse groups and organizations to increase individual and collective effectiveness and inclusion.**

Bernardo, principal of [Ferdman Consulting](https://www.ferdmanconsulting.com), has focused his career on supporting organizations to use their diversity to achieve better business results. He works with organizational leaders and employees to foster inclusion, to develop and implement effective ways of using everyone's talents and contributions, to develop and implement DEI strategies, and to build inclusive behavior and multicultural competencies on the part of individuals, teams, and organizations.

A CCE Board Certified Coach and native Spanish speaker, Bernardo also has extensive international experience. Bernardo works with organizations, groups, and individuals to improve performance and leadership and to foster inclusion, focusing on assessment, coaching, dialogue, facilitation, and learning in the context of diversity. He has consulted to a range of businesses, NGOs, non-profits, government agencies, and educational institutions in the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Asia to develop and implement inclusion initiatives. He has served as a leadership coach for a range of clients in corporate, non-profit, and other settings, working to support them in achieving their goals while developing self-awareness, receptiveness to feedback, and practice in working effectively and productively with a range of co-workers, supervisors, and reports. He has also worked with UCLA, UCSD, Ascent-Leading Multicultural Women to the Top, and others to develop Latino/Latina and other multicultural leaders in both corporate and nonprofit settings, and with the United Nations System Staff College, UCLA, and many other organizations to support leaders in enhancing their inclusive leadership.

A sought-after speaker, Bernardo has designed and delivered learning sessions and worked with managers and executives to support their professional and leadership development and with organizations to develop effective strategies for diversity, equity, and inclusion. A skilled facilitator, he has designed and conducted hundreds of workshops, meetings, and other events on inclusion and diversity and various other issues. Bernardo served as president of the Diversity Collegium, is a member of the Inclusion Allies Coalition and expert panelist for the *Global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Benchmarks*, and was a network associate with AmericaSpeaks. At Ferdman Consulting, he particularly focuses on building inclusive leadership practices to bring out the best in organizations and their members, assessing DEI, and developing and implementing DEI strategies. His workshops focus on the practice and challenges of inclusion, inclusive leadership, working across differences, authentically and effectively engaging in conflict, and bringing one's whole self to work.

Bernardo was a university professor (1986 to 2017) and has broad knowledge of theory, research, and practice in diversity and inclusion, organization development, cross-cultural management/leadership, and Latinos/as in the workplace, topics on which he has published extensively. His books, [\*Inclusive Leadership: Transforming Diverse Lives, Workplaces, and Societies\*](#) (Routledge, 2021) and [\*Diversity at Work: The Practice of Inclusion\*](#) (Wiley, 2014) provide state-of-the-art, research-based understanding of inclusion and how to systematically create it, foster it and navigate its challenges. His many awards include Society of Consulting Psychology's Award for Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion Consulting, Janet Chusmir Distinguished Service Award (AOM Gender and Diversity in Organizations Division), Trailblazer Award (Ph.D. Project Management Doctoral Students Association), and the Gordon Allport Intergroup Relations Prize (SPSSI).

## Representative Client List:

- Alcoa World Alumina; Alumina Española S.A.
- AllianceBernstein L.P.
- American Psychological Association
- AmericaSpeaks, Inc.
- Bank of America
- Brand Active
- Brown-Forman
- CalEPA, Department of Toxic Substances Control & State Water Resources Control Board
- California State University San Marcos
- Center for Creative Leadership
- Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
- City of Berkeley
- County of San Diego
- Democracy Fund
- Eli Lilly and Company
- General Atomics
- Ikea Group AB
- Intel Corporation
- Inter-American Development Bank
- International Water Management Institute
- Island Conservation
- Levine Music
- Lumina Foundation & Santa Ana Partnership
- MetLife
- Mitchell Genex Coventry
- Nat'l Association for Multiethnicity in Communications
- National College Attainment Network
- Nat'l Institute for Civil Discourse
- National University System
- Planned Parenthood (PPFA + multiple affiliates)
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- Sempra Energy
- Solar Turbines
- Sumitomo Rubber North America
- Swanson School of Engineering, Univ. of Pittsburgh
- USB
- U.S. DOD: Air Force JAG Corps; Defense Security Service
- Verizon Communications
- Wells Fargo

## Education & Affiliations:

- Ph.D., M.Phil., & M.S. in Psychology, Yale University; A.B., Princeton University
- CCE Board Certified Coach (Executive/Corporate/Business/Leadership)
- Distinguished Professor Emeritus, California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University
- President, Diversity Collegium (2019); Past co-chair, Webinars Committee, Inclusion Allies Coalition; Expert Panelist, *Global Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Benchmarks*
- Faculty, UCLA Anderson Executive Education; UN System Staff College
- Past President, Interamerican Society of Psychology
- Past Division Chair, Gender and Diversity in Organizations Division; Past Chair, Diversity & Inclusion Theme Committee, Academy of Management
- Past President, Interamerican Society of Psychology
- Charter Fellow, International Academy for Intercultural Research; Fellow, American Psychological Association (including five of its divisions: SIOP, SCP, SPSSI, SPSCER, & Int'l); Fellow, Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (former Editorial Board Member, Prof. Practice Book Series) & Society for Consulting Psychology