

2023 International Conference on Aging in the Americas

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, climatic, 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, 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 disadvantages across the life course in the Mexican-origin population affect cognition and 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?

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Wednesday September 13

Ralph and Goldy Lewis (RGL) Hall, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy
Room RGL 308

8:00 – 8:30	Conference Registration and Breakfast
Pre-Conference Data Workshop (emerging scholars in-person, all others online)	
8:30 – 10:15	IPUMS Data Workshop: <i>Using Large U.S. and International Data to Analyze Hispanic/Latino Populations in the United States and in their Country.</i> Sponsored by the University of Minnesota Life Course Center Part 1. Overview of Available IPUMS Microdata
10:15 – 10:25	Coffee Break
10:25 – 12:00	IPUMS Data Workshop, Part 2. Accessing IPUMS Data (website tour, custom data file builder demonstration, hands-on example building contextual measures)
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 13:45	IPUMS Data Workshop, Part 3. Consultations with IPUMS Research Staff
13:45 – 13:55	Coffee Break
13:55 – 14:55	Gateway to Global Aging Data Drystan Phillips and Jenny Wilkens, University of Southern California, United States
14:55 – 15:05	Coffee Break
15:05 – 15:35	Microsimulation: Future Elderly Model (FEM) Bryan Tysinger, Assistant Professor, University of Southern California, United States
15:40 – 16:30	USC Aging and Cognition Pilot Info Session. USC – ADRD RCMAR & CeASES- ADRD Opportunities Briana Taylor, Senior Program Administration, USC Schaeffer Center, United States
18:00 – 20:00	Non-hosted Happy Hour Rock & Reilly's located at the USC Village

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Thursday September 14

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8:00 – 8:30	Conference Registration and Breakfast (Andrus Courtyard)
8:30 – 9:00	Opening Remarks and Welcome Session (Andrus Auditorium) Chair: Emma Aguila, University of Southern California, United States
	Pinchas Cohen, University of Southern California, United States Eileen Crimmins, University of Southern California, United States Laura Trejo, Los Angeles County, United States María del Carmen García Peña, Mexican National Institute of Geriatrics, Mexico Julio Frenk, University of Miami, United States Jacqueline Angel, University of Texas at Austin, United States
9:00 – 9:50	Keynote Speaker (Andrus Auditorium) Chair: Jacqueline Angel, University of Texas at Austin, United States
	“Mexican Health and Aging in the Long Run...” Hector Gonzalez, University of California San Diego, United States Q & A
9:50 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 11:10	Panel 1 Cross-Country Comparisons (Andrus Auditorium) In Honor of James P. Smith Chair: Jinkook Lee, University of Southern California, United States <i>Sponsored by Gateway to Global Aging</i>
	“An Examination of the Role of Cumulative Disadvantage in the Aging of Mexican Immigrants in the United States” Fernando Riosmena, University of Texas at San Antonio, United States “A Cross-national Comparison of the Effect of Tobacco Use on the Cognitive Function of Older Adults” Jaqueline Contrera Avila, University of Massachusetts Boston, United States “Dementia Correlates and Dementia Care for Mexican and Mexican American Older Persons” Mariana López-Ortega, Mexican National Institute of Geriatrics, Mexico Q & A
11:15 – 12:25	Panel 2 Climate Change and Aging (Andrus Auditorium) Chair: Jennifer Ailshire, University of Southern California, United States <i>Sponsored by University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston</i>
	“Air Pollution and Health Outcomes among Older Mexican Americans” Sadaf Milani, University of Texas Medical Branch, United States

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	<p>“PM2.5 and Cognitive Function Limitations in the Mexican Health and Aging Study” Marlene Cortez-Lugo, National Institute of Public Health, Mexico</p> <p>“Extreme Temperatures and Health among Mexican Older Adults” Rebeca Wong, University of Texas Medical Branch, United States</p> <p>Q & A</p>
12:30 – 13:25	Lunch (Andrus Courtyard)
13:25 – 14:35	<p>Panel 3</p> <p>Cognition of Older Hispanics (Andrus Auditorium)</p> <p>Chair: Julie Zissimopoulos, University of Southern California, United States</p> <p>Sponsored by USC-RCMAR</p>
	<p>“Life Course Origins of the Race Disparity in Cognitive Functioning among Older Brazilians” Mateo Farina, University of Texas at Austin, United States</p> <p>“Family Size across the Life-Course and Cognitive Decline in Older Mexican Adults” Joseph Saenz, Arizona State University, United States</p> <p>“Bilingual Neurocognitive Resiliency, Vulnerability, and Alzheimer’s Disease Biomarker Correlates in Latino Older Adults Enrolled in the Health and Aging Brain Study-Health Disparities (HABS-HD)” Stephanie Grasso, University of Texas at Austin, United States</p> <p>Q & A</p>
14:40 – 15:30	<p>Panel 4</p> <p>Lightning Presentations (Andrus Auditorium)</p> <p>In Honor of Steve Wallace</p> <p>Co-Chairs: Ángela Gutiérrez, Ohio University, United States, Hiram Beltrán-Sánchez, University of California Los Angeles, United States</p>
	<p>“Are Immigrants More Resilient to Stressful Situations? An Analysis of the Immigrant Health Paradox During the COVID-19 Pandemic” Hankyung Jun, PhD, Harvard Medical School, United States</p> <p>“The Lingering Mark of Living Undocumented: How Living Undocumented Impacts the Mental Health of Older Adults in Durango & Transcends Borders” San Juanita Garcia, University of California Santa Barbara, United States</p> <p>“Paying the Price: The Cost of Caregiving for Mexican-American Families” Felipe Antequera, The University of Texas at Austin, United States</p> <p>Q & A</p>
15:30 – 15:40	Coffee Break
15:40 – 16:25	<p>Panel 5</p> <p>Funding Opportunities (Andrus Auditorium)</p> <p>Chair: Emma Aguila, University of Southern California, United States</p>
	<p>“NIA Behavioral and Social Research Funding in Immigration and Health Disparities” Frank Bandiera, Division of Behavioral and Social Research, National Institute on Aging, United States</p>

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	<p>“Updates from the Alzheimer's Association: Funding, Collaboration & Convening Opportunities” Stefania Forner, Alzheimer’s Association, United States</p> <p>“Private Sector Philanthropy Grantsmanship Pointers” Octavio Martinez, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, United States</p> <p>“Funding Your Health Disparities Research: Navigating NIMHD and NIH Successfully” (Presentation Handout) Larissa Avilés-Santa, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, United States</p> <p>Q & A</p>
16:25 – 17:10	<p>Juried Poster Session</p> <p>Chairs: Adriana Reyes, Cornell University, United States, Terrence Hill, University of Texas at San Antonio, United States, Mariana López-Ortega, Mexican National Institute of Geriatrics, Mexico</p> <p>Jurors: Flavia Andrade, University of Illinois Champaign, United States, Rogelio Saenz, University of Texas at San Antonio, United States</p> <p>Sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association, UT Austin Center on Aging and Population Sciences, and Hogg Foundation for Mental Health</p>
16:45 – 18:00	<p>Reception (Andrus Courtyard)</p>
17:10 – 18:00	<p>Mentoring Session (Emerging Scholars Only)</p> <p>Co-Chairs: Phillip Cantu, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, United States, Mariana Lopez, Mexican National Institute of Geriatrics, Mexico, Terrence Hill, University of Texas at San Antonio, United States, Flavia Andrade, University of Illinois Champaign, United States</p>
18:00 – 20:00	<p>Dinner (Andrus Courtyard)</p> <p>Recital by Mexican Classical Music Composer Giovanni Piacentini</p>

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Friday September 15

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8:00 – 8:30	Registration and Breakfast (Andrus Center Courtyard)
8:30 – 9:30	Panel 6 New Frontiers in Research on Aging and Public Health in the Americas (Andrus Auditorium) Chair: María Aranda, University of Southern California, United States
	<p>“Aging in the Americas: The Next Decade” Jacqueline Angel, University of Texas at Austin, United States</p> <p>“The Future of the Hispanic EPESE: Trends in the Health of Very Old Mexican Americans” Kyriakos Markides, University of Texas Medical Branch, United States</p> <p>“New Frontiers in Research on Aging and Public Health in the Latin America and the US” Verónica Montes de Oca, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico</p> <p>“Rethinking Aging and Disability Policy and Attitudes: Diversity, Culture and Ablism” Fernando Torres-Gil, University of California Los Angeles, United States</p> <p>Q & A</p>
9:30 – 9:50	Awards Ceremony (Andrus Auditorium)
9:50 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 11:05	Panel 7 New Methods and Lines of Research on Aging and Health (Andrus Auditorium) Chair: Laura Trejo, Aging and Disabilities Department, LA County, United States Sponsored by the Schaeffer Center
	<p>“Bringing the R Word Into the Study of Aging and Health” Rogelio Saenz, University of Texas at San Antonio, United States</p> <p>“Emerging Theoretical and Empirical Developments Regarding Upward Intergenerational Influences on Health and Aging” Jacqueline Torres, University of California San Francisco, United States</p> <p>“The Mexican Future Elderly Model, a Dynamic Microsimulation Model for Health, Cognition, and Aging Outcomes in Mexico” Hanke Heun-Johnson, University of Southern California, United States</p> <p>Q & A</p>
11:10 – 12:10	Consensus Building (Box Lunch) (Andrus Courtyard) Co-Chairs: Sunshine Rote, University of Louisville, United States, Ángela Gutiérrez, Ohio University, United States, Mariana López-Ortega, Mexican National Institute of Geriatrics, Mexico, Flavia Andrade, University of Illinois Champaign, United States
12:10 – 12:30	Closing Remarks (Andrus Courtyard) Chair: Octavio Martinez, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, United States

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12:30 – 13:30	<p>Publications Committee Meeting (Committee Members Only) Chair: Jacqueline Angel, University of Texas at Austin, United States</p>
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