<div align="center">**2023 International Conference on Aging in the Americas**</div>

Health and Aging of Mexican Populations on Both Sides of the Border: New Research and Policy Challenges

September 13-15, 2023

The Andrus Gerontology Center, USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology and the Ralph and Goldy Lewis Hall, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, Los Angeles, CA, USA

The 16th International Conference on Aging in the Americas (ICAA) "**Health and Aging of Mexican Populations on Both Sides of the Border: New Research and Policy Challenges**" will focus on new research regarding life course exposures, physical and mental health, and social and economic wellbeing of aging populations in the Americas. Inequalities throughout the life course, including economic, climate, and environmental disadvantages, can influence inequities in health, including in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD). The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated physical and mental health issues of vulnerable older adults in Mexico and the United States. The 16th ICAA will address these challenges for older Mexican populations in the Americas. It will present research using new methods and data and cross-country comparisons, analyzing the effects of policies and interventions, microsimulation, applying rigorous methods for panel and quasi-experimental data, and discussing multimethod approaches to dealing with these issues. It will seek to understand the direct and indirect health consequences of the pandemic and other ecological disruptions on the health of older adults in both nations. History shows that in times of social disruption, resilience, formed by accumulated deficits and assets, shapes an older individual's life course trajectory and their chances to achieve healthy aging. This requires adaptability, decisiveness, and economic resources. Government policy at all levels can also support healthy aging. Given that institutional capacities are a key to aging well, ICAA papers will focus on the influence of different economic and social policies, as well as institutional contexts in shaping and constraining decisions in both countries. The ICAA will also pay special attention to the role of family caregivers. Altogether, the 16th ICAA will help create an agenda of emerging themes regarding population aging in the Americas.

Questions

1. How do cross-country comparisons provide richer data to examine vulnerable aging populations in the Americas?
2. How do social and economic disadvantage across the life course in the Mexican-origin population affect cognition, Alzheimer disease, and related disorders (ADRD)?
3. What are the social and economic dimensions of resilience and their impact on physical and mental health, cognitive function, and mobility and care options?
4. How do climate change, pollution, and environmental exposures affect health and wellbeing of older adults?

The 2023 ICAA Call for posters is available here.

Wednesday September 13

8:00 – 8:30	**Conference Registration and Breakfast**
8:30 – 16:00	**Pre-Conference Data and Methods Workshop**
	IPUMS Data Workshop, Gateway to Global Aging, Microsimulation Future Elderly Model (FEM)

Thursday September 14

8:00 – 8:30	**Conference Registration and Breakfast**
8:30 – 9:00	**Opening Remarks and Welcome Session**
9:00 – 9:45	**Keynote speaker**
	Luis Miguel Gutiérrez Robledo, National Institutes of Health, Mexico
9:45 – 9:55	**Coffee Break**
9:55 – 11:10	**Panel 1**
11:10 – 12:25	**Panel 2**
12:25 – 13:25	**Lunch**
13:25 – 14:40	**Panel 3**
14:40 – 15:25	**Panel 4** **Lightning Presentations**
15:25 – 15:35	**Coffee Break**
15:35 – 16:45	**Poster Session**
16:45 – 17:20	**Panel 5** **Funding Opportunities**
17:20 – 18:00	**Mentoring Session**
18:00 – 20:00	**Dinner**

Friday September 15

8:00 – 8:30	**Registration and Breakfast**
8:30 – 9:45	**Panel 6**
9:45 – 11:00	**Panel 7**
11:00 – 12:20	**Consensus Building (lunch)**
12:20 – 12:30	**Closing Remarks**

Confirmed Speakers

Aguila Emma, University of Southern California, United States

Angel Jacqueline, The University of Texas at Austin, United States

Bandiera Frank, National Institute on Aging, United States

Contrera Avila Jaqueline, UMass Boston, United States

Cortez Lugo Marlene, Mexican National Institute of Public Health (INSP), Mexico

Crimmins Eileen, University of Southern California, United States

Farina Mateo, University of Texas at Austin, United States

Frenk Julio, University of Miami, United States

Garcia Marc A., Syracuse University, United States

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Grasso Stephanie, University of Texas at Austin, United States

Gutiérrez Robledo Luis Miguel, National Institutes of Health, Mexico

Lopez-Ortega Mariana, Mexican National Institute of Geriatrics, Mexico

Markides Kyriakos, University of Texas Medical Branch, United States

Martinez Octavio, Hogg Foundation and The University of Texas at Austin, United States

Milani Sadaf, University of Texas Medical Branch, United States

Riosmena Fernando, University of Texas at San Antonio, United States

Saenz Joseph, Arizona State University, United States

Torres-Gil Fernando, University of California, Los Angeles, United States

Torres Jacqueline, University of California San Francisco, United States

Tysinger Bryan, University of Southern California, United States

Vega William, Florida International University, United States

Wong Rebeca, University of Texas Medical Branch, United States