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February 23 & 24, 2012 • Conrad San Juan Condado Plaza Hotel, Ashford Ave. San Juan, PR

Pathways Towards Eliminating Health Disparities Through Research Education and Career Development

Day 1 - February 23rd, 2012

7:30 to 8:30 am REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

8:30 to 9:00 am WELCOME REMARKS

9:00 to 9:30 am **Pathways towards Eliminating Health Disparities through Research Education and Career Development**
Krishan Arora, PhD (invited)
Director, Clinical Research Education and Career Development (CRECD) Program, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health

Moderator: Walter Frontera, MD, PhD
Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Physiology, Co-Director, Master of Science in Clinical Research; HiREC NIMHD Endowment Program; and Director, PRCTRC, MSC-UPR

9:30 to 10:15 am **Promotion of Health Equity through Translational Research Training and Education**
Galen Switzer, PhD
Co-Director PhD Program in Clinical and Translational Science University of Pittsburgh and Associate Director, Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Moderator: José A. Torres-Ruiz, PhD
Director, Doctoral Program in Biomedical Sciences and Co-Director, PRCTRC, Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences

10:15 to 10:45 am COFFEE BREAK

10:45 am to 12:30 pm **Strategies for Outreach, Training and Education in Health Disparities Research: Examples from Harvard Catalyst and a National Health Disparities Working Group**
Kathryn Pollenz, BS, MPH
Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) Health Disparities Research Program Manager, Harvard University Medical School, Department of Health Care Policy, Boston, MA

Disseminating Health Disparities Research Education through a Multi-institutional Course, Networking and Distance Learning
Lourdes Soto de Laurido, MPHE, EdD
Associate Dean and Professor, School of Health Professions; Director IIPESAG; Collaborator, HiREC Endowment program; and Coordinator Translational Research in Health Disparities Course, MSC-UPR
Carlos Ortiz, PhD(c), MBA
Associate Professor and Director, Office of Informatics and Educational Resources, School of Health Professions, MSC-UPR

Partnership for Rural and American Indian Research Education and Engagement (PRAIREE)
Glenn Smith, PhD (Invited)
Division co-chair in the Department of Psychiatry and Psychology, and principal investigator of the Mayo Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Education and Information Transfer Core , College of Medicine, Mayo Clinic

Moderator: Magda Shaheen, MD, PhD, MS, MPH
Director Clinical Research Program, Charles R Drew University of Medicine and Science, LA

12:30 to 1:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 to 3:30 pm **CONCURRENT SESSION 1**

Mentoring Models to Advance Research Career Development

A Holistic Approach to Mentoring Research Trainees
Sandra Harris-Hooker, PhD
Vice President and Senior Associate Dean for Research Affairs, Professor, Department of Pathology, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta

Innovative Mentoring Model in Public Health Scenarios
Marizaida Sanchez Cesareo, PhD
Assistant Professor and Director, Division of Community Services; Center for Evaluation & Socio-medical Research, Graduate School of Public Health, MSC- UPR

Mentoring Models to Advance Research Career Development
Luis Cubano, PhD
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, Universidad Central del Caribe, Bayamón, PR

Moderator: Adriana Baez, PhD
Professor, Departments of Pharmacology & Otolaryngology Clinical Research Coordinator, Master of Science in Clinical Research, MSC- UPR

1:30 to 3:30 pm **CONCURRENT SESSION 2**

Community Research & Engagement: Closing Gaps among Researchers and Communitie

Recruitment and Retention of Under-represented Groups with Health Disparities into Clinical Trials: A Formative Approach
Rosanne Harrigan, MS, EdD, APRN-Rx, FAAN
Professor and Chair at John A Burns School of Medicine; Director Clinical Research Programs, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Building Bridges for Healthier Communities: Challenges and Opportunities for Community Based Research
Enid Garcia, MD, MPH
Director, Office of Clinical Research NIMHD Endowed Health Services Research Center, School of Medicine, MSC-UPR

Community and Academic Researchers: Building a New Research Paradigm
Julio Jimenez, MD
Professor, Psychology Department, Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ponce, PR

Moderator: Edna Acosta, PhD, MSc
Adjunct Professor, Center for Evaluation & Sociomedical Research, Graduate School of Public Health and Director, Community Research & Engagement Key Function, PRCTRC, MSC- UPR

3:30 to 6:00 pm **POSTER SESSION and NETWORKING RECEPTION**

• Up to 11 hours of Continuing Education.

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Day 2 - February 24th, 2012

7:30 to 8:30 am REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

8:30 to 9:00 am WELCOME REMARKS

9:00 to 9:30 am Pathways to Develop New Initiatives to Eliminate Health Disparities
John Ruffin, PhD (invited)
Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health

Moderator: Estela S. Estapé, MT, PhD
Professor and Dean School of Health Professions; Director, Master of Science in Clinical Research, Co-Director HiREC NIMHD Endowment Program, MSC- UPR

9:30 to 10:15 am "What We Forgot to Teach in Health Sciences ....and Why It Matters"
Stephen Klasko, MD, MBA
CEO for USF Health and Dean, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa

Moderator: José Ginel Rodríguez, MD
President, Universidad Central del Caribe and Dean School of Medicine, Bayamon, PR

10:15 to 10:45 am COFFEE BREAK

10:45 am to 12:30 pm Ciencia Puerto Rico: Creating Community to Catalyze the Advancement of Science and Research in Puerto Rico
Giovanna Guerrero, PhD
Science Puerto Rico, Operations Officer and Head, Science Policy and Special Populations Research Branch, Office of the President and Research Director, Van Andel Research Institute, Grand Rapids, MI

Entrepreneurs in the Life Sciences: from K-12 Science to Business in Massachusetts
Wilfredo de Jesús, MD, MSc
Post-doctoral Fellow Cancer Biology, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Mass.

Fundación de Investigación de Diego: Improving access to new therapies in communities with health disparities and the effect of expanding Clinical Research Opportunities
José Rodríguez Orengo, PhD
Professor, Biochemistry Department, School of Medicine, MSC-UPR and Consultant and Co-Investigator, Fundación de Investigación de Diego, San Juan, PR
Maribel Rodríguez, MD, CPI
Founder and Medical Director, Fundación de Investigación de Diego, San Juan, PR

Entrepreneurial Academics
Gualberto Ruano, MD, PhD
President and CEO, Genomas Inc.; Director of Genetics Research, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT and HiREC Visiting Endowed Chair, School of Medicine and School of Health Professions, MSC-UPR

Moderator: Alexander Quarshie, MD, MS
Co-Director, Master of Science in Clinical Research Program, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta

12:30 to 1:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 to 3:30 pm CONCURRENT SESSION 3

Translating Research Achievements to Eliminate Health Disparities

From a Forensic Clinician to a Forensic Clinical Researcher to a Forensic Clinical Researcher Mentor
Linda Laras, MD, MPH, MSc
Assistant Professor, OBGYN Department, School of Medicine, MSC; Director, Proyecto de Ayuda a Sobrevivientes de Violencia Sexual y Doméstica Orientado a la Salud (PASOS); Forensic Gynecologist IFS

Translational Research in HER2/neu Overexpressing Breast Cancer
Yanyuan Wu, PhD, MSCR
Assistant Professor, Division of Cancer Research and Training, Department of Medicine, Charles Drew University and Health Sciences, Los Angeles, CA.

Community-Based Approaches to Address the Disproportionate Diabetes and Obesity Burdens Among African American Women
Stephania T. Miller-Hughes, PhD, MSCI
Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN

Moderator: John Murray, MD, PhD
Associate Vice President for Clinical Research, Meharry Medical College, Nashville

1:30 to 3:30 pm CONCURRENT SESSION 4

Health Care Disparities

Reducing Oral Health Disparities in Women by Intervening During Pregnancy
Stefanie Luise Russell, DDS, MPH, PhD
Department of Epidemiology and Health Promotion, New York University College of Dentistry

Targeting Modifiable Risk Factors across the Lifespan to Reduce Disparities in Oral and Cardiometabolic Health
Kaumudi Joshipura, BDS, ScD
Endowed Chair and Director, Center for Clinical Research and Health Promotion, School of Dental Medicine , MSC-UPR

Economic and Healthcare Disparities
Heriberto A. Marin, PhD
Associate Professor and Director, Health Services Administration Department, Graduate School of Public Health, MSC- UPR

Moderator: Augusto Elias Boneta, DMD, MSD
Professor and Assistant Dean of Research, School of Dental Medicine, Director Dental Medicine NIMHD Endowment Program MSC - UPR

3:30 to 5:00 pm CLOSING REMARKS, RECOGNITION CEREMONY and NETWORKING RECEPTION

• Up to 11 hours of Continuing Education.