



3rd Annual Careers in Latino Health Disparities and Cancer Control Research Summer Institute

Institute for Health Promotion Research, UTHSCSA

June 3-7, 2013

Overall Goal

By the end of the Summer Institute, participants will have acquired knowledge about Latino cancer health disparities and information and resources needed to successfully apply to and succeed in a doctoral program.

Learning Objectives

Exitto! Summer Institute will provide participants with:

1. Exposure to the need and opportunities for Latino(a) researchers in the field of cancer health disparities research.
2. Knowledge about the importance of cancer health disparities research and the potential to reduce health disparities and improve cancer related-health outcomes in Latino communities.
3. Opportunity to interact and establish networks with accomplished researchers from diverse Latino backgrounds and disciplines.
4. An overview of Latino health disparities including cancer control research (i.e. epidemiology, behavioral research, surveillance, survivorship) and how these topics relate to different public health fields.
5. Skills, resources, and support needed to apply to a doctoral program.

Agenda Overview

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DAY 1: MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013

What's Going on in Cancer Health Disparities Research and Why We, Latinos, are Here

Learning Objectives

1. Pique participant's interest in cancer health disparities research.
2. Convey a basic understanding of the cancer health disparities research field and career opportunities available.
3. Understand the importance of Latino(a) researchers for improving the cultural appropriateness of research methods.

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

PARTICIPANT CHECK-IN & HOUSE KEEPING

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

WELCOMING REMARKS

Amelie Ramirez, DrPH – Principal Investigator; Director for the IHP, Professor Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

Rena Pasick, DrPH – Associate Director for Education and Outreach, UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center
San Francisco, CA

Kip Gallion, MA – IHP Deputy Director, Assistant Professor Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

MIRACLES, MEDICINE Y MI CULTURA

Carmen Tafolla, PhD, San Antonio Poet Laureate – Writer and educational consultant
San Antonio, TX

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM

PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTIONS

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

LUNCH

12:45 PM – 1:00 PM

GROUP PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

EL TRIO DE LA SALUD: BRIDGING MEDICINE, COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH - WHY LATINO RESEARCHERS ARE NEEDED

Amelie Ramirez, DrPH – Principal Investigator; Director for the IHP, Professor Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM – Q&A discussion

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

ACTIVITY: REVERSE JENGA...NO, ITS NOT A YOGA MOVE

Cynthia Wittenburg, MS, CHE – *Exitó!* Program Coordinator, UTHSCSA
El Paso, TX

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

BIOLOGY OF CANCER

Luis Penalva, PhD – Associate Professor, Cellular and Structural Biology, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM – Q&A discussion

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

ACCESSING CULTURE AND ADDRESSING DISPARITIES THROUGH RESEARCH

Rena Pasick, DrPH – Associate Director for Education and Outreach, UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center
San Francisco, CA

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM – Q&A discussion

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM

BINDER REVIEW

Becky Adeigbe, MS – *Exitó!* Program Coordinator, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

DAY 2: TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013

Reaching the “Hard-to-Reach”: The Range & Reach of Latino Cancer Health Disparities

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the range of cancer health disparities research from clinical research to survivorship interventions.
2. Improve knowledge of Latino health disparities and cancer intervention research in underserved Latino communities.
3. Become familiar with Latino health disparities and cancer epidemiology.
4. Understand the potential limitations of current research methods as they relate to Latino communities.

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

WELCOME AND DAY 1 RECAP

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

ACTIVITY: ENVISIONING THE POSSIBILITIES OF A CAREER IN CANCER CONTROL

8:45 – 9:00 – Introduction

9:00 – 9:30 – Small group activity

9:30 – 9:45 – Large group discussion

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

BREAK

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

LATINO IN THE U.S.: CHANGING THE FACE OF AMERICA IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Anne Marie Nunez, PhD – Associate Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy studies, University of Texas at San Antonio
San Antonio, TX

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM – Q&A discussion

- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** **IT ALL STARTS HERE: FINDING OUT WHO GETS CANCER AND WHY**
- Mala Pande, PhD** – Department of Epidemiology, Division of OVP, Cancer Prevention and Population science at UT-MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, TX
- 11:45 PM –12:00 PM – Q&A discussion
- 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM** **LUNCH**
- 12:45 PM – 1:00 PM** **GROUP PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**
- 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM** **HEAR HER STORY—MTPCCR ALUMNI, DOCTORAL STUDENT & RESEARCHER**
- Cathy Samayoa, MEd**—MTPCCR Alumni, Doctoral Student, UTHSCSA, Biomedical Sciences
- 1:30 PM – 4:15 PM** **AFFECTING CHANGE TO REDUCE LATINO HEALTH DISPARITIES AND CANCER BURDEN**
- 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm: Deborah Parra-Medina, PhD** – Professor, IHPH
San Antonio, TX
- 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM – Q&A discussion
- 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM: Cynthia Mojica, PhD** – Assistant Professor, IHPH
San Antonio, TX
- 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM – Q&A discussion
- 3:30 PM – 4:15 PM: Daniel Hughes, PhD** – Assistant Professor, IHPH
San Antonio, TX
- 4:00 PM – 4:15 PM – Q&A discussion
- 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM** **CLOSING REMARKS**

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013

Why Culture Matters & Tools of the Trade

Learning Objectives

1. Recognize the social-cultural distinctions Latino patients encounter and the need to increase the number of public health practitioners to provide cultural appropriate services and representation.
2. Receive first-hand advice and motivation from *Exito!* alumni about applying to, enrolling and completing a doctoral program and/or *Exito!* internship.
3. Receive effective writing skills and feedback to develop a quality doctoral admissions letter from a writing specialist.

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM **WELCOME AND DAY 2 RECAP**

8:45 AM – 10:45 AM **ACTIVITY: A COLLAGE**

Cynthia Wittenburg, MS, CHE – *Exito!* Program Coordinator, UTHSCSA
El Paso, TX

Becky Adeigbe, MS – *Exito!* Program Coordinator, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM **BREAK**

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **THE IMPORTANCE OF RACE AND ETHNICITY IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND CLINICAL PRACTICE**

Alfredo Santillan-Gomez, MD, MPH – School of Medicine, Oncology
surgeon
San Antonio, TX

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM – Q&A discussion

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM **LUNCH**

12:45 PM – 1:00 PM **GROUP PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM GETTING IN AND GETTING THROUGH A DOCTORAL PROGRAM: *EXITO!*
ALUMNI TELL THEIR STORIES**

Pricilla Brietski – 2011 Exito! Alumni
Lizbeth Del Toro – 2012 Exito! Alumni

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM *EXITO!* INTERNSHIPS: DID YOU APPLY? WHY YOU SHOULD.

Becky Adeigbe, MS – *Exito!* Program Coordinator, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM – Q&A discussion

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM ESSENTIAL WRITING TOOLS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Katherine Isokawa, MA – Writing Specialist
Oakland, California

3:00 – 3:15 PM – Q&A discussion

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM BREAK & GROUP PICTURES

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM ONE-ON-ONE TIME WITH THE WRITING SPECIALIST

Katherine Isokawa, MA – Writing Specialist
Oakland, California

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM *EXITO!* PARTICIPANT HEADSHOTS

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM CLOSING REMARKS

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM TEXAS-STYLE BBQ DINNER

DAY 4: THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013

Hear from the Experts: How to Apply to Doctoral Programs

Learning Objectives

1. Obtain professional information and feedback on how to prepare a quality doctoral application, prepare for admissions, and thrive in a doctoral program.
2. Acquire effective professional development skills to enhance rapport with mentors, faculty, peers, and potential future funders and employers.
3. Acquire necessary skills and information to develop a quality research/scholastic portfolio.

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM **WELCOME AND DAY 3 RECAP**

8:45 AM – 10:15 AM **ACTIVITY: PUTTING ON YOUR RESEARCHERS HAT**

Amelie Ramirez, DrPH – Principal Investigator; Director for the IHP, Professor Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM **BREAK**

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM **ACTIVITY: WALKING AND TALKING**

Becky Adeigbe, MS – *Exito!* Program Coordinator, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **SHOW ME THE MONEY: HOW TO FUND A DOCTORAL EDUCATION**

Christopher Goldberry –University of Texas San Antonio, Financial Aid and Outreach Coordinator
San Antonio, TX

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM – Q&A discussion

12:00 PM – 12:45 PM **LUNCH**

12:45 PM – 1:00 PM **GROUP PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

NCI FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS

Anil Wali, PhD – National Cancer Institute, Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, Program Director
Rockville, MD

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM – Q&A discussion

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM

BREAK

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

STEPS FOR BECOMING A SUCCESSFUL SCHOLAR

David Katerndhal, MD – UT Medicine, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM – Q&A discussion

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

FORUM WITH UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES

Bradley Pollock, PhD – Chair, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, UTHSCSA
San Antonio, TX

Maria Duarte, PhD – Chair, Public Health Sciences, University of Texas at El Paso
El Paso, TX

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM – Q&A discussion

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

DAY 5: JUNE 11, 2012

Stepping Out: Transition from Student to Researcher

Learning Objectives

1. Understand the components and advantages of networking and self-representation.
2. Apply the skills learned throughout the Summer Institute to effectively convey personal career path and future goals.

8:30 AM	WELCOME AND DAY 4 RECAP
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	ACTIVITY: GOAL SETTING Cynthia Wittenburg, MS, CHE – <i>Exitó!</i> Program Coordinator, UTHSCSA <i>El Paso, TX</i>
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	STAYING THE COURSE Sylvia Guiterrez-Zubyk, MD – Private practice <i>San Antonio, TX</i> 9:30 – 9:45 – Q&A discussion
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	ACADEMIC POLITICS AND NAVIGATING YOUR WAY THROUGH YOUR DOCTORAL PROGRAM Jose Pagan, PhD – Chairman and Professor, School of Public Health, University of North Texas Health Science Center <i>Dallas, TX</i> Cristina Barroso, DrPH, MPH – Assistant Professor, School of Nutrition and Health Promotion, Arizona State University <i>Phoenix, AZ</i> 10:30 – 10:45 – Q&A discussion
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	BREAK & SUMMER INSTITUTE EVALUATION
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	TRANSPORT TO LUNCH
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	LUNCH
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	GRADUATION CEREMONY
1:30 PM	CLOSING REMARKS