

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**Second Aging In The Americas Conference:
Key Issues in Hispanic Health and Health Care Policy Research
September 21 – 22, 2005**

A G E N D A

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

6:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception and Dinner

Host

Betty Sue Flowers, Director
Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum
2313 Red River Street
Eight Floor, Atrium
Austin, Texas



Thursday, September 22, 2005

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast

Opening Session

8:30 a.m. Introductions and Welcome

Ken Shine, Chancellor, U.T. Health System

Jacqueline L. Angel, The University of Texas at Austin

8:45 a.m.

Introduction of Opening Keynote Speaker

Victoria Rodriguez, Vice Provost and Dean, Office of Graduate Studies

8:50 – 9:30 a.m.

Opening Keynote Speaker

Julio Frenk Mora, Ministry of Health, Mexico



“Challenges in Public Health Along the Texas/Mexico Border”

- What are the growing challenges in Latino health in Mexico and in the United States? For the young, the old, and the poor?
- Are there unique health care services needs of Mexican-origin individuals, families, and communities along the U.S./Mexico Border?
- From a public health perspective, what behavioral, social, and mental health risk factors are most important (for example, occupational hazards, immigration, domestic violence, victims of violent crime, alcoholism) to study?

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Break

9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Session I: Exploring the Health Consequences of Hispanic Mortality

Key investigators involved in the Longitudinal Study of Elderly Mexican American Health, the Sacramento Area Health and Aging Study and nationally recognized demographers will be invited to present their current analytic work on the effects of dementia and physical morbidity on mortality in the older Mexican-origin population.

Presider, TBD

James Goodwin and Karl Eschbach, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston

Kyriakos Markides, Glenn Ostir, and Laura Ray, University of Texas Medical Branch
Mary Haan and Hector González, University of Michigan

Discussants

Alberto Palloni, University of Wisconsin
Mark Hayward, Penn State University
Robert Hummer, The University of Texas at Austin

Points of Discussion

- What factors make Mexican-origin adults vulnerable to leading causes of morbidity and chronic illness?
- What are the effects of socioeconomic status and international migration on health behavior and health status?
- What can the Mexican American epidemiological paradox tell us about healthy aging? How do language and social capital influence these health outcomes?

11:00-11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 – 12:30 p.m.

Session II: The Economics of Hispanic Aging: New Findings from Mexican Health and Aging Studies

Researchers will focus on several issues, including, the extent to which the timing of immigration from Mexico and other Latin American countries affects how Hispanics grow old and their propensity to use informal and formal supports, and how these outcomes are associated with indicators of cultural and structural incorporation.

Presider, TBD

Rebeca Wong University of Maryland and Beth Soldo University of Pennsylvania
V. Nelly Salgado de Snyder, Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica, Mexico

Roberto Ham Chande, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte
Helen Hazuda, U.T. Health Science Center at San Antonio
Peter Ward, U.T. Austin

Points of Discussion

- To what extent does the timing of immigration, citizenship, and length of time spent in the United States affect how Mexican-origin people grow old in the United States?
- What is the economic security of families in the United States and Mexico as they face the burdens of caring for children and elderly?
- What are the influences of the “disability trajectory” on the probability of living and care arrangements among older individuals of Mexican origin?

12:30 – 1:30 noon

Lunch

**Thursday, September 22, 2005
Afternoon Session**

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Session III: Health Insurance and Access to Acute and Long-term Care Services among Hispanics

POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Participants will examine the ways in which intra-group diversity in the Mexican-origin population affects the health and social welfare of individuals and family members. Because Latino elders in South Texas are a particularly vulnerable and underserved population emphasis will be placed on the unique health care needs of older Mexican Americans and their providers along the Texas/Mexico border. The issue is especially important in light of the growing fiscal crisis manifesting itself in the state of Texas.

Presider, TBD

Co-Moderators

Fernando Trevino and Alberto Coustasse-Hencke, University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth

Panelists

David Warner, U.T. Austin

Sharon Brown, U.T. Austin

Elena Bastida, U.T. El Paso

David Espino, U.T. Health Science Center at San Antonio

Rogelio Saenz, Texas A&M University and Mercedes Rubio, American Sociological Association, Minority Affairs

Points of Discussion

- To what extent do elderly Mexican-origin persons have health insurance, and what are the barriers to obtaining insurance?
- What are the barriers to access acute and long-term care services?
- Does chronic poverty in and of itself explain the differential access to and quality of acute and chronic care?

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Poster Session. Refreshments will be served.

Post doctoral, Graduate and Undergraduate Students engaged in Population Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research. Students will participate in this session which will

examine the lessons learned from other nations, and their implications for the health and social welfare of older Mexican-origin individuals.

Presider

Cynthia J. Buckley, Ph.D., The University of Texas at Austin

Poster Session I- “Aging in the Americas: Lessons from Abroad”

Poster Session II- “Public Policies and Hispanic Aging”

Poster Session III- “Biobehavioral Factors and Hispanic Health”

3:30-3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45-4:00

Poster Awards Presentation

Judges:

Pamela Herd, LBJ School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin

Toni Miles, University of Louisville Medical School

Juan Sanchez, Vice President for Research, The University of Texas at Austin

Richard Suzman, NIH, National Institute on Aging (NIA)

4:00p.m.

Introduction of Closing Keynote Speaker

Keith P. Whitfield, Ph.D., Chair, GSA Minority Aging Task Force, The Pennsylvania State University

4:05 – 5:00 p.m.

Closing Keynote Speaker

Ronald J. Angel, Ph.D.

The University of Texas at Austin



“Realistic Solutions for the Health Insurance Crisis”

- What realistic health care financing reforms are politically possible and economically desirable in the next decade and how might they affect Hispanics?
- Since a large number of the uninsured are employed could employer subsidies extend coverage to a significant fraction of uninsured Hispanics?
- Can future health insurance reforms targeted toward Hispanics include market-based solutions or be based on public/private partnerships?

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Brief publication meeting- Presenters only

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