

The 2014 International Conference on Aging in the Americas

HIGHLIGHTS

Health, Social, and Economic Dynamics of Hispanic and Latin American Aging



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The seventh installment of the Conference Series on Aging in the Americas (CAA), co-organized by Rebeca Wong (UTMB) and Fernando Riosmena (CU – Boulder) was held on September 23-25, 2014 at the Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado at Boulder. This year's theme focused on the dynamics and social and economic correlates of health and aging among Latinos in the United States as well as similar topics in Latin American nations such as Mexico, Colombia, and Brazil.

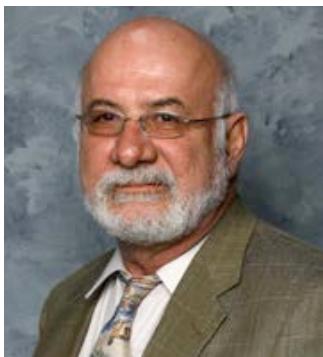
Longstanding and more recent dramatic social transformations have taken place in Latin America as well as for Hispanic populations in the United States, bringing into question how aging is taking and will take place for Hispanic origin (and other) populations. Major expansions in schooling levels have taken place over generations in most of Latin America; an aggressive increase in health care insurance and coverage has taken place in Mexico and the United States. At the same time, there is increased and increasing burdens of chronic disease in Latin America and among Latinos in the United States (despite their mortality advantage relative to US-born non-Hispanic whites), challenging the notion of a “Hispanic Health Paradox” in the future. In recognition of these and related questions, over 70 participants, including nearly 40 invited speakers, keynote speakers, and emerging scholars addressed these issues in panel discussions, peer-reviewed posters, and a consensus building session.

In addition to these presentations, the CAA sponsored a mentoring program for emerging scholars in minority aging with a special emphasis on Hispanic health. This consisted of the pre-screening and selection of submissions by emerging scholars for poster and (in the case of a few exemplary submissions with a good fit to the conference program) oral presentations. The three most significant, well-executed research projects presented in the most compelling poster form were given awards at a reception.

CAA TEAM



Jacqueline Angel (left), Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin and CAA principal investigator. CAA Co-Investigators: **Fernando Torres-Gil** (upper right) Professor of Social Welfare and Policy at the University of California, Los Angeles.



William Vega (right), Provost Professor and Executive Director of the USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging, and **Kyriakos Markides** (left), Annie and John Gnitzyer Professor of Aging Studies at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.



The CAA Team consists of an Advisory Group which was established to provide input from various leading experts in population issues, geriatric service provision, and health care policy and advocacy with respect to Hispanic ethnicity. This committee plays an integral part in planning upcoming conferences.

Maria Aranda, University of Southern California
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Mark Hayward, The University of Texas at Austin
Terrence Hill, University of Arizona
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Nelly Salgado de Snyder, Mexican National Institute of Public Health
Rebeca Wong, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston

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Keynote Lectures



Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola
University of California, Davis

*It's More than Access to Care:
Addressing Social Determinants in
Older Adult Latinos*



Judith Treas
University of California, Irvine

*What Older Immigrants Teach Us
about Later Life*



Noreen Goldman
Princeton University

*Will the Latino Mortality Advantage
Endure?*

Invited Speakers and Moderators-Discussants

Robert Hummer, Terrence Hill, Anna Zajacova, Rick Rogers, Kyriakos Markides, Elisha Cohen, Phillip Cantu, Daesung Choi, Lawrence J. Panas, Rogelio Saenz, Hiram Beltrán-Sánchez, Francisca Antman, Jenjira Yahirun, Stipica Mudrazija, Steven P. Wallace, Susan Parker, Cássio Turra, Rafael Sampert-Ternent, Soham Al-Snih, Flavia Andrade, Jacqui Angel



Cássio M. Turra

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Rafael Samper-Ternent

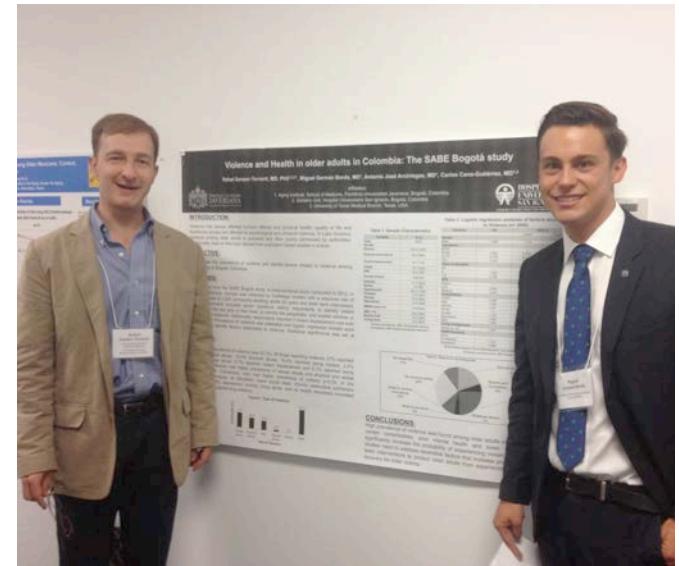


From left to right: Stipica Mudrazija, Francisca Antmann, Jenjira Yahirun, and Hiram Beltrán-Sánchez

Emerging Scholar Poster Session



Tim Reistetter (Center), University of Texas Medical Branch; **Joseph Saenz** (Center-left), The University of Texas Medical Branch; and **Jason Gassoumis**, University of Southern California



Rafael Samper-Ternent (Left) and **Miguel G. Borda**, Universidad Javeriana (Colombia)



Marc Garcia, UT - Austin



Jacqui Torres, University of California, San Francisco/Berkeley

2014 Emerging Scholars Poster Awards



Terrence Hill

First Prize: **Carlos Díaz-Venegas**, *University of Texas Medical Branch*, “Family Size and Old Age Well-Being: Effects of the Fertility Transition in Mexico.”



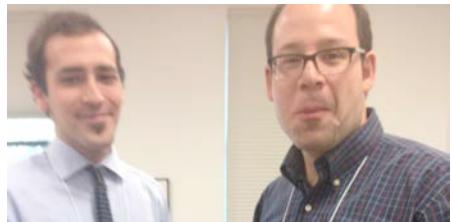
Carlos Díaz-Venegas, PhD

Second Prize: **Jacqueline Torres**, *University of California, San Francisco/Berkeley*, “Gender, migration and late-life health: Conditional effects of spousal U.S. migration on the health of older Mexican women.”



Jacqueline Torres, PhD, MPH

Third Prize: **Joseph Saenz**, *University of Texas Medical Branch*, “Facets of Socioeconomic Position and Disability Onset and Progression: The Case of Mexico Lead”



Joseph Saenz

Consensus Building Session



Selected Findings- Directions in Future Research

- ◆ Given expansion of health care in Mexico and the U.S., examine how low-income populations receive health information, interact with health care systems.
- ◆ Better transdisciplinary understanding of old-age mortality in Latin America
- ◆ Connections between diet and Hispanic aging.
- ◆ Role of psychological and psychosocial traits associated on healthy aging.
- ◆ Better understanding of the family, socioeconomic, and health care use trajectories of the elderly during adulthood (i.e., before baseline in longitudinal studies of aging)
- ◆ Continued examination of the mechanisms of the Hispanic mortality advantage and identification of signs of its deterioration, with special attention to inflammation

2014 ICAA Participants



Emerging scholars poster award ceremony



Emerging scholars oral session participants (from left to right): Rogelio Saenz (Chair), Daesung Choi, Philip Cantu, L.J. Panas, and Elisha Cohen



Jacqui Angel and Rebeca Wong



Session I participants (from left to right): Terrence Hill, Bob Hummer, Rick Rogers, Anna Zajacova, and Kokos Markides (Chair)

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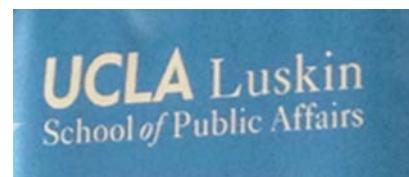
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The Aging in the Americas Conference selected la monarca to symbolize the threads that unite us across the Americas in understanding and reverently preserving the dignity and integrity of life's cycle that knows no beginnings or ends. Roberto Salas was commissioned by the Conference to create la monarca. La monarca was drawn from pre-Columbian images and images from industrialized and post-industrialized Americas. Salas is a Chicano artist who received his Masters in Fine Art from the University of New Mexico. He is Director of the art galleries El Taller Cruzando Traques, which is located in San Diego, California and Studio Maguey, in El Paso, Texas.



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