

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM



2018 IIMS Community Engagement Symposium

COMMUNITY-CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE EQUITY

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San Antonio, TX 78209

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for attending the *2018 Community Engagement Symposium: Promoting Community and Academic Partnerships for Health Equity Research*.

The opportunity to lead a healthy and meaningful life should be available to everyone in our community. To reach that goal, we need a common understanding of our challenges and how we can collaborate to make progress. Our goal for this Symposium is to provide and cultivate new ideas and new partnerships that promote community health and well-being. We hope that after attending you will walk away with a clearer understanding of how scientists and communities can collaborate to improve health. We also hope that the Symposium will motivate you to propose research you and your community could help design, carry out, and share with others.

At this symposium, you will meet a wide array of people including representatives from the Translational Advisory Boards (TABs), Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRNs), UT Health San Antonio, and communities from South Texas. We encourage you to be curious, introduce yourself, and ask questions. Let us know what you think is important to you and your community. We hope you will meet partners for future collaborations to address the problems that matter to you.

If you are already engaged in improving community health, you will have an opportunity to present your work to others during the poster fair. We hope that the Symposium will offer you actionable information, new partnerships, and a vision of the way forward to a healthier community.

Warmest regards

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Robert Ferrer, MD, MPH
Director of Community Engagement
Institute for Integration of Medicine & Science
Dr. John M. Smith, Jr. Professor of Family & Community Medicine
UT Health San Antonio

SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS

■ Plenary Presenters

Susan Dorr Goold, MD, MHSA, MA - The University of Michigan, Professor of Internal Medicine and Health Management and Policy

Zachary Rowe, BBA –Friends of Parkside, Executive Director

Topic: Translational science describes how research discoveries are translated from basic science, to clinical practice, to public health benefit. This symposium addresses how community and academic research partnerships can work together to create the successful conduct of translational research for health equity

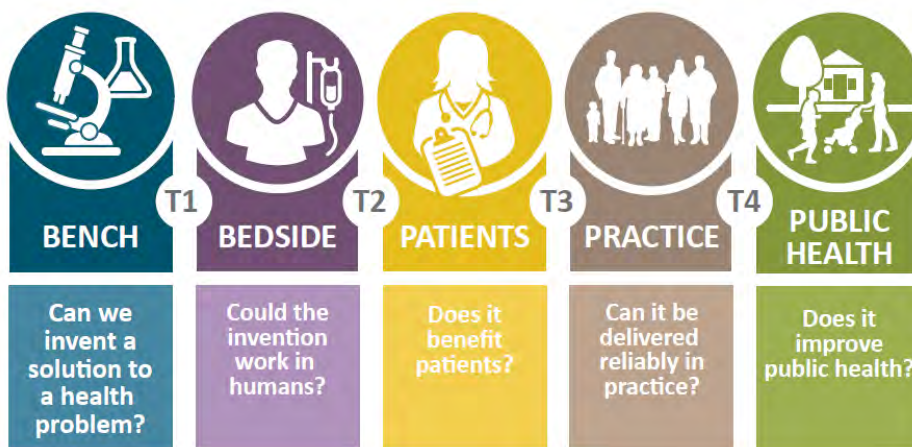
Audience: Community members, students, healthcare practitioners, and researchers interested in community-campus research partnerships

Goals: (1) To showcase current research projects that promote health equity (within different phases of the translational spectrum) for future collaborations; (2) to identify methods for engaging the community in all phases of research; and (3) to increase and build the capacity of the community and researchers interested in community and academic partnerships.

BACKGROUND

■ What is Translational Science?

Translational research is a multidisciplinary form of science used to “translate and move” knowledge from basic bench science, to patient-based applications, and then out into clinical practice for the enhancement of population health and well-being. People often refer to “T1,” “T2,” “T3,” and “T4” when talking about translating science findings. Each of these “T’s” or transitioning phases, is part of an important process as seen below. **Community Engagement (CE)** is vital for increasing the reach, effectiveness, uptake, implementation, and maintenance of clinical and translational research.



■ About the Institute for Integration of Medicine and Science (IIMS)

The IIMS is the academic home for the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) granted to the UT Health San Antonio and its partner organizations by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The mission of the IIMS is to integrate clinical and translational research and career development across all UT Health San Antonio schools and among our diverse public and private partners in South Texas. Clinical research studies are conducted with the participation and collaboration of human volunteers. IIMS program areas include Clinical Research Units, Pilot Projects, Technology and Drug Discovery, Biostatistics and Study Design, Biomedical Informatics, Regulatory Support, and Community Engagement. In addition, IIMS education, training, and career development activities include Certificate in Translational Science, Master of Science in Clinical Investigation, Translational Science PhD Program, TL1 Multidisciplinary Training Program, and KL2 Mentored Career Development Program. The IIMS Community Engagement Team provides infrastructure support for research to enhance community responsiveness, research relevance, scientific value, and public health impact.

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

Schedule

Registration, Breakfast, & Poster Setup 7:30am
Location: Prassel Auditorium

Welcome and Overview 8:00am
Location: Prassel Auditorium

Speaker: Robert Ferrer, MD MPH - IIIMS Community Engagement Director

Becoming a Certified Trauma Informed Community 8:15am
Location: Prassel Auditorium

Speaker: Colleen Bridger, MPH, PhD – Director of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District

Description: What will it take to steer the City of San Antonio to become a certified trauma informed community? Listen to how cutting edge research and community collaboration will help support this initiative.

Community Engagement Challenges & Successes 8:45am
Location: Prassel Auditorium

Group 1: *Fast Track Cities Initiative*

(8:45am to 9:15am)

- Hugo Sapien – End Stigma, End HIV Alliance
- Barbara Taylor, MD, MS – UT Health San Antonio, School of Medicine

Group 2: *Building a Healthy Temple: a Faith-Based Community Health Program for Hispanics*

(9:15am to 9:45am)

- Pastor José Daniel Montañez – Iglesia de Dios Central de San Antonio
- Meizi He, MD, MSC – University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Kinesiology, Health & Nutrition and Center for Community Based and Applied Health Research
- Leah Carrillo, MS, CHES – Building a Healthy Temple

Group 3: *Familias en Acción: Sustaining a Community-Academic Research Partnership for 13 Years*

(9:45am to 10:15am)

- Ofelia Puente – Familias en Acción
- Susana Raudales – Familias en Acción
- Manuel Oscós Sánchez, MD – UT Health San Antonio, School of Medicine
- Janna Lesser, RN, PhD – UT Health San Antonio, School of Nursing

Description: Learn the nuts and bolts of how other community-campus partnerships have worked together to develop research projects to respond to community health concerns.

Break 10:15am

Plenary Presentation: *Deliberately Engaging Communities in Decisions about Resources*

10:30am

Location: Prassel Auditorium**Speakers:** Zachary Rowe, BBA - Friends of Parkside
and Susan Door Goold, MD, MHSA, MA – University of Michigan

Description: Values. Voice. Individual differences. Choosing All Together (CHAT) is an interactive serious game that aims to engage ordinary persons in informed, inclusive deliberation about complex and value-laden allocation decisions. The DECIDERS is a diverse group of individuals dedicated to the improvement of health across the state of Michigan by enabling the community to have a voice in health research decisions and spending priorities.

Poster Fair and Lunch

11:45am

Location: Memorial and Prassel Auditoriums

Description: Network with community members, students, clinicians and scientists while learning about different investigator and community-led research projects.

Small Group Breakout Sessions

1:00pm

Description: Attend one of three sessions. Presentations will highlight how community members, health practitioners, and researchers have worked together to address a community health concern while moving research findings from basic science, to clinical practice, to public health benefit.

Session 1: *Air Quality*

Location: Will Smith Classroom

- Ashley Mireles – La Printeria and Public Art San Antonio
- Adelita Cantu, RN, PhD – UT Health San Antonio, School of Nursing
- Cristina Martinez, MPH – University of Texas at San Antonio

Session 2: *Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support*

Location: HEB Body Adventure Kitchen

- Nancy Ortiz – Frio County Regional Hospital and Frio County TAB
- Sheran Rivette – Caring for Caregiver
- Carolyn Pickering RN, PhD – UT Health San Antonio, School of Nursing
- Debbie James, MSN, RN, CCRN-K– UT Health San Antonio, School of Nursing

Session 3: *Chagas Disease*

Location: Prassel Auditorium

- Candace Stark
- Jaime López, MS – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Frio County
- Paula Stigler Granados, PhD – Texas State University, School of Health Administration

Community Engagement Hero Awards and Dessert Reception

2:00pm

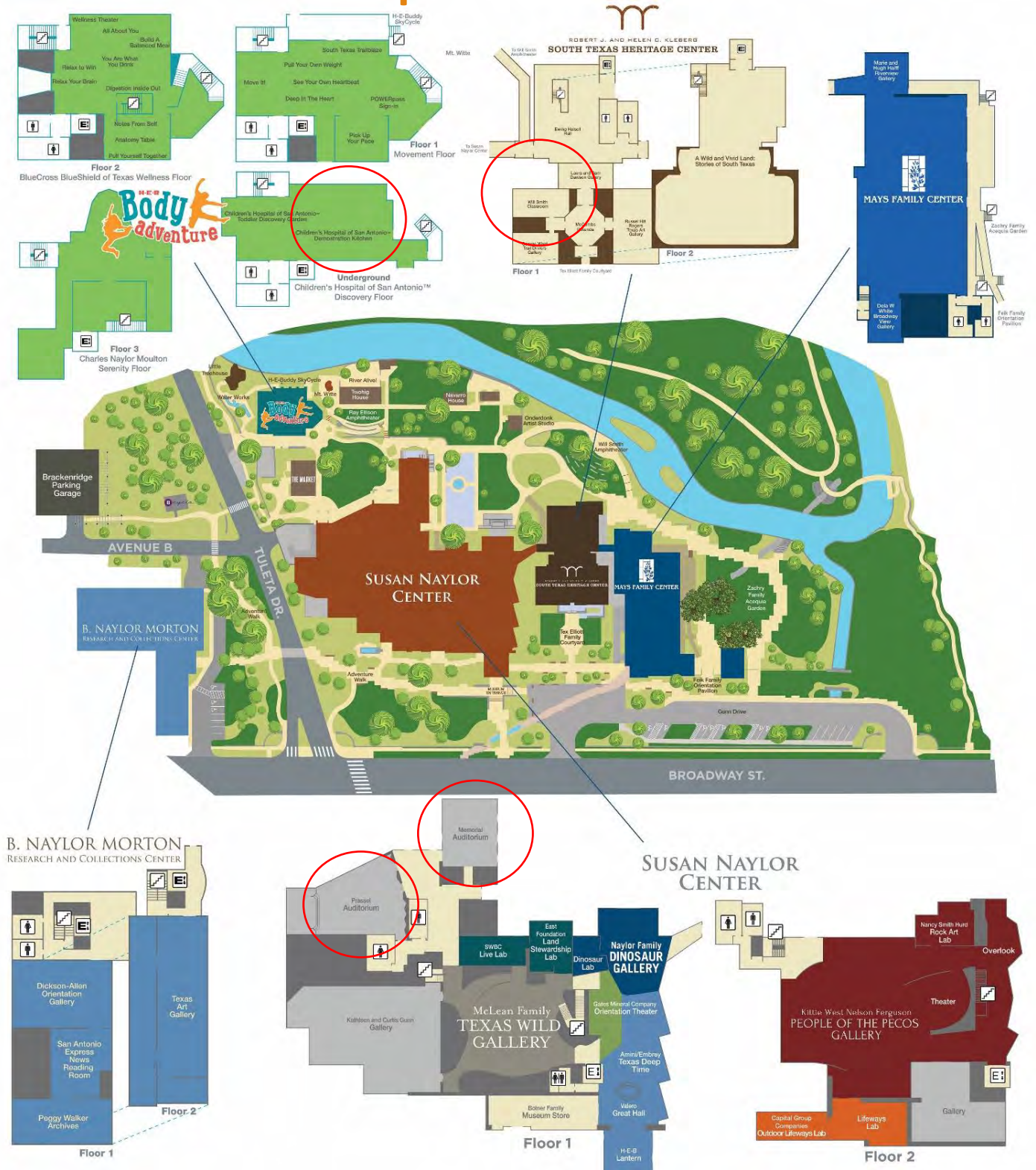
Location: Prassel Auditorium

Description: Awards presentation for outstanding individuals who have worked as part of a community and research partnership for the improved health and well-being of communities in South Texas

Adjournment

2:30pm

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

■ Plenary Presenters



Zachary E. Rowe, BBA is the Executive Director of Friends of Parkside, a grassroots community-based organization on Detroit's eastside, which provides programs for youth, a computer learning center, health and safety projects, and linkages for residents to employment and personal development opportunities. He has been involved with various community-based participatory research (CBPR) projects for more than 23 years and is a founding member of the Detroit Urban Research Center (Detroit URC) Board, the Healthy Environments Partnership Steering Committee, Community Action against Asthma Steering Committee, and REACH Detroit Partnership Steering Committee. Mr. Rowe served on the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHHR) Community Engagement Coordinating Council (University of Michigan's CTSA Community Engagement) and the Community Advisory Board Design Team. During the past 10 years, he has served as a co-principal investigator, co-investigator, community research associate, and consultant on numerous funded projects including DECIDERS project.



Susan Dorr Goold, MD, MHSA, MA is a Professor of Internal Medicine and Health Management and Policy at the University of Michigan. Board certified in internal medicine since 1990, Dr. Goold has practiced and supervised resident continuity clinics for over 20 years. Her clinical interests include adult primary care, doctor-patient relationships, communication and ethics.

Dr. Goold directed the University's first Bioethics Program for 10 years and currently leads the research program in Health, Justice and Community at the Center for Bioethics, Social Sciences and Medicine.

Dr. Goold brings a variety of methods of inquiry, empirical and theoretical, to improve knowledge, understanding and practice in "money medicine and ethics," resource allocation and distributive justice, conflicts of interest, ethics of health policy (public and private) and community engagement, with the overarching goal of improving health equity. She approaches these important and enduring questions with surveys, mixed methods research, community-based participatory research and deliberative procedures as well as conceptual and philosophical analysis.

Her research emphasizes the perspectives of doctors, patients and the public on resource allocation. She and a colleague invented the award-winning priority-setting exercise CHAT (Choosing All Together), which has been used in many states and several countries by researchers, educators and policy makers. She has led numerous projects engaging minority and underserved communities in deliberations about health, health care and health research priorities.

Guest Presenters



Colleen Bridger, MPH, PhD is the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. She is responsible for implementing policies aimed at improving the health of the population in San Antonio and Bexar County and managing nearly two dozen programs, including WIC, vector control, air quality, STD/HIV prevention and Tuberculosis control and prevention. Dr. Bridger is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer and innovations expert. She has over 20 years of experience in community development and improvement. Dr. Bridger received her Master Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her PhD in Health Services Research at University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Dr. Bridger was raised on a farm in Michigan. She and her husband, Chuck, have two children, Sarah and Charlie.



Barbara Taylor, MD, MS is an Associate Professor of Infectious Diseases and the Assistant Dean for the MD/MPH Program at UT Health San Antonio with a co-appointment at the UTHealth School of Public Health. She conducts research to improve health outcomes for underserved populations living with or at risk for HIV. She provides treatment for patients living with infectious diseases in San Antonio. A strong community advocate, she is a co-chair of the End Stigma End HIV Alliance of San Antonio and the Clinician Key Opinion Leader for San Antonio's Fast Track Cities Initiative. In collaboration with the Texas Dept. of State Health Services, Dr. Taylor serves as the Medical Director for community-based programs to increase screening tuberculosis in South Texas. She also works with two programs to increase screening and treatment for Hepatitis C in South Texas. Dr. Taylor is an alumna of Princeton University, Harvard Medical School, and the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and is

board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases.



Hugo A. Sapien is Co-Chair of the End Stigma, End HIV Alliance. Diagnosed in 1995, he wants to work toward the 90/90/90 WHO goals. Mr. Sapien has been part of the speaker group with the San Antonio AIDS Foundation. He is a member of the Ryan White Planning Council and the People's Caucus. He is also currently working on developing a peer mentor program. Mr. Sapien is a University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) graduate.



Pastor José Daniel Montañez is originally from Puerto Rico. He is married to Socorro, and together they have one wonderful daughter, Abigail, and two amazing sons, Joel and Daniel. He completed his doctor of ministry in intercultural studies at Columbia Theological Seminary and has served as lead pastor of Central Church of God (Iglesia de Dios Central de San Antonio) since 2006.



Meizi He, MD, MSC is a Professor and Co-Director of the Center for Applied and Community-based Health Research at UTSA. Dr. He's broad training was in medicine and public health nutrition. Dr. He's primary research interest is in obesity and chronic diseases prevention and management. Dr. He has been the lead investigator for over 20 competitive research grants, in which she collaborated with inter-disciplinary researchers, faith-based communities, San Antonio Food Bank, local public health-focused organizations and the medical community.



Leah Carrillo, MS, CHES is the Program Coordinator of the *Building a Healthy Temple* program. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health with a concentration in Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences and a Master of

Science in Health and Kinesiology from UTSA. Ms. Carrillo's primary research interests are health disparities among minorities and addressing obesity and chronic diseases management. She has received training for and coordinated projects on diabetes self-management. Also, Ms. Carrillo has assisted in competitive research grant writing, where she was able to collaborate with researchers, faith-based communities, and other partnering community organizations.



Ofelia Puente is a lifelong member of the Harlandale Independent School District (HISD) family and a graduate of the class of '83. Ms. Puente advocates strongly for the rights of the disabled. She is a parent surrogate for disabled HISD students with no parents. In

addition, she has undergone special training including the Texas Partners in Policymaking program. As a member of *Familias en Acción*, Ms. Puente is committed to making a difference in her community.



Manuel Ángel Oscós Sánchez, MD, a native of San Antonio is a Professor in the School of Medicine at UT Health San Antonio and is the Director of Programs for the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine. His research expertise is focused on Adolescent Health, Community

Based Participatory Action Research, Positive Youth Development, Latino Youth Violence, and Cultural Anthropology. Dr. Oscós Sánchez created and directed the local Teen Medical Academy which was

conducted for 13 years with the goal of promoting health careers among economically disadvantaged urban youth. He has collaborated with *Familias en Acción* for over 13 years on family and adolescent violence community based-participatory research studies in the HISD area.



Janna Lesser, RN, PhD is a Professor in the School of Nursing at the UT Health San Antonio. She also serves as the Director of the Center for Community-Based Health Promotion with Women and Children, and as Director of the South Texas Area Health

Education Center (AHEC) Program. She has conducted community-engaged projects with individuals and communities living with a myriad of health and social inequities for over twenty years. Dr. Lesser has worked with inner-city dwelling adolescent mothers and fathers, disenfranchised youth (including youth in the juvenile justice system), families living in predominantly Latino, impoverished communities, and individuals and groups living with chronic and severe mental illness. Dr. Lesser has collaborated with *Familias en Acción* for over 13 years on family and adolescent violence community based-participatory research studies in the HISD area.



Nancy Ortiz is the Human Resources Director at the Frio County Regional Hospital and an active member of the Frio County Translational Advisory Board (TAB). She is also a family caregiver and her understanding of the importance of support for family

caregivers led to the partnership with the School of Nursing UT Health San Antonio to advance support for family caregivers in Pearsall. Through funding from IIMS, she has helped to coordinate monthly educational activities in Pearsall as well as two special workshops where participants had the opportunity to experience the Virtual Dementia Tour.



Sheran Rivette has been a wife and mother for over 50 years. She is almost a native of San Antonio, having lived here with her husband and children since 1969. One of her adult children has Cerebral Palsy and is mentally disabled requiring total care. She is a woman whose

faith in God is her sustaining strength. She was the caregiver for her husband through his years of health issues and especially his long battle with Alzheimer's disease until his passing in 2017. She has worked for over 35 years in the medical community, both public and private. Ms. Rivette feels privileged to be a part of the Caring for the Caregiver Team from UT Health San Antonio for the last 8 months. She has a love and passion for seniors and their caregivers with a desire to equip and encourage them in their journey.



Debbie James, MSN, RN is an Assistant Professor at the UT Health San Antonio School of Nursing and is an active member of the Caring for the Caregiver program. She brings expertise in palliative care to the Caring for the Caregiver program. She participates in a

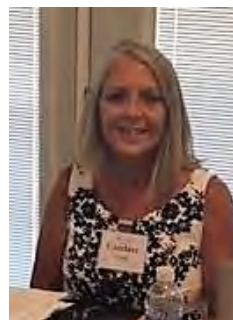
project funded by PCORI to examine best palliative care practices for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers. She leads the Virtual Dementia Tour project in the Caring for the Caregiver program. This simulation provides participants with an experience of dementia to build empathy.



Carolyn Pickering, RN, PhD is an Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing at UT Health San Antonio and co-leads the Caring for the Caregiver program. Dr. Pickering's research addresses prevention of abuse in elders and interventions to support family

caregivers. She leads the Skills Training workshops provided monthly to support family caregivers in

learning the hands-on-aspects of nursing and medical care for their family members. She recently receiving NIH funding to examine symptoms clusters among patients with dementia that are most challenging for family caregivers.



Candace Stark resides in La Grange, Texas. She fell silent after her physician told her that she had Chagas Disease. For two years, Ms. Stark's family and best friends were the only people who knew that she had this unheard of disease. She no

longer wants to be silent and wants to educate the community about Chagas Disease.



Jaime López, MS serves as the County Extension Agent - Agriculture & Natural Resources for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Frio County. He has worked with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service since 1992 and has also worked in the counties of Webb and Brooks.

Mr. Lopez was raised in Monte Alto, Texas in the lower Rio Grande Valley where he attended and graduated from Edcouch-Elsa High School. He attended college and graduate school at Texas A&I University in Kingsville where he received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Animal Science in 1988 and his Master of Science degree in Agriculture Animal Science - Reproduction Physiology. He provides county leadership to the agriculture, 4-H youth development and community development programs where he continues to work with local citizens and stakeholders. Mr. López has been an active member of the Frio County TAB member for ten years.



Paula Stigler Granados, PhD

is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the UT School of Public Health in San Antonio and an Assistant Professor at Texas State University in the School of Health Administration. Her research focus is on community-based participatory planning and understanding the role of culture and beliefs on health outcomes and exposures. Dr. Stigler Granados is especially interested in vulnerable populations and environmental health concerns such as water quality, air quality and vector borne diseases such as Chagas Disease. She received her PhD in Global Health from the University of California San Diego and her masters in environmental health sciences from San Diego State University. Spending much of her childhood in small Texas rural towns, Dr. Stigler Granados believes strongly in the importance of community and understanding the underlying beliefs and cultures of a community as a means to tap into engaging people in healthy behaviors.



Ashley Mireles is a community-based, nationally exhibiting interdisciplinary artist creating works based on her environment. Her work may be found in the forms of drawings, paintings, prints, and installations. Ms. Mireles is a pre-qualified artist for Public Art San Antonio and a co-

director of La Printeria, a nonprofit printmaking organization that specializes in producing fine art prints for the artist community while training youths in the serigraph process. Ms. Mireles regularly leads creative workshops and other educational programming for regional arts institutions.



Adelita Cantu, RN, PhD

is a native of San Antonio and received her BSN from the University of the Incarnate Word, her MS with a focus on community and public health nursing from Texas Women's University, and her PhD in clinical nursing research from UT Health San Antonio. Dr. Cantu's research commitments are to understand factors that contribute to health disparities, especially among low income Hispanics. She has interest in the sociocultural impact of the initiation and sustainability of healthy lifestyles in this population. She also has active programs for developing healthy eating habits, environmental health and chronic disease management with low-income Hispanic youth and seniors. Dr. Cantu believes strongly in community service and is an active board member for several nonprofits. Her philosophy for community service is, *"When we are well, we are all well."*



Cristina Martinez, MPH

is a native of border-town Laredo, Texas. She moved to San Antonio in January 2017. With a background in nutrition and public health, Ms. Martinez' work and interests revolve around health equity, environmental justice, sustainable food production solutions, food security and environment, and obesity and chronic disease prevention. She currently works as a measurement and evaluation specialist for a childhood obesity prevention study at UTSA.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

■ 2018-2019 IIMS Community Engagement Small Project Grants

Due: **January 14, 2019 by 5:00pm CST**. Awards will be announced on or about March 4, 2019.

Overview: The IIMS is seeking proposals for one-year Community Engagement Small Project Grants. Our goal is to promote, develop, and expand community and academic research partnerships for the translation of science from basic discovery, to clinical practice, to public health benefit. Funds may be used to develop or expand collaborative projects in one or more of these areas: (1) community-engaged research or assessment, (2) education or training; and/or (3) dissemination of research results, program features, or policy implications

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from **community and academic research partnerships** from South Texas. Existing partnerships are encouraged, but not required. Those who have worked together for one or more years will be given special consideration. We define **community partners** as key stakeholders who play a vital and important role in the development and implementation of projects. Community partners **should not** represent the same institution as the academic partner and vice versa. Community partners may include, but are not limited to:

- Practice-based research networks
- Translational Advisory Boards (TABs)
- Other community groups and/or agencies including community health centers, county health departments, non-profits, schools, social services agencies, and/or volunteer groups.

We define **academic partners** as academic faculty and/or students who provide technical and/or research support for the development of projects that address community-identified health priorities. Academic Partners may represent one or more of the following institutions:

- UT Health San Antonio
- UTHealth School of Public Health
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- South Texas Veterans Health Care System
- Texas Biomedical Research Institute
- Fort Sam Houston
- UT Rio Grande Valley
- UT College of Pharmacy
- Other local universities

Student applicants are required to identify a faculty sponsor who will advise them during the development of their project. The student and faculty sponsor are responsible for working together to complete their project.

Individuals may submit only one application as a Principal Investigator, plus one as a Co-Investigator per year. The Principal Investigator role may be designated to either a community or academic partner. Community Engagement Small Project Grant applicants may not simultaneously apply to the *ReACH Population Health Pilot Project Grants Program* award for a similar project.

Proposal Topics: Topics are unrestricted; however, they should focus on community-identified health priorities. To do so, applicants are strongly encouraged to refer to publicly available health assessments such as the [Health Collaborative's Community Health Improvement Plan](#).

Funds: We anticipate that \$30,000 will be available to fund 6 or more proposals. The maximum award is \$5,000. Smaller budgets will be considered. Due to liability issues, the IIMS will not issue checks directly to awardees. Instead, awardee accounts will be centralized at the IIMS. Budgeted expenses will be supported via supply orders and payment vouchers. Other budgeted expenses may require the submission of an invoice. Funds for budgeted expenses of projects co-led by other non-UT Health San Antonio academic partners will be disbursed as invoices are received.

Faculty sponsors will be responsible for awards granted to their student awardee(s). Accounting information for the faculty sponsor should be included in the application. Expenses will require the approval of both the student awardee and faculty sponsor.

Allowable expenses include:

- ClinCard research incentives¹
- Consumable supplies and equipment
- Consulting fees
- Journal publications (\$500 maximum)
- Software
- Travel, including mileage and conference registrations (when possible, we prefer that community partners be included in presentations)
- Other justifiable and essential expenditures

Non-allowable expenses include:

- Door prizes
- Facilities and administrative expenses
- Faculty and staff salaries
- Indirect costs
- Food and drinks
- Petty cash or gift card reimbursements
- Professional or societal memberships

Submission, Terms & Conditions: Applications are due on **January 14, 2019 at 5:00pm**. All documents should be written in 11 point Arial font; with at least .5" margins; and with numbered pages. Incomplete applications will NOT BE REVIEWED.

Proposals should be organized as follows:

- Electronic Application
- Proposed Plan (3 pages maximum): Specific Aims, Background & Significance (1 page maximum), & Work Proposed
- History of Community and Academic Partnership (1 page maximum)
- Detailed Budget Form (1 page maximum)
- Budget Justifications (1 page maximum)
- CV or Resume of Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators (max. 4 pages, each)
- Literature Citations (1 page maximum)
- Letters of Collaboration and Support

Awards will be made starting on or about **March 4, 2019**. Research project funds **will not** be disbursed until (1) a copy of an Institutional Review Board approval letter and (2) *CITI Human Subjects - Community Engaged Research*

¹ Research teams seeking participant incentives are required to follow UTHSCSA Policy 7.7.2 [Management of Research Participant Payments](#) to ensure proper money handling procedures. ClinCard setup and reloading fees should be included in budgets, if applicable. For more info regarding study participant incentives, contact the [UTHSCSA Clinical Trials Office](#).

and *Community-Based Participatory Research* proof of training is submitted to the IIMS. Awards may be revoked from awardees who excessively delay providing copies of these documents.

We highly encourage awardees to maintain open communication with the members of their partnership and to consult with each other when proposing to use funds. Awardees will be required to present a poster at the 2019 IIMS Community Engagement Symposium. A six and twelve month final report will be required after the initiation of funding. Those who do not submit meaningful and timely reports may be ineligible for future funding. The IIMS Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) and the Community Engagement Team will support the awardees and their partners by providing guidance during planning/implementation, analysis, and dissemination as needed.

Application Review Process: CHAB members and Community Engagement Team members will conduct the first review round. A final review will be led by the IIMS Principal Investigators. Applications will be scored based on:

1. Significance, novelty, and innovation
2. Strengths of the project design, feasibility, integration with ongoing projects
3. History and productivity of the community and academic partnership
4. Contribution to career development of the researcher(s) and/or community partner(s)
5. If the project meaningfully expands a community and academic partnership
6. Potential for ultimately improving health outcomes

Awardee Responsibilities Include to:

- Abide by NIH rules and regulations
- Abide by IIMS-CTSA and CTSA partner policies and procedures
- Provide demographic information as required before expenditures can be authorized
- Submit complete and timely progress reports
- Acknowledge support from the IIMS in all project-related publications and reports

Contact Information: Go to <https://iims.uthscsa.edu/> or contact Elisabeth de la Rosa at (210) 562-4087 or at delarosae@uthscsa.edu .

2018-2019 ReACH/IIMS Population Health Pilot Grants

Due: January 14, 2019 by 5:00pm CST (no exceptions). Awards will be announced on or about March 4, 2019.

Mission: To foster population health research within UT Health San Antonio and to improve health outcomes in the 38 county South Texas Catchment Area through career development of population health researchers.

Strategy: The UT Health San Antonio Population Health Strategic Plan, which was developed in conjunction with the UT System Collaboration on Population Health Innovation and Improvement (UT-CoPHII), will address the most pressing health needs identified by South Texas citizens. One of the plan's key focus areas is developing population health research and interventions that target underlying social, economic and environmental conditions, particularly in the areas of obesity/diabetes, maternal/child health, mental health/substance use disorders, and smoking.

The Center for Research to Advance Community Health (ReACH), in conjunction with the IIMS is providing research grant funding to junior researchers, in conjunction with a senior faculty mentor and a community partner, to address the areas identified in the UT Health San Antonio Population Health Strategic Plan. The goal of this program is to build population health research capacity at the faculty and community level. These relationships should support junior researchers and community-based researchers in conducting specific projects as well as establishing the faculty member's overall research career plan, which must be in an area of population health. This funding announcement is specifically intended for highly innovative pilot projects with a high likelihood of building community partnerships, enhancing Population Health mentoring capacity at UT Health San Antonio, and culminating in additional external funding.

Description: In order to build infrastructure for population health research pilot projects funding will be focused on projects with the greatest likelihood of achieving the following objectives:

- Foster active collaboration/engagement with community partners and leadership
- Facilitate team science at UT Health San Antonio
- Assist practitioners in delivery of high quality care reflecting best practices and science
- Promote community or population health
- Improve health outcomes

Innovative, multidisciplinary pilot projects in T3/T4 translational research focused on health disparities, health outcomes important to patients and the communities in the South Texas Catchment Area, and interventions to address those priorities will receive top priority. While the program is not restricted to specific health topics, areas identified by the South Texas Catchment Area will be prioritized. These areas include obesity, Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, mental health, healthcare access/insurance, health education and chronic disease prevention (e.g. diet, exercise, self-care), maternal/child health, and smoking cessation.

Eligibility: [ReACH Center members](https://redcap.uthscsa.edu/REDCap/surveys/?s=HC377LAEDW) at the post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty level (Instructor/Assistant Professor) and community partners interested in pursuing research focused on population health priorities. All PIs, faculty mentors and community partners must be ReACH Center members. ReACH membership is free; to register, go to: <https://redcap.uthscsa.edu/REDCap/surveys/?s=HC377LAEDW>. We define community partners as key stakeholders who play a vital and important role in the development and implementation of projects. Community

partners **should not** represent the same institution as the academic partner and vice versa. All projects should identify a faculty mentor and include a career development and mentoring plan.

Applicants applying for this pilot program may not simultaneously apply for a \$5,000 IIMS Community Engagement Small Project Grant award for a similar project.

Amount and Terms: Funding up to \$15,000 (indirect costs not covered) will be considered for 1 year projects. Funds may not cover salaries for other faculty or fellow stipends, but may be used for research assistants and community member compensation. Funds are available for up to 2 projects, contingent upon the submission of a sufficient number of scientifically meritorious applications.

Allowable expenses include:

- ClinCard research incentives²
- Consumable supplies and equipment
- Consulting fees
- Journal publications (\$500 maximum)
- Software
- Food and beverages for community meetings
- Travel, including mileage and conference registrations (when possible, we prefer that community partners be included in presentations)
- Other justifiable and essential expenditures

Non-allowable expenses include:

- Door prizes
- Facilities and administrative expenses
- Faculty and staff salaries
- Indirect costs
- Petty cash or gift card reimbursements
- Professional or societal memberships

All awardees will be expected to present research results at a ReACH Center Front Porch Club meeting as well as make a presentation of research results as a part of the Lilia Martinez Educational Lecture Series in Laredo, TX. This lecture will be open to students, practicing health professionals or anyone interested in the topic of the funded project, including medical students who may one day practice in the community. The ReACH Center will support the cost of travel to Laredo to fulfill this requirement, so it will not need to be budgeted in pilot project funds.

ReACH **will not** issue checks directly to awardees. Instead, awardee accounts will be centralized at ReACH. Budgeted expenses will be supported via supply orders and payment vouchers. Other budgeted expenses may require the submission of an invoice. Funds for budgeted expenses of projects co-led by other non-UTHSCSA academic partners will be disbursed as invoices as received.

Application Submission: Applications should be submitted via Survey Monkey Apply. Uploaded documents should be formatted as PDF files, use Arial 11 point font, single spacing, and 0.5-inch margins on all sides. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the application being administratively withdrawn. The application should include the following:

- Project summary/abstract (NIH form page; 30-line maximum)
- Budget (NIH form page)

² Research teams seeking participant incentives are required to follow UTHSCSA Policy 7.7.2 [Management of Research Participant Payments](#) to ensure proper money handling procedures. ClinCard setup and reloading fees should be included in budgets, if applicable. For more info regarding study participant incentives, contact the [UTHSCSA Clinical Trials Office](#).

- Budget justification (NIH form page)
- Specific aims (1 page maximum)
- Career development plan and mentoring plan (1 page maximum)
- Research and dissemination/implementation plan (4 pages maximum)
- Literature citations (1 page maximum)
- NIH Biosketch for all academic investigators (new NIH format, limit to 5 pages/investigator)
- Letters of Collaboration and Support

For projects involving the use of human subjects, funds will only be released upon receipt of (1) a copy of the official letter of approval by the appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) and (2) *CITI Human Subjects – Community Engaged Research and Community-Based Participatory Research* proof of training is submitted to ReACH. The expectation is that institutional approvals (including IRB) will be promptly obtained and projects initiated/funds disbursed within 60 days of award. If a different timeline is anticipated, address this in the application. Awards may be revoked from awardees who excessively delay providing copies of these documents. Applicants must also be in compliance with institutional conflict of interest disclosure policies. A UT Health San Antonio Certificate of Proposal (COP) is required upon award.

Review Process and Criteria: Applications will be peer-reviewed using NIH scoring. Merit will be scored based on:

- Is the proposal thoughtfully conceived and well written?
- Does this project address the award objectives and are the objectives likely to be met?
- Does the investigator team have the experience/infrastructure to meet the goals of the study within the proposed timeframe?
- Is there a demonstrated strong partnership between the faculty member(s) and community member(s)?
- Does the mentoring plan address the mentoring needs of the applicant?
- Is the budget appropriate to the project?
- If funded, how likely is it that this award lead to external funding?

Final funding decisions will be based on scientific merit, as well as programmatic considerations, such as breadth and depth of the overall pilot study portfolio, interaction among partners, community involvement, and balance among program areas and disciplines.

Awardee Responsibilities:

- Abide by NIH rules and regulations
- Abide by ReACH policies and procedures
- Provide demographic information as required before expenditures can be authorized
- Submit complete and timely progress reports
- Acknowledge support from ReACH in all project-related publications and reports

Administrative Management: A 6 month progress report and a final report will be due at the conclusion of the pilot. Those who do not submit meaningful and timely reports may be ineligible for future funding.

For more information about the ReACH/IIMS Population Health Pilot Grants Program, please visit <http://reach.uthscsa.edu/> or contact Sarah Lill at (210) 562-5551 or at lills@uthscsa.edu.

RESEARCH POSTERS

1. ***Assessing the Social Needs of Anticoagulation Patients at the Robert B. Green Clinic*** - Natalie Nyren, Alvin Estacio, Robert Wood, Paula Winkler
2. ***Resilience as a Mediator of Impulsiveness and Substance Use in a Sample of At-risk Adolescents*** - Sabrina Blackledge, PhD, Tara Karns-Wright, PhD, Charles Mathias, PhD., Nathalie Hill-Kapturczak, PhD, and Donald Dougherty, PhD
3. ***Revisiting the Zoster Vaccine Immunization Rate in the Family Health Center: A Project of UT Health Family Medicine Residency Program and South Central Texas AHEC*** - Anastasia Perez, Nick Shaffer, Nida Hussain, Stavika Tadiparthi, Jeff Svec, Christina Majd, Adriana Arcoha, Fozia Ali, Robert Wood, Paula Winkler
4. ***Using Respondent Driven Sampling to Estimate Homicide and Motor Vehicle Crash Risk among Adolescents and Young Adults in a Latino Community*** - Manuel Ángel Oscós-Sánchez, Belinda Bustos Flores, Lorena Claeys, Yuanyuan Liang, Belem López, Marisol McDaniel, Luz Dolores Oscós-Flores, Deborah Parra-Medina, Ofelia Puente, Susana Raudales, Alice Villatoro, and Paula Winkler
5. ***Sustaining Non-Violence among Adolescents and Young Adults in a Latino Community*** – Manuel Ángel Oscós-Sánchez, Janna Lesser, Luz Dolores Oscós-Flores, Daniel Pineda, Ofelia Puente, and Susana Raudales
6. ***Improving Access to Social Determinant Data to Inform Health Planning and Action*** - Caroline Bergeron, Laura McKieran, and Jef Waltman
7. ***The Interaction of Stressful Life Events and Depressive Disorders as Predictors of Resilience in a Sample of Community Youth*** - Jessica Wimmer, Latisha Swygert, Sabrina Blackledge, Ariel Ramirez, Oluwadunsin Bakare, Victoria Nunez, Tara Karns-Wright, Charles Mathias, Nathalie Hill-Kapturczak, and Donald Dougherty
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10. ***Increasing E-Cigarette Awareness and Counseling among South Texas Dentists, Patients and Communities*** - Pooja Mody, Meredith Trejo, Michael Thompson, Elisabeth de la Rosa, Angelina Wittich, Paula Winkler, Melissa Valerio, Jasmine Davis, Rosa Rojas, Nathanael Franks, and Rahma Mungia
11. ***Novel Use of a Web Application to Increase Awareness of Dry Mouth in the Community*** - Rosa Rojas, Rahma Mungia, Jasmine Davis, Elisabeth de la Rosa, Pooja Mody, Martha Castilla, and Melanie Taverna
12. ***Failure to Launch: Lessons Learned from Difficulties Encountered While Implementing a Clinical Intervention in the Busy Primary Care Practice Setting*** - Johanna Becho and Mary Marden Velasquez
13. ***Would Pre-Hospital Whole Blood Transfusion Improve Mortality in Severely Injured Patients?*** - Danielle Cobb MD, Rachelle Jonas RN, Meenakshi Rani PhD, Tracy Cotner-Pouncy RN, Jenny Oliver RN, Andrew Cap MD, Ramon Cestero MD, Susannah Nicholson MD, Brian Eastridge MD, and Donald Jenkins, MD
14. ***A Bexar County Preventative Approach to Diabetes through a Community Partnership*** - Amanda Manzello, Sandra Hermosa, Veronica Ramirez, and Kathleen Shields

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16. ***Preparing a Diverse, Culturally Competent Primary Care Workforce for South Texas*** - Janna Lesser, Julie Bazan, Belinda Flores, Rose Martinez, Armando Lopez, Paula Winkler, Sandra Duggan, Annette Zavala, and Joe Zapata
17. ***Diabetes Self-Management Support Program in Predominantly Hispanic Faith Community Settings: A Pilot Study*** - Leah Carrillo MS CHES, Summer Wilmoth MS PhD, Raymundo Mendoza MS, Ashton Balarin MS CHES, Elena Martinez MS CHES, Meixia Pan MD PhD, Kathleen Shields CHES, Ellen Spitsen RD, Erica Sosa PhD, Sarah Ullevig PhD, Zenong Yin PhD and Meizi He PhD
18. ***¡Por Vida! and ¡Viva Health!: Community Nutrition for San Antonio*** - Haley Amick
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20. ***Utilizing the Bexar TAB for Dissemination of Community Based Research*** - Albert Pedroza, Ludivina Hernandez, Raquel Salinas, Alvin Estacio, and Paula Winkler
21. ***Assessing the Multicultural Community Health Needs*** - Fozia Ali, Inez Cruz, Dylan De Muth, Jasmine Rodriguez, Reethu Nayak, Valarie Davis, Nida Hussain, Jean Cassilan, Elida López, Paula Winkler, Robert Wood, Sara Masoud, Kate Martin, Sonia Ramos, and Olga Núñez
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24. ***Introducing Students to Public Health Workforce Options: Public Health Camp*** - Melissa Valerio, Paula Winkler, Mary K. Martin, Sonia M. Ramos, Ariel Gomez, Jasmine Davis, Lamees Abdelrahman, and the Bexar County TAB
25. ***Bullying and Cyberbullying*** - Caroline Carrizales, Leah Dominguez, Alexa Frei, Shahnawaz Lalani, and Arees Momin
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29. ***Addiction to Social Media*** - April Pryor, Bayaan Musa, Suzy Lochte, Autumn Kretschmar, and Alaina Zahid
30. ***SA Tobacco 21-*** Sabina Croft, Ariale Vargas, Muddassir Musharaf, Gustavo De Keratry, and Alissa Ballard
31. ***Reducing Youth Type 2 Diabetes*** - Tanner Clemons, Zhian Farhangi, Kiara Gray, Citlali Moya, and Alesha Pryor
32. ***Research Activity and Community Engagement to Screen, Treat and Organize Prevention for Hepatitis C (HCV) – RACE to STOP HCV*** - Waridibo E. Allison, Mireya Munoz, George Neira, Rebecca Rios, Rosa Martinez, and Trisha Melhado

2018 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HERO AWARDS

The IIMS Community Engagement Hero Awards recognizes individuals who have worked as part of a community and research partnership built on a foundation of reciprocal learning and trust for the improved health and well-being of South Texas communities. This year's awardees are listed below.

Outstanding Student Award

This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated exceptional commitment and follow-through as part of a community service learning project or internship that has created a tangible benefit for a community and academic partnership.

Awardee: Jacob Gilchrist

Research Partnership: South Texas Psychiatric Practice Based Research Network



Outstanding Community Partner Award

This award recognizes community members who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and devoted their time, talents, and expertise for improving their community's health and well-being.

Awardee: Miguel Ayala, MD

Research Partnership: South Texas Ambulatory Network (STARNet)



Outstanding Research Partner Award

This award recognizes research faculty, staff, and/or trainees who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment for collaboratively developing projects that promote leadership and shared learning that address community health concerns.

Awardee: Waridibo Allison, MD, PhD

Partnerships: Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, The Valley AIDS Council, Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation, City of Laredo Health Department, The Center for Health Care Services, PILLAR, and Family-Focused AIDS Clinical Treatment Services



Outstanding Community Health Improvement Project

This award recognizes outstanding health improvement projects that address community-identified health concerns.

Awardees: Martha Martinez, MSN, RNC, CNS and the Madonna Center



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