

Third Annual Minority Health in the Midwest Conference

The Promise of Health Equity:

Advancing the Discussion to **Eliminate Disparities** in the 21st Century



**University of Illinois at Chicago
School of Public Health**

*Held in conjunction with the 32nd Annual Minority Health Conference at the University
of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health*

**Friday, February 25, 2011
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
UIC School of Public Health
1603 W. Taylor Street, Chicago, IL 60612**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00 am – 8:50 am Registration and Networking Breakfast (Main Lobby)

9:00 am – 9:50 am Opening Session (Auditorium Room 109)

Moderator: Lisa Aponte-Soto, MHA, PhD (Candidate), University of Illinois (UIC), School of Public Health (SPH), Community Health Sciences; Conference Chair

Welcome Remarks

- Shaffdeen A. Amuwo, PhD, MPH, Associate Dean, UIC-SPH, Urban Health and Diversity Programs
- Deborah C. Umrani, PhD, Director of Early Outreach Program, Urban Health Program
- Bechara Choucair, MD, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health
- Paul Brandt-Rauf, DrPH, MD, ScD, UIC Dean School of Public Health

Opening Keynote: Linda Rae Murray, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Cook County Department of Public Health; Cook County Health & Hospital System, President of APHA

10:00 am – 11:15 am Concurrent Session A

- Community Partnerships for Diabetes Care – Room 121
- Women's Health Disparities – Room 636
- Addressing Issues with Data Collection – Room 736
- Community-based Interventions – Room 932

11:15 am – 11:30 am Break

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Concurrent Session B

- Combating Racism in the Workforce – Room 121
- Environmental Health Models for Improving Healthy Food Access – Room 636
- Building the “Minority” Health Professions Pipeline – Room 736
- Improving Patient-Practitioner Communication – Room 932

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (Activity Room)

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm Luncheon Keynote Webcast – Bonnie Duran, DrPH, MPH, Associate Professor, University of Washington, School of Public Health; Director of the Center for Indigenous Health Research (**Auditorium/Activity Room**)

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm Panel Discussion (Auditorium Room 109)

Moderator: Ricardo Senno, MD, MS, FAAPMR, Sennogroup & Wellness Rehabilitation; UIC Adjunct Assistant Professor

- Christopher Fisher, PhD, University of Nebraska Medical Center
- José E. López, MA, Executive Director, Juan Antonio Corretjer Puerto Rican Cultural Center
- Dwayne Mitchell, MHA, CEO, East Chicago Community Health Center
- Ellen M. Williams, University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Psychiatry

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Poster Session/Networking Reception (Lobby)

PRESENTATIONS

10: 00 am – 11:15 am CONCURRENT SESSION A

Community-based Interventions

Room 121

Facilitator: Katherine Tossas-Milligan, MS, MS (Graduate Student) – University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), School of Public Health (SPH), Epidemiology/Biostatistics

1. *Un Nuevo Amanecer (A New Dawn): A Collaborative Approach to Treating Depression among Latino Elders in Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

- Angelica Delgado-Rendon, MS – United Community Center
- Erin Malcolm, MAPS – Planning Council for Health and Human Services, Inc.
- Shannon Chavez-Korell, PhD, NCC – University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of Educational Psychology

2. *Recruitment of Puerto Rican Youth for a Community-Based Asthma Study: Experiences from Project CURA*

- Molly A. Martin, MD; Dorian Ortega, BA; Joann Lugardo, MPH – Rush University Medical Center, Department of Preventive Medicine
- Juana Ballesteros, BSN, RN, MPH – The Greater Humboldt Park Community of Wellness

3. *A.C.T.S. of F.A.I.T.H: A Model for Faith Community Engagement in Community Health Improvement Planning*

- Richard Huston Sewell, MPH – University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, Health Policy and Administration

4. *With Me Comes a Cure – The Humboldt Park HIV/AIDS Campaign*

- Juana Ballesteros, BSN, RN, MPH – The Greater Humboldt Park Community of Wellness
- Jonathan Briggs – AIDS Foundation of Chicago
- Juan Calderon – Vida/SIDA a Project of the Puerto Rican Cultural Center

Women's Health Disparities

Room 636

Facilitator: Camille Fabiyi, MPH, PhD (Graduate Student) – UIC, SPH, Community Health Sciences/Maternal and Child Health

1. *Culturally Sensitive Approaches to Sex Education in the Muslim Community*

- Ayesha Akhtar, MPH; Nadiah Mohajir, MPH – Heart Women and Girls

2. *Working with Community Clinics to Strengthen the Fidelity of a Group Visit Model of Prenatal Care*

- S.C. Vonderheid, PhD, RN; C. Klima, PhD, CNM; K.F. Norr, PhD – University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Nursing
- M.A. Grady, CNM – Centering Healthcare Institute

3. *Interventions Addressing Chronic Health Disparities that Balance the Racial Inequities to Care*

- Naomi Jiménez, BA; Bijou Hunt, MPH; Ami M. Shah, MPH – Sinai Urban Health Institute

4. *Eliminating Breast Health Disparities Among Women with Disabilities*

- Patricia Welch Saleeby, PhD, MSSA – University of Missouri-St. Louis, School of Social Work

Facilitator: Joe Benitez, MPH, PhD (Graduate Student) – UIC, SPH, Health Policy and Administration

1. *What Accounts for the Gap: The Contribution of Differences in Patient Preference and Clinical Appropriateness to Racial Differences in Performance on Ambulatory Care Quality Measures*

- Muriel Jean-Jacques, MD, MAPP; Stephen D. Persell, MD, MPH; Romana Hasnain-Wynia, PhD; David W. Baker, MD, MPH – Northwestern University

2. *Community-based Approaches to Overcoming Barriers to Public Health Surveillance in American Indian Populations*

- Elizabeth Kushman, MPH; Noel Pigantore, CPH; Lisa Abramson, MPH; Cathy Edgerly, MS – Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

3. *The Health Equity Data Project: Using Secondary Data to Monitor Racial/Ethnic Minority Health Disparities in Michigan*

- Rebecca L. Coughlin, MPH; D.C. Carty, MPH; C.C. Ridings, MPH – Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Epidemiology

4. *Collection of Race, Ethnicity, and Primary Language Data: Awareness and Perspectives of Hospital CEOs, Leaders and Staff*

- Amy Wilson-Stronks, MPP – Cultural Services for CulturalLink
- Romana Hasnain-Wynia, PhD; Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Center for Healthcare Equity
- Sunita Mutha, MD; Sarah Rittner, MA, Elizabeth Jacobs, MD, MPP

Community Partnerships for Diabetes Care**Room 932**

Facilitator: Carla Roscoe, MPH (Graduate Student) – UIC, SPH, Health Policy and Administration

1. *Risk Factors for Chronic Diseases in a Highly Immigrant Community: Elkhart County Indiana Case*

- Juan Carlos Guzman, PhD; Liliana Quintero; Roger Carlson – University of Notre Dame, Institute for Latino Studies

2. *Minorities with Comorbidity of Depression and Type 2 Diabetes: Adherence to Self-Care Activities*

- Rosalba Hernandez, MS, PhD (Candidate); Laurie Ruggiero, PhD, Noel Chavez, PhD, Young-Ku Choi, PhD – University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, Community Health Sciences

3. *Block by Block: The Greater Humboldt Park Community Campaign Against Diabetes*

- Jaime Delgado – Diabetes Empowerment Center
- Stephen K. Rothschild, MD – Rush University Medical Center
- José E. López, MA – Juan Antonio Corretjer Puerto Rican Cultural Center
- Steve Whitman, PhD – Sinai Urban Health Institute
- Juana Ballesteros, RN, BSN, MPH – Greater Humboldt Park Community of Wellness
- Emma Lozano – Centro Sin Fronteras

4. *Improving Diabetes Care and Outcomes on the Southside of Chicago*

- Abigail E. Wilkes, MPH; Tonya Roberson, BA, DT; Kristine Bordenave, MD; Michael Quinn, PhD; Marshall Chin, MD, MPH; Monica Peek, MD, MPH – University of Chicago

Combating Racism in the Workforce

Room 121

Facilitator: Katherine Tossas-Milligan, MS, MS (Graduate Student) – UIC, SPH, Epidemiology/Biostatistics

1. *Behind the Kitchen Door: The Hidden Costs of Taking the Low Road in Chicagoland's Thriving Restaurant Industry*

- Veronica Avila; Lynn Smith Toma – Restaurant Opportunities Center of Chicago (ROC)
- Felipe Tendick-Matesanz, MSPH (Graduate Student) – University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety

2. *Occupational Stress and Coping of Immigrant Nurses from the Philippines*

- Jorgia Briones Connor, PhD, BSN, RN; Arlene M. Miller, PhD; Lorraine Conroy, ScD; Mayumi Willgerodt, PhD; Oi-Saeng Hong, PhD; Carol Smith, PhD; Mi Ja Kim, PhD – University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Nursing

3. *Health Disparities and Institutional Discrimination: A Call for an Anti-Discrimination Law for the 21st Century*

- Vernellia R. Randall, MSN, JD – The University of Dayton School of Law

Environmental Health Models for Improving Healthy Food Access

Room 636

Facilitator: Camille Fabiyi, MPH, PhD (Graduate Student) – UIC, SPH, Community Health Sciences/Maternal and Child Health

1. *Overcoming the Exclusionary Nature of Community Based Agriculture*

- Robert Joseph Wengronowitz, MA – Center for Humans and Nature; Food Desert Action

2. *Setting the Table for Improved Nutrition Education: A Community-Academic Collaborative*

- Paul Hunter, MD; Virginia Zerpa-Uriona, MPH; Courtenay Kessler, MS; David Frazer, MPH – University of Wisconsin Madison, Department of Family Medicine

3. *Healthy Beat: Promoting Grassroots Health and Wellness in a Community Setting*

- Meenadchi Chelvakumar, MPH, MD (Candidate) – University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine

Building the “Minority” Health Professions Pipeline

Room 736

Facilitator: Joe Benitez, MPH, PhD (Graduate Student) – UIC, SPH, Health Policy and Administration

1. *Indians into Medicine*

- Eugene Lynus DeLorme, JD – University of North Dakota, School of Medicine & Health Sciences

2. *Training Future Physicians to Care for Minority and Underserved Populations*

- Memoona Hasnain, MD, MPHE, PhD – University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine

3. *Carreras en Salud (Careers in Health)*

- Madeline Roman-Vargas, MA – Wilbur Wright College, Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center

Facilitator: Carla Roscoe, MPH (Graduate Student) – UIC, SPH, Health Policy and Administration

1. *Obstacles to Communication and Compliance at a Community Health Center*

- Stephanie Taylor Previc, BA (Undergraduate Student) – Beloit College

2. *Improving Health Literacy among Wisconsin Latinos through a Telenovela*

- Elaine Drew, PhD; Rene Farias, BA; Emmy Hall, PhD (Graduate Student) – Medical College of Wisconsin
- Angelica Delgado-Rendon, MS – United Community Center

3. *The Development of a Culturally Targeted Patient Navigation Curriculum to Increase Cancer Screening among Non-Adherent LGBT Individuals*

- Rebecca Ramsey, MPH – Howard Brown Health Center
- Alicia K. Matthews, PhD – University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Nursing
- Lisa Kuhns, PhD, MPH – Howard Brown Health Center

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

CANCER DISPARITIES AND PREVENTION

1. Utilization of Health Lay Workers to Assist with Melanoma Detection in Underserved Communities

- Claudia Hernandez, MD – University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Dermatology
- June K. Robinson, MD – Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- Robin Mermelstein, PhD – University of Illinois at Chicago, Institute for Health Research and Policy; Department of Psychology

2. Medical Student Disparity in Detection of Melanoma

- June K. Robinson, MD – Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- Claudia Hernandez, MD – University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine
- Heather Wickless, MD; William McGaghie, PhD – Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

3. Culturally Proficient Bilingual Cancer Prevention Research

- Lisa Sanchez-Johnsen, PhD – University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Psychiatry
- Susan Vega – Alivio Medical Center
- Kathleen Rivero, Doctoral Student – University of Indianapolis
- Gabriela Juarez, Doctoral Student – University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana
- Julia Escamilla – Alivio Medical Center
- Katty Cavero, PhD, Doctoral Student – University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Liliana Bolanos – University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Psychiatry

4. Utilizing CBPA to Address Prostate Cancer among Native American Men

- Noel L. Pingatore, BS, CPH; Polly Hager, MS; Carol Garlinghouse, MSW, RN – Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.

5. Can Weight Control Improve Breast Cancer Disparities in African American Survivors: A Cross-Sectional Study Examining BMI and Physical Activity

- Zakiya N. Moton, MPH; David Malaka, MD, MPH; Olufunmilayo Olopade, MBBS, FACP; Janice Phillips, PhD, FAAN, RN; Dezheng Huo, PhD; Elizabeth Sonnenschein, PhD; Melinda Stolley, PhD; Susan Hong, MD, MPH – University of Chicago, Breast Cancer Survivorship Clinic

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

6. The Influence of Stigma on the Help-Seeking Behavior of Depressed Black Males Among the Inmate Re-entry Population

- Carlos C. Mahaffey, PharmD, MPH (Student); Rhonda Holliday, PhD; Kisha Holden, PhD; Peter Baltrus, PhD – Morehouse School of Medicine, Master of Public Health Program

7. Coming Out in Color: The Effects of Level of Outness on Depression in Lesbians

- Frances Aranda, PhD, MPH, MS (Postdoctoral Research Fellow) – University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Nursing

8. Using School-Based Health Centers to Improve Mental Health Outcomes for Black Youth in Foster Care

- S. Olivia Jefferson, MSW – Michigan Department of Human Services; University of Michigan
- Daphne C. Watkins, PhD – University of Michigan, School of Social Work

9. Do Cultural Attributions Contribute to Mental Health Disparities?

- Whitney J. Raglin, BS; Farrah Jacquez, PhD – University of Cincinnati, Department of Psychology
- Lisa Vaughn, PhD – Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

10. *The Effect of English Language Proficiency on Lifetime Mental Health Service Utilization in Asian Americans: A Representative Study*

- Diane Howard, PhD, MPH – Rush University Medical Center, Department of Health Systems Management
- Suk-Young Kang - University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work
- Jeungkun Kim – Samsung Electronic Research Institute, Seoul, South Korea
- Jennifer Shepard Payne – University of California at Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs
- Leo Wilton – Binghamton University, College of Community and Public Affairs
- Wooksoo Kim – University at Buffalo, School of Social Work
- Dina Maramba – Binghamton University, College of Community and Public Affairs

WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES

11. *Interpersonal Violence against Women with Disabilities: Proposed Solutions from an Ecological Perspective*

- Katherine S. Ong, MA – Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital; DePaul University, Department of Psychology, Community Psychology
- Linda Miller, BA; Kristin Balfanz-Vertiz, MSW – Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital

12. *Strengthening the Capacity of Community Health Workers to Deliver Health Education on Sensitive and Stigmatizing Women's Health Issues*

- Sara Kathleen Lake, MPH (Candidate) – University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health
- Jennifer Hebert-Beirne, PhD, MPH – University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health; Women's Health Foundation
- Anna Albrecht, MPH – Women's Health Foundation

13. *Disparities in HIV Testing Among of Women of Childbearing Ages: U.S.Trends, 1994 to 2009*

- Nancy H. Burley, MA; Phillip R. Kletke, PhD; Ralph Bell, PhD – Governors State University, College of Health and Human Services

14. *Osteoporosis in South-East Asian Immigrant Women*

- Saman Aziz, MD, MHPE; Fehmida Zahabi, MD; La Rhonda Brazle, NRCMA – Texas Rheumatology Care

15. *Black Female High School Dropouts and Health Disparities; How Much Does Hiring Health Literacy Related Personnel in Schools Matter?*

- Zadkiel Elder, MA, PhD (Candidate) – University of California Santa Barbara (Graduate Student)

CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION S

16. *NuFit: Nutrition and Fitness Program Evaluation*

- Virginia Bishop, MD, MPH; Chelsea McKinney, PhD (Candidate); Kathy Cabrera; Roxanne N. Medina; Desire Takawira, PhD (Candidate); Jose Luis Rodriguez; Nilmar Donate; Beti Guevara – Youth Empowering Strategies (Y.E.S!) Program

17. *A Culturally Targeted Smoking Cessation Program for HIV+ Men who have Sex with Men*

- Maria C. Vargas, BS – Howard Brown Health Center
- Alicia K. Matthews, PhD – University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Nursing
- Scott Cook, PhD – University of Chicago, Health Care Disparities
- Nicole Martin, MS; Rebecca Ramsey, MPH – Howard Brown Health Center

18. Addressing Health Disparities for Minority Patients with Asthma: A Systematic Review

- Meryl H. Prochaska, BA; Walter D. Conwell, MD; Andrea A. Pappalardo, MD; Amber T. Pincavage, MD; Morgen Alexander-Young, MPH; Vinny M. Arora, MD, MAPP; Valerie G. Press, MD, MPH – University of Chicago Medical Center

POLICY TO ADDRESS HEALTH INEQUITIES IN ACCESS TO CARE

19. The Affordable Care Act and its Impact on Women, Families and Minorities in Illinois

- Kristin Pulatie, BS, JD; Janine Lewis, MPH, PhD Candidate; Sara Howard, JD – Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition

20. Recommendations for Addressing Tobacco Use in Correctional Facilities through Policy and Cessation Programming

- R. Scott Chavez, PhD, MPA, CCHP-A – National Commission on Correctional Health Care
- Janet Porter, MPH, Break Free Alliance
- Kristi Marie Maryman, BS, MPH (Candidate) – University of Massachusetts, Amherst, School of Public Health and Health Sciences; Health Education Council; Break Free Alliance

21. Disparities in Access and Utilization of Dental Services Among Iowa Children-The Latino Experience

- Alejandra Valencia, DDS, MPH, MS (Graduate Student); Peter Damiano, DDS, MPH; Karin Weber-Gasparoni, DDS, MS, PhD; Fang Qian, MA; M. Phil, PhD; John Warren, DDS, MS – University of Iowa, Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry

22. Policy Efforts Addressing Health Equity Among Michigan American Indian Tribal Communities

- Catherine C. Edgerly, MS, BS – Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

23. Mentoring Beyond the Glass Ceiling: Solutions for Diversifying Senior Leadership in Healthcare

- Lisa Aponte-Soto, MHA, PhD (Candidate) – University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, Community Health Sciences

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS

24. Thinking Outside the Loop: The Blue Island Community Health Monitoring Project

- Gita Rampersad, MHA (Candidate) – University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, Health Policy and Administration
- Laurel Berman, PhD – University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety
- Jodi Proud – City of Blue Island
- Sandra Wilkes – MetroSouth Medical Center

25. Interdisciplinary Partnerships for Advancing Minority Health Related Issues at Eden Place Nature Center

- Kellen Marshall Gillespie – Eden Place Nature Center/Fuller Park Community Development; George Washington Carver Research Station
- Michael Howard; Troy Howard - Eden Place Nature Center/Fuller Park Community Development

26. Community Based Health Needs Research in Chicago: The Filipino American Senior Health Assessment

- Jane Jih, MD, MPH; Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago; University of Chicago Medical Center
- Carmela Estrada Bondad, MPH – Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago

27. Implementation of Staff-Patient Self-Management Support in Safety-net Setting

- Tiana A. Kieso, MBChB, MPH; Crystal Flowers, RN – Near North Health Service Corporation

PRESENTER BIOS

COMMISSIONER, CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



BECHARA CHOUCAIR, MD

Bechara Choucair, MD was appointed Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health by Mayor Richard M. Daley. He began his duties as Commissioner on December 7, 2009. Dr. Choucair is a family practice physician with experience in community health. From 2001 to 2005, he served as Medical Director of Crusader Community Health in Rockford, Illinois. From 2005 to 2009, he was the Executive Director and Medical Director of the Heartland International Health Center in Chicago. Additionally, from 2007 to 2009, he served as Vice President for Poverty Medicine at the Heartland Alliance.

OPENING KEYNOTE LECTURER



LINDA RAE MURRAY, MD, MPH

Chief Medical Officer

Cook County Department of Public Health: Cook County Health & Hospital System

Dr. Murray has spent her career serving the medically underserved. She has worked in a variety of settings including practicing Occupational Medicine at a Workers Clinic in Canada, Residency Director for Occupational Medicine at Meharry Medical College, and Bureau Chief for the Chicago Department of Health under Mayor Harold Washington. Dr. Murray served as Medical Director of the federally funded health center, Winfield Moody, serving Cabrini Green Public Housing Project in Chicago. Dr. Murray has been an active member of a wide range of local and national organizations including serving as a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Board of Directors of Trinity Health (a large Catholic Health system). She serves on the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety & Health (NACOSH).

In 1997, Dr. Murray returned to the Cook County Health System where she served as Chief Medical Officer - Primary Care for the twenty-three primary care and community health centers comprising the Ambulatory & Community Health Network of the Cook County Bureau of Health Services. The Cook County Bureau of Health is one of the nation's largest public system of medical care and operates three hospitals, the public health department for suburban Cook County, health services a County Jail and the network of health centers (ACHN) operated by the County. Today she serves as the Chief Medical Officer for the Cook County Department of Public Health of the Cook County Health & Hospital System, the state certified public health agency for suburban Cook County. She practices as a general internist at Woodlawn Health Center, is an attending physician in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Cook County Hospital and an adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health (Occupational & Environmental Health and the Health Policy & Administration Departments). She plays a leadership role in many organizations including NACCHO's (National Association of City & County Health Officers) Health Equity & Social Justice Team, the national executive board of American Public Health Association and serves on the board of the Chicago based Health and Medicine Policy Research Group. She remains passionate about increasing the number of Black and Latino health professionals and serves as the co-chair for the Urban Health Program Community Advisory Committee at the University of Illinois.

In November 2010, Dr. Murray became President of the American Public Health Association. She has been a voice for social justice and health care as a basic human right for over forty years.

LUNCHEON MODERATOR



RICARDO G. SENNO, MD, MS, FAAPMR

**Adjunct Assistant Professor
University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Medical Education**

Dr. Ricardo G. Senno has both an international and national reputation in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, specializing in the sub-specialty of brain injury. His extensive curriculum vitae demonstrates that he is highly published, has lectured internationally, and has appeared in multiple media, including the Chicago Tribune, the Discovery Channel and Telemundo. Furthermore, Dr. Senno has conducted research for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). At the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago Northwestern University, he was Medical Director of the Brain Injury Medicine and Rehabilitation Program. He was the medical ethics consultant in the Terry Schiavo case, lectured in Slovenia and Ecuador, has done research work in brain injury medicine as it relates to spasticity and continues to work for the CDC.

In addition, he also holds a Master's in Urban Planning, Policy Analysis and Public Management and is involved in the design of local and international health care facilities, (i.e. Brain Injury Floor of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Exploration Center in Ecuador and the International Inclusion Center for El Valor).

Dr. Senno has volunteered to teach the Essentials of Clinical Medicine course for the third consecutive year in 2008-2009. Multiple students have nominated Dr. Senno for outstanding teaching and mentoring awards. In addition, he volunteers to teach the Hispanic Center of Excellence curriculum of Medicina Scholars, is an LPC preceptor, and volunteers to mentor students. Furthermore, he is an advocate of the Hispanic Center of Excellence and currently Medical Director of his clinic, Senno Group Wellness and Rehabilitation in Lincolnshire.

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE LECTURER



BONNIE M. DURAN, DrPH, MPH

**Associate Professor, University of Washington, School of Public Health, Department of Health Services
Director, Center for Indigenous Health Research**

Bonnie M. Duran, DrPH, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Services at the University of Washington, School of Public Health, as well as a Director of the Center for Indigenous Health Research. She has over 27 years of experience working in public health research, education and practice with a focus on Native Americans and other communities of color. In the past 15 years, Dr. Duran conducted primary and secondary analysis studies of mental disorder prevalence, victimization, and treatment seeking/barriers to care among Native American women attending Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities and men and women from the largest rural reservation communities in the U.S. Dr. Duran has partnered with IHS and tribes in mental health services and HIV research. Another aspect of her empirical work is the development of indigenous theory and community based participatory research methods. Her overall goals are to work with communities to design treatment and prevention efforts that are effective, empowering, sustainable, and that have maximum public health impact.

LUNCHEON PANELISTS



CHRISTOPHER FISHER, PhD

Assistant Professor

**University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health
Department of Health Promotion, Social & Behavioral Health**

Christopher M. Fisher, PhD is an Assistant Professor in the department of Health Promotion, Social & Behavioral Health in the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Fisher also serves as the Chair-elect of the HIV/AIDS section of the American Public Health Association, Newsletter Editor and Exhibits Chair for the Society of Scientific Study of Sexuality, on the board of the Public Health Association of Nebraska, and a scholar in the Great Plains Public Health Leadership Institute. Dr. Fisher holds his doctorate in Health Behavior from Indiana University and a Masters in Human Sexuality Studies from San Francisco State University. Dr. Fisher's research and publications have focused primarily on LGBT populations and sexuality education. He recently completed data collection on a statewide health needs assessment for LGBT Nebraskans. Other research interests include the social determinants of health for LGBT populations and the use of Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR). Dr. Fisher teaches graduate courses on Sexual Health, CBPR, and Qualitative Methods.



JOSÉ E. LÓPEZ, MA

Executive Director

Juan Antonio Corretjer Puerto Rican Cultural Center

José E. López is Executive Director of the Juan Antonio Corretjer Puerto Rican Cultural Center in Chicago and Professor of History at Columbia College, University of Illinois and Northeastern Illinois University.

For more than 35 years, the Puerto Rican Cultural Center (PRCC) has served as a catalyst for addressing some of the most important historical events of the Puerto Rican diaspora and Latino communities in Chicago.

The work of the PRCC is indeed the hub of building what the Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh called a community of resistance: *“opposition to being invaded, occupied, assaulted and destroyed by the system. ... places where people can return to themselves more easily, where the conditions are such that they can heal themselves and recover their wholeness.”*

With its motto of “To Live and Help to Live,” the PRCC has sponsored a wide variety of community services, such as a licensed day care facility, a literacy program for single mothers, an alternative high school, a bilingual AIDS prevention program, and a monthly community newspaper. The PRCC has had a tremendous influence on the life, thought and development of the Puerto Rican community in Chicago.

As a professor, López has taught many of Chicago’s most prominent Latino leaders and has, for the past 30 years, been a leading figure in the struggle for Puerto Rican human rights and in the construction of a Latino Agenda in the United States and through the Americas. He has articulated numerous theories regarding the impact and intersection of racism, globalization, colonialism, the prison-industrial complex, and gentrification on oppressed communities in the United States.

López has been a guest lecturer or keynote speaker in more than 50 universities in the US and Puerto Rico, including the University of California at Berkeley, Carleton College (Northfield, MN), Oberlin College (Oberlin, OH) and Franklinton Center (Enfield, NC).

“The problems of racism and colonialism are not individual problems,” López says. “They are problems that society has to resolve. They are problems that can only be resolved when those affected fully exercise the human right of self-determination, self-actualization and self-reliance.”



DWAYNE O. MITCHELL, MHA

Chief Executive Officer East Chicago Community Health Center

Mr. Dwayne O. Mitchell currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer for East Chicago Community Health Center and has enjoyed more than 20 years of health-care management experience throughout his career. Mr. Mitchell's responsibilities includes developing and maintaining logical, effective and unified goals with a primary focus on the financial, clinical and administrative aspects at East Chicago Community Health Center.

Mr. Mitchell has served as a University Lecturer with Governors State University for the College of Health Profession for the past five (5) years. His proven leadership has equipped future managers with techniques used within our Health Delivery System through his class interaction and the offering as a preceptor in Health Administration. Mr. Mitchell has been supported through a firm foundation with his loving wife of over 20 years; Debra and two wonderful children; Danielle and Dwayne Jr.

Mr. Mitchell has served in public and community health for more than two decades. His belief is that affordable, quality healthcare is a right and not a privilege for just the rich or the elite. It has been this belief that has accompanied him on the journey from Administrator for the Obstetrics/Gynecology department at Cook County Hospital in the mid '80s, to the Director of Clinical Services for the Will County Health Department in the early '90s, to 9 years with Near North Health Service Corporation as the Associate Executive Director, and 8 years with Chicago Family Health Center as its Chief Operating Officer. But his commitment and responsibilities to his staff, colleagues and the community-at-large, far surpass any formal title he could be given.

Mr. Mitchell enjoys an impressive reputation of being involved, but more important, active in creating better communities through education, management, leadership, mentoring spiritual participation and serving as a genuine role model to those he meets.

Mr. Mitchell holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Education from Illinois State University and a Master's in Health Service Administration from Governors State University. Mr. Mitchell is a certified STD/HIV counselor, vision screening technician and audio-metric technician, and is a licensed pharmacy technician.

Mr. Mitchell has served as a committee member with the 9th Ward Business Advisory Board, Metropolitan Family Service Advisory Board, Illinois Department of Human Services Family Case Management Restructuring Committee, Illinois Department of Public Health Task Force, and Nehemiah Restoration Committee for the Greater Roseland community. Mr. Mitchell is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; he has served as President of the National Association of Health Care Executives, and past Social Service Committee Chairman with the North town Community Congress.



ELLEN M. WILLIAMS

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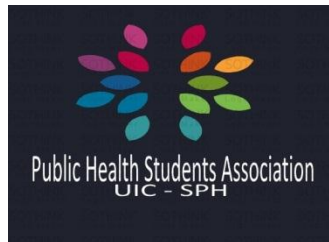
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