



The 2018 International Conference on Aging in the Americas

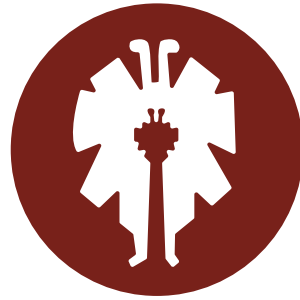
Highlights

*Latino Aging and Health in Social,
Institutional, and Environmental
Context: Foundations and Frontiers*

Sept. 18-20, 2018

Tucson, Arizona

About the CAA Logo



Since time before memory, la mariposa monarca (or monarch butterfly) journeys through the Americas to sustain its life. In the cool, clear skies of October, indigenous people reverently welcome returning souls on wings aloft, reuniting in central Mexican forests and valleys. So the cycle continues from beginnings unknown to no ends...

Ten years ago, the Aging in the Americas Conference selected la monarca to symbolize the threads that unite us across the Americas in understanding and reverently preserving the dignity and integrity of life's cycle that knows no beginnings or ends. The updated logo is an abstracted form of la monarca, taken from pre-Columbian iconography.



2015 International Conference on Aging in the Americas (ICAA)

Each year, The International Conference on Aging in the Americas brings together scholars across academic disciplines to review current research on Latino health and aging. Although installments differ in detailed focus, all are joined by common tenants and objectives. The distinguishing feature of ICAA its interdisciplinary, collaborative nature: it gathers a broad array of researchers in fields of Hispanic health, healthcare policy, and the behavioral and social sciences. The invited presenters and emerging scholars exist at the forefront of their respective fields; in bringing them together for this interactive event, ICAA fosters an exchange of ideas and efforts aimed at addressing key issues affecting the health of aged Hispanics. A final noteworthy aspect of the series is its focus on the future leaders of research in population aging research, highlighted by the annual Emerging Scholars poster presentation session, which showcases the efforts of upcoming researchers in various fields of study.

This year marked the 10th tenth anniversary of the conference series. Spread across three days in Tucson, Arizona, the conference consisted of six panel discussion segments, mentoring events, consensus building, and poster presentations by emerging scholars. Since its beginnings, ICAA has explored myriad topics converging on health and aging in transnational Hispanic communities. This year's core theme was Latino Aging and Health in Social, Institutional, and Environmental Context: Foundations and Fronteirs. Through this year's topic, conference organizers and investigators gave renewed focus to environmental and religious determinants of health in aging populations. The conference Presenters in the third and fourth panels directly addressed these concepts through presenting their research. In other panel sessions, scholars explored determinants of health in both Mexico and the United States in many contexts. A full scope of the conference content will be available in the 2018 ICAA proceedings later this year. Stay tuned!



2018 ICAA Emerging Scholars

ICAA organizers, investigators, and staff

The Conference Series on Aging in the Americas is assembled by several co-investigators and co-organizers, alongside a larger staff that contributes to content and execution. This year, four NIH-NIA investigators and an advisory group worked together to present frontier research in fields of aging studies. They gathered experts in population issues, geriatric service provision, and health care policy and advocacy, with respect to Hispanic ethnicity. These pages highlight those who made the ICAA 2018 possible.



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Mariana López Ortega, co-organizer and Professor at the Mexican National Institute of Geriatrics

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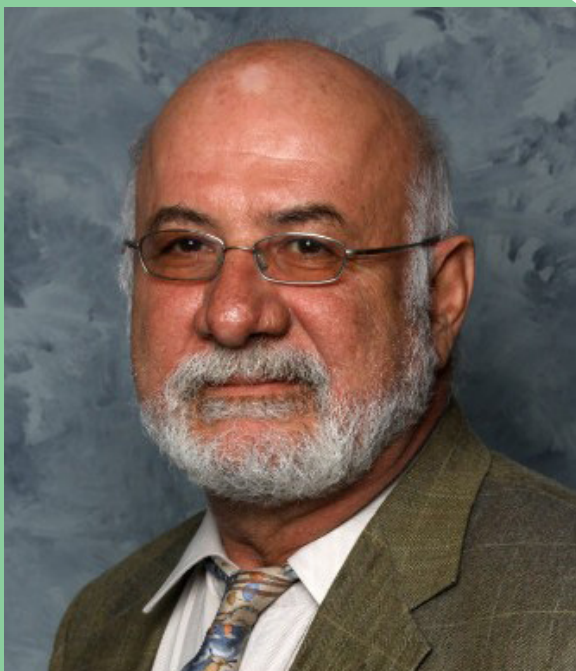
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Jacqueline L. Angel, Principal Investigator and Professor of Sociology at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin



William A. Vega, Provost Professor and Executive Director of the USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging and 2018 ICAA Co-Investigator



Kyriakos S. Markides, Co-Investigator and Annie and John Gritzinger Professor of Aging Studies at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston



Fernando M. Torres-Gil, Co-Investigator and Professor of Social Welfare and Policy at the University of California, Los Angeles

September 18

5:00 pm: ICAA-AARP Mentoring Panel (Publishing/
Funding/Policy Analysis)

6:00 pm: Mentoring Dinner and
Recognition Ceremony at Rooftop Patio



Toni P Miles, Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Georgia College of Public Health and the 2018 ICAA social media director, asks questions during the mentoring panel.



Mariana Lopez Ortega, **Luis Gutierrez**, and **William Vega** enjoy the evening Tucson sunset after the mentoring dinner.



Terrence Hill, **Fernando Torres-Gil**, **Rogelio Sáenz**, **Kyriakos Markides**, and **Robert P. Wallace** lead the Tuesday mentoring panel, commencing the 2018 conference.



Fernando Torres-Gil, **Rogelio Sáenz**, **Terrence Hill**, **Kyriakos Markides**, and **Robert P. Wallace** following the mentoring panel.

September 19

8:45-9:30: Keynote: “Overcoming Disparities for Healthy Aging” by Luis Miguel Gutiérrez-Robledo, Mexican National Institute of Geriatrics

9:30-10:45: Paper Session I: Social Determinants of Health in Mexico, presided by Mariana López Ortega

11:00-12:15: Paper Session II: Social Determinants of Health in the U.S., presided by Flavia Andrade

1:30-2:45: Paper Session III: Environmental Inequality and Health, presided by Peter Ore

2:45-4:00: Paper Session IV: Religion and Health, presided by Terrence Hill

4:00-6:00: Emerging Scholars Poster Session and Awards Ceremony (with Refreshments)



Kerry Ard, Assistant Professor of Environmental and Natural Resource Sociology at Ohio State University, presents her research on air pollution exposure during Paper Session III: Environmental Inequality and Health.



Luis Miguel Gutiérrez-Robledo, Mex. Nat. Institute of Geriatrics, gives the opening keynote presentation, introducing key themes of the 2018 ICAA.



Juan Campos Alanís, **Blanca Estela Pelcastre**, **Natalia Guevara Jaramillo**, and **Marissa Vivaldo-Martínez** pose for the camera during Paper Session I: Social Determinants of Health in Mexico.



Flavia Andrade, presider of Paper Session II: Social Determinants of Health in the U.S, poses with fellow presenters **Elizabeth Vasquez**, **Georgiana Bostean**, and **John Ruiz** following a successful presentation panel.



Co-presenters **Neal Krause**, **Christopher Ellison**, **Terrence Hill**, and **Mariana Gonzalez-Lara**, field questions on their presentations on religion during Paper Session IV: Religion and Health.

Emerging Scholars



(Above) **Sunshine Rote**, Assistant Professor in the Kent School of Social Work and Organizer of the 2018 Emerging Scholar Session, awards **Alicia R. Riley** (The University of Chicago) First Place for her presentation “Hispanic Advantages in Later Life Disability: New Insights on Nativity and Social Support;” **Hilary Flowers** (University of California - Los Angeles) Second Place for her presentation “Nativity and Citizenship Effects on Older Adults’ Access to Care;” and **Jacqueline Avila** (University of Texas Medical Branch) Third Place for her presentation “The Effect of Diabetes on the Cognitive Trajectory of Older Mexican Adults.”



Andrew Jorgenson, Boston College, **Patricia Romero-Lankao**, University of Colorado-Boulder converse during poster presentations.



Shawna Follis (University of Arizona) presents her research on psychosocial stress and osteoporotic fractures.



Phil Cantu (University of Texas at Austin) discusses his research with **Luis Miguel Gutiérrez-Robledo**.

September 20

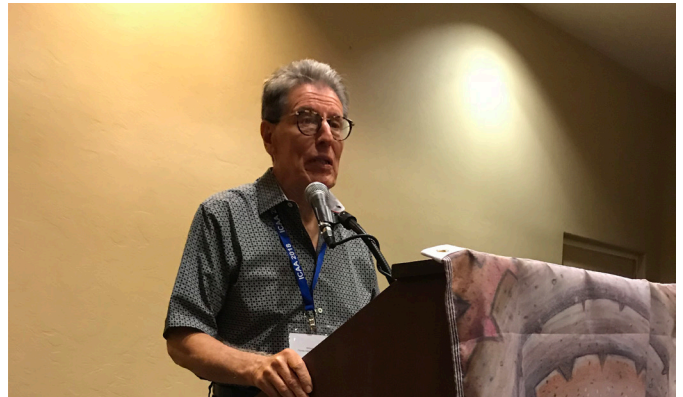
8:30-8:45 : Welcome by Linda Phillips, Arizona Center on Aging

8:45-9:30 : Keynote: “Choosing to Care” by Amy Goyer, AARP’S Family & Caregiving Expert

9:30-10:45 : Paper Session V: Dementia and Caregiving, presided by Jacqueline Angel

11:00-12:15 : Paper Session VI: Emerging Scholars Research, presided by Ronald Angel

12:15-1:30 : Lunch and Consensus Building, presided by William Vega



Bill Vega leads the Consensus Building Session at the end of the conference, weaving together the week’s explorations and themes.



Janice D. Crist, Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Arizona, presents her research on long-term support services during Paper Session V: Dementia and Caregiving. She is joined by presider **Jacqueline Angel** and fellow presenters **Emma Aguila**, **Maria Aranda**, and **Carolyn Mendez-Luck**.



Amy Goyer, AARP’S Family & Caregiving Expert, poses with **Terrence D. Hill** following her closing keynote presentation.



Emerging Scholars **Ana Canedo**, **Catherine García**, **Melanie Plasencia**, and **Adriana Reyes** (bottom) joined by presider **Ronald Angel** (top) following their presentations for Paper Session VI: Emerging Scholars Research.



Linda Phillips, Director of Center on Aging at University of Arizona, introducing Amy Goyer’s closing remarks.

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