

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

# IIMS/CTSA Community Engagement Symposium

*Engaging Patients, Families, and Communities in All Phases of Translational Research*

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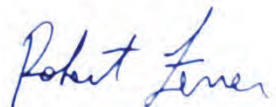
Thank you for attending the 2016 Community Engagement Symposium: Engaging Patients, Families, and Communities in All Phases of Translational Research.

The more people involved in improving the health of our community, the better the chance that we will succeed. We hope that after attending you will walk away with a clearer understanding of how science is turned into information and activities that improve health. We also hope that you will become more familiar with the different types of research projects and programs that 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, Practice-Based Research Networks, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) and communities from South Texas. We encourage you to explore available opportunities, introduce yourself, and ask questions. Let us know what you think is important. We hope you will meet potential 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 programs or activities 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



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

*"As the former Director of Health, I have for many years appreciated the resources that exist within the academic institutions... Public Health continues to identify sectors of our community that carry a significant burden of diseases that are accompanied by measurable disparities, community engagement is essential and an integral component of our Clinical Translational Science Award (CTSA) program."*

*- Fernando A. Guerra, MD, MPH*

**Chair  
IIMS Community Health Advisory Board**

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*"Community members need to know that it's okay for them to ask these researchers questions...for them to be more receptive. They have the right to know what's out there and to ask about what options and resources there are to help improve their diagnosis and health. And...researchers and doctors need to better explain things so that community members can understand."*

*- Ludivina Hernández*

**Promotora de Salud/Community Health Worker**

## OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

### SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS

**Plenary Presentation:** **Arthur Kaufman, MD** - The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center  
Vice Chancellor for Community Health, Distinguished Professor, Family & Community Medicine

**Theme:** Engaging Patients, Families, and Communities in all Phases of Translational Research for Health Improvement

**Goal:** To share examples and perceptions of how community and academic collaborations can be used as a strategy for the translation of research

**Conference Objectives:** (1) To showcase current projects within different phases of the translational spectrum for possible future collaborations (2) To identify methods for engaging the community in all phases of research; and (3) To build the capacity of the community and academics to engage in authentic collaborations

**Audience:** Community groups and research faculty/staff/trainees who presently work together, or wish to do so on projects focused on: (1) basic lab research studies, (2) clinical studies based on basic science findings, (3) pilot and exploratory research in humans, and (4) community-based research

### 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 steps, 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 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) and its partner organizations by the National Institutes of Health. The mission of the IIMS is to integrate clinical and translational research and career development across all UTHSCSA 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 the Master of Science in Clinical Investigation, Translational Science PhD Program, TL1 Multidisciplinary Training Program, and KL2 Mentored Career Development Program.

## ABOUT THE IIMS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM

The IIMS Community Engagement Team provides infrastructure support for research to enhance community responsiveness, research relevance, scientific value, and public health impact. Our team is comprised of several partners, each who specialize in working collaboratively with researchers as well as community members, local agencies and health providers. Together, we translate research findings from basic science, to clinical practice, to public health benefit while providing community input to researchers to assure relevance to our populations.



The Community Engagement Research Center (CERC) is housed at the UT School of Public Health - San Antonio Regional Campus and is led by Melissa A. Valerio, PhD MPH. The CERC works closely with Translational Advisory Boards and other community agencies by providing technical and research support. Together, they develop, implement, and disseminate research and assessment projects that are focused on community-identified priorities. Together, the CERC and TABs develop feasible and relevant solutions that engage community members and practitioners, people who historically have not been an integral part of the scientific discovery process.



The South Central Area Health Education Center (SC-AHEC) directed by Paula Winkler, MEd develops the capacity and leadership of communities via Translational Advisory Boards (TABs). Currently there are TABs located in Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, and Karnes Counties. TABs are composed of local community members who are committed to improving the health of their community by serving as a bridge between their communities and UTHSCSA to build research partnerships and disseminate findings from “bench to bedside to community”. The TABs work closely with the CERC and other UTHSCSA researchers on community health initiatives such as education/training, research/assessment, and dissemination and communication.



The Resource Center for Practice Based Research Networks (PBRN), led by Sandra K. Burge, PhD, facilitates opportunities for collaboration between community health providers and UTHSCSA. PBRNs are used as real world laboratories that allow providers to engage in research from their very own practices. The PBRN Resource Center is comprised of several PBRNs including the Residency Research Network of Texas (RRNeT), South Texas Oral Health Network (STOHN), South Texas Psychiatric Network, and the South Texas Ambulatory Research Network (STARNet). In addition, it works closely with the National Dental PBRN.

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The Center for Research to Advance Community Health (ReACH), directed by Barbara Turner, MD, MEd, MACP, works to promote the health of South Texas residents, especially its majority Hispanic population, through health disparities and health services research. ReACH brings together researchers from diverse disciplines and community partners to evaluate quality of care and implement culturally appropriate models of health care to improve health outcomes. On its community outreach initiatives, ReACH partners with the SC-AHEC, academic health care providers from UT Medicine, UTSA, and University Health System as well as its community advisory board, the Alliance.



Kathleen Stevens, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, directs the interprofessional Improvement Science Research Network (ISRN), which in 2009 became the country's first national research network on care delivery improvement. ISRN aims to accelerate the development and dissemination of interprofessional improvement science in a systems context across multiple hospital sites. It comprises over 200 hospital partners with a mission to advance implementation science applied to health care quality and safety. The work of the ISRN can be categorized as: coordination and transitions of care, high-performing clinical microsystem approaches to improvement, evidence-based quality improvement and best practices, and learning organizations and cultures of quality and safety.

*"As a growing health agency with six clinics, we rarely have time to dedicate for community assessments. We are here for our communities and want to provide the array of services our patients need along with care and understanding. The UTSPH-SARC brought the necessary expertise and tools we needed to help us develop a community assessment for the ATC. This has given us the direction that we need."*

*- Monty Small*

**Chief Executive Officer  
Atascosa Health Center**

*"In over 20 years of experience working in community public health, it has never been clearer to me that the only way forward is for clinical practitioners, researchers and community members to communicate and work should-to-shoulder. If we are to stem the tide of largely preventable chronic disease which is overtaking this nation, we must understand the cultural models and diverse perspectives brought to the field of scientific inquiry, treatment and treatment seeking. This demands collaboration, communication and mutually respectful dialogue. There is no other way that will work."*

*- Bryan Bayles, PhD, MPH*

Curator of Anthropology and Health  
Witte Museum

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### SCHEDULE

Activities, Times, and Speakers	
<b>REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, AND POSTER SETUP</b> <b>Location:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Commons Area and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	<b>8:00am - 8:30am</b>
<b>WELCOME AND OVERVIEW</b>  <b>Location:</b> Room # 3.304 <b>Speaker:</b> Robert Ferrer, MD MPH – IIMS Community Engagement Director	<b>8:30am - 8:45am</b>
<b>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CHALLENGES AND SUCCESSES</b>  <b>Location:</b> Room # 3.304 <b>Group #1:</b> Adelita Cantu, PhD RN and Kellen Kee McIntyre, PhD <b>Group #2:</b> Bexar County Translational Advisory Board – Paula Winkler MEd, Dianna Morganti, and Fozia Ali, MD <b>Group #3:</b> South Texas Psychiatry Network and South Texas Oral Health Network (STOHN) - Sandra Burge PhD, Melissa Deuter MD and Melanie Taverna, MS, RDH <b>Description:</b> Learn how other partnerships have worked together to develop research projects to respond to community health concerns.	<b>8:45am - 10:15am</b>
<b>BREAK</b>	<b>10:15am - 10:30am</b>
<b>2016 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SMALL PROJECT GRANTS PROGRAM</b>  <b>Location:</b> Room # 3.304 <b>Speaker:</b> Robert Ferrer, MD MPH <b>Description:</b> Learn about the IIMS CESP grants and how they can be used to support community-led education, research, and policy initiatives. Tips for developing a strong application will be shared.	<b>10:30am - 11:00am</b>
<b>PLENARY PRESENTATION</b> <i>Expanding the Health Team: Research on the Impacts of Community Health Workers and Health Extension Agents on Clinical Practice and Community Health</i>  <b>Location:</b> Room # 3.304 <b>Speaker:</b> Art Kaufman, MD <b>Description:</b> Learn about the development of projects that engage underserved communities and address the translation of research findings for public health improvement.	<b>11:00am - 12:00pm</b>

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### Activities, Times, and Speakers

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HERO AWARDS

12:00pm – 12:20pm

**Location:** Room # 3.304

**Facilitator:** Robert Clark, MD, MACP

**Description:** Awards will be presented to 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.

#### LUNCH and POSTER FAIR

12:20pm - 1:45pm

**Location:** Room # 3.303

**Description:** Network with community members, students, clinicians and scientists while learning about different basic lab science, clinical trials, practice-centered or patient-oriented, community-led research, and population-based projects.

#### SMALL GROUP BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:45pm – 3:15pm

**Description:** Recent research will be presented during the four concurrent sessions. Then there will be discussions between community members, health practitioners, and researchers about how they are affected by the topics discussed and possible ways to help move research from basic science, to clinical practice, to public health benefit.

Topic	Speaker(s)	Room #
Environmental Health	Paula Granados Stigler, PhD and Ray Palmer, PhD	2.210
HIV/AIDS	Phillip Schnarrs, PhD	1.105
Liver Disease	Laura Tenner, MD	1.107
Mental Health	Erin Finley, PhD and Don McGeary, PhD	2.208
Substance Abuse and Addiction	Jennifer Potter, PhD and Janet Williams, MD	2.204
Understanding Health and Illness	Melissa Valerio PhD, Oralía Bazaldua, PharmD, and DeWayne Davidson, PharmD	2.214
Violence	Sandra Burge, PhD and Bernadette Solórzano, PhD	2.202

#### LESSONS LEARNED AND NEXT STEPS

3:15pm - 3:45pm

**Location:** Room # 3.303

**Facilitator:** Sandra Burge, PhD

**Description:** Learn about recent research and partake in conversations between community members and researchers to find ways to help move research findings from basic science, to clinical practice, to public health benefit.

#### ADJOURNMENT

3:45pm

## CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)

The 2016 Community Engagement Symposium offers professionals the opportunity to enhance their knowledge and exchange information for new local research as well as for community engagement best practices.

Attendees interested in seeking Continuing Education (CE) units for attending 2016 IIMS Community Engagement Symposium must be registered. The table below summarizes the types and amounts of CE units available.

Accrediting Organization	Type of CE Unit	Maximum # of CE Units Available
National Commission for Health Education Credentialing	Community Health Education Specialist (CHES) - Entry-level Community Education Contact Hours (CECH)	5
Texas Education Agency	Continuing Professional Education (CPE)	5
Texas Department. of State Health Services	Community Health Worker (CHW) non-DSHS certified contact hours	8

To receive proof of attendance for this event, please **submit your completed Evaluation and Statement of Attendance forms** to the registration desk at the end of the day.

### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

#### **Arthur Kaufman, MD**

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center -  
Vice Chancellor for Community Health  
Distinguished Professor, Family & Community Medicine



Dr. Kaufman received his medical degree from the State University of New York, Brooklyn in 1969 and is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Family Practice. He served in the U.S. Indian Health Service, caring for Sioux Indians in South Dakota and Pueblo and Navajo Indians in New Mexico, before joining the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico in 1974, where he has remained throughout his career, providing leadership in teaching, research and clinical service. He was promoted to full Professor in 1984 and Department Chair in 1993. In 2007, he was appointed as the first Vice Chancellor for Community Health, and was promoted to Distinguished Professor in 2011.

Dr. Kaufman has a passion for creating innovative education and service models to better address community, indigent, rural and population health needs. He helped initiate the Primary Care Curriculum in New Mexico, which became an international model for change by innovative track in traditional medical schools. He began to integrate Public Health and Family Medicine as Director of the Rockefeller funded Health of the Public Program in New Mexico. He is Director of New Mexico's World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Innovative Health Workers Education Service and Research Models. In 1999, he was elected Secretary General for the Network: Towards Unity for Better Health-- a WHO-affiliated, non-government organization comprised mostly of academic health centers in developing countries interested in improving their relevance in education and service in addressing health needs of their local populations.

Dr. Kaufman has been the recipient of many awards during his career. He has received national teaching awards from the Association of American Medical Colleges (Primary Care Award) and from Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (Achievement Award). He received the "Humanism in Medicine Award (AAMC)" in 2001 and the "5 Star Doctor Award" from WONCA in 2008.

He has over 70 publications and has written 4 books. His publications concern healthcare for uninsured and marginalized populations and problem-based and community-oriented teaching innovations. He has received numerous federal and private foundation grants to support his work.

His other passion is his family, his wife Ellen and their children Holly and Will, who are all physicians.

**Robert Ferrer, MD, MPH** is the Dr. John M. Smith, Jr. Professor and Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at UTHSCSA. Dr. Ferrer is a practicing family physician with research interests at the interface of primary care and public health. He directs the Community Engagement Team for UTHSCSA's CTSA and the School of Medicine's MD/MPH dual degree program. Dr. Ferrer is also the Board Chair of the Bexar County Health Collaborative. He is also active in several community health initiatives, including the Mayor's Fitness Council and partnerships with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.



**Adelita Cantu, PhD, RN** 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 UTHSCSA. 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."*

**Kellen Kee McIntyre, PhD** is the Executive Director and co-founder of Bihl Haus Arts. She received her PhD in Art History from the University of New Mexico. She is a specialist in Latin American Art with a secondary focus in non-Western traditions and the art of women and minorities. Dr. McIntyre was previously on the faculty in the Department of Art and Art History at UTSA where she taught graduate and undergraduate courses in Art History that focused on non-Western artistic traditions, and has organized more than 100 art exhibitions and other arts programming. Dr. McIntyre also co-founded and chairs the annual On & Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour, which began in 2009, a festive 2-day self-guided tour of art studios, arts organizations, galleries and arts-related businesses in seven historic neighborhoods on and off Fred Road along the historic Old Spanish Trail Auto Highway.



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**Paula Winkler, MEd** is the Director of South Central Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Ms. Winkler has over 30 years of experience developing linkages between academic programs and community-based health initiatives. The South Central AHEC works closely with each TAB to foster practice improvement initiatives and to increase opportunities for translational research to reach community members.

**Dianna Morganti** has spent 12 years serving adults in the San Antonio Public Library System. She joined the Bexar Translational Advisory Board (TAB) in 2012, and has helped the Bexar TAB partner with the library on community health projects that include MRSA awareness, chronic pain management, and health literacy. Dianna currently serves as the Coordinator of Services to Adults for the Library System, where she ensures that all 28 library locations have the programming, collections, and services to meet the expectations and needs of the communities they serve.



**Fozia Ali, MD** is an Assistant Professor in the UTHSCSA Department of Family and Community Medicine. After graduating from Allama Iqbal Medical College in Lahore, Pakistan, Dr. Ali moved to San Antonio to attend her Family Medicine residency at UTHSCSA where she served as Chief Resident. Dr. Ali teaches and mentors residents and medical students at the Women's Health Clinic, the Family Health Center, and at Family Medicine Inpatient Service at University Hospital. She also supervises residents as they perform colonoscopies, cervical and endometrial biopsies. Dr. Ali also actively participates and leads in Quality Improvement projects at the Family Health Center and is also an active member of the Bexar County TAB.

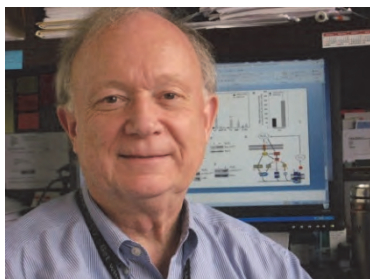
**Sandra Burge, PhD** is a social scientist and a tenured professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at UTHSCSA. For 26 years, Dr. Burge has taught behavioral science to family medicine residents, focusing on doctor-patient communication, patient-centered care, and motivating healthy behaviors. Her research interests include prevention of family violence, substance abuse, and practice-based research in primary care. She is founder and Director of the RRNet, a group of 11 family medicine residency programs located in ten cities, including three on the Texas-Mexico border. She is also the Director of the Resource Center for Practice-based Research Networks in the Institute for Integration of Medicine and Science, which provides infrastructure support for six practice-based research networks.



**Melissa Deuter, MD** is a board certified psychiatrist. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Arkansas and attended medical school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She completed psychiatry residency at the UTHSCSA and served as Chief Resident in 2004. Dr. Deuter currently holds an appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at UTHSCSA and is the course director for the resident training seminar on Eating Disorders. In previous years, she directed the course on Sexuality and Sexual Development. She is a former President of the Bexar County Psychiatric Society, a current member of the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians Ethics Council, and a current member of the South Texas Psychiatric Physicians Research Network's Executive Committee. She has been recognized as a San Antonio's "Top Doctor" and a "Best of" Doctor, a Texas Super Doctor's "Rising Star," and has received the American Registry "Patient's Choice Award." Dr. Deuter specializes in the care of teens, young adults, and their families and has a special interest in the unique mental health needs of emerging adults.



**Melanie Taverna, MS, RDH** is an Assistant Professor and the Director of Graduate Programs for UTHSCSA Dental Hygiene. She has worked in the dental field since 1984, as an office manager and dental hygienist. Her interests include geriatric oral health. Ms. Taverna is a member of the South Texas Oral Health Network and the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network. She hopes to increase inter-department collaboration in education and research to improve oral health for senior populations.



**Robert Clark, MD, MACP** is a Professor and former Chair of Medicine at the UTHSCSA. Since 2006, he has served as Assistant Vice President for Clinical Research, Director of the IIIMS, and Principal Investigator of the Clinical and Translational Science Award. Dr. Clark attended medical school at Columbia University and completed internal medicine and infectious diseases training at Columbia, the University of Washington, and the NIH. Prior to joining UTHSCSA in 1994, he served on the faculty of the University of Washington, Boston University, and the University of Iowa. His research focuses on host defenses against infection, as well as the role of inflammation and oxidative stress in aging and neurodegenerative diseases. He sees patients and teaches in his specialty area of Infectious Diseases.

**Paula Stigler Granados, PhD** is an Assistant Professor in Community Health at the UT School of Public Health - San Antonio Regional Campus. 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 diseases that come from insects such as Chagas and Dengue. 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 healthier behaviors.



**Raymond Palmer, PhD** is a biostatistician/epidemiologist trained in Preventive Medicine. He is an Associate Professor for the UTHSCSA Department of Family and Community Medicine. He has extensive experience in Health-Promotion Disease-Prevention statistical research methods. His statistical contributions to health research include identifying predictors of age-related cognitive decline and transition to dementia, as well as improvements in health care delivery and disease prevention. His work is focused on investigating gene/environment interaction to understand the etiology of autism spectrum and other neurologic disorders.



**Phillip Schnarrs, PhD** is an Assistant Professor at UTSA in the Department of Kinesiology, Health and Nutrition. Dr. Schnarrs received his MA in medical sociology with an emphasis in social psychology and gender studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He received his PhD with minors in structural inequality and health and community based research methods from Indiana University of Pennsylvania School of Public Health in Bloomington, IN. Dr. Schnarrs' research interests are broadly sexual health promotion, LGBTQ Health and Latino Health. Currently, Dr. Schnarrs' research team is working on several local and multisite research projects including an assessment of the health and well-being of LGBT military communities. Dr. Schnarrs and his team are also working to better understand factors that influence the intention to use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV among men who have sex with men in Central Texas, statewide and nationally. This is a four phase study that will lead to the design of multi-level interventions to increase intention to use, awareness, access and adherence.



**Erin Finley, PhD** is a medical anthropologist whose research concentrates on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) amongst the veteran community and their families. One of her main contributions to medical anthropology has been unveiling explanatory models of illness, sufferance, and addiction caused by PTSD via ethnographic methods. Her research has become invaluable in designing new and improved methods for negotiating the challenges of PTSD, and she has contributed a vast amount of input for programs which take veteran experiences into consideration when treating the disorder. Recently, she has focused her work on the social relationships found within military institutions and how those relationships affect the buffering of PTSD or the development of PTSD (i.e. relationships with commanders, chaplains, and the American public).

**Donald McGeary, PhD** is a board certified in Clinical Health Psychology and is the Director of the Clinical Psychology Internship at UTHSCSA. His interests include interdisciplinary chronic pain intervention (most notably, musculoskeletal and neuropathic chronic pain). He has a strong interest in empirically-supported pain treatments involving strong behavioral self-management components (e.g., functional restoration), as well as the identification of factors that contribute to resiliency to mental and physical illness. He is also interested in translational research (e.g., practical behavioral trials) focusing on adapting clinical research findings into functional clinical programs.



**Laura Tenner, MD** is a faculty member in the Division of Hematology/Oncology. She has specialized training in ethics in oncology, with a specific focus and expertise in distributive justice and financial toxicities in oncology. Her research includes using principles of ethics to help inform health services research, specifically cost and comparative effectiveness research. Dr. Tenner laid the groundwork for the proposed research by conducting a national survey of oncologists showing the perceived importance of cost and comparative effectiveness in a changing healthcare system under the Affordable Care Act. She is also in the process of obtaining further training in a Masters of Public Health to better inform her population science research and enhance her understanding of the public health policy implications. Dr. Tenner believes that community engagement is vital for long term success of health programs.

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**Jennifer Sharpe Potter, PhD**, is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Anesthesiology and Associate Dean for Research and Student Programs in the UTHSCSA School of Medicine. Dr. Potter is also on the graduate faculty of Department of Psychology at the UTSA. Her primary research interest is substance use disorders. Her current research focuses on the prevention and treatment of opioid use disorders and chronic pain utilizing combined behavioral and medication-based approaches. Her current studies underway include testing the efficacy of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for individuals with co-occurring chronic pain and opioid dependence. Dr. Potter is the San Antonio Site Principal Investigator and a Co-investigator with the Texas Node of the NIDA National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN). The CTN conducts Phase III clinical trials of pharmacological and behavioral treatments for substance use disorders in community settings.



**Janet Williams, MD** is a tenured professor of Pediatrics at the UTHSCSA School of Medicine (SOM). She has worked for UTHSCSA for 30 years, 5 of which she served as the SOM Associate Dean for Faculty. She has expertise in child and adolescent growth and development, substance abuse education, and patient care communication. Dr. Williams has been honored twice by receiving the UTHSCSA Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Williams recently completed 10 years of service on the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Substance Abuse and she continues to research and create policy statements,

clinical and technical reports, the most recent drawing national news attention regarding alcohol use during pregnancy and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. Dr. Williams directed a five year Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration-funded project to teach substance abuse Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), educating interdisciplinary resident physician trainees across south Texas and is currently a primary consultant on a similar grant to Our Lady of the Lake University, teaching their psychology and social work students SBIRT skills.

**Melissa Valerio, PhD** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences and the Regional Dean of the University of Texas School of Public Health – San Antonio Regional Campus. Dr. Valerio received her master's and doctoral degree in public health from the University of Michigan. Her research interests include the development and evaluation of chronic disease self-management and health literacy intervention strategies. Dr. Valerio was recently chosen to develop a Hispanic health strategy for the UT System, which will be incorporated into the University of Texas System Population Health Strategic Plan.





**Oralía Bazaldúa, PharmD** is a Professor in the UTHSCSA Department of Family & Community Medicine. She is also the Director of Departmental Pharmacy Education and the Director of the Pharmacotherapy Clinic. Her passion is teaching appropriate medication use to both providers and patients. Her mission is to collaborate and lead the improvement of appropriate medication use in ambulatory care settings. She is actively involved in local community organizations and international research groups. With the current needs in healthcare reform, she is also actively involved in quality improvement initiatives, especially as they relate to medication reconciliation and the prevention of medication related errors.

**DeWayne Davidson, PharmD** is a Clinical Assistant Professor at The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy with an adjunct appointment in the UTHSCSA Department of Family & Community Medicine. In addition to educating pharmacy students, he practices under a collaborative practice agreement with physicians in UT Medicine's Primary Care Center. Dr. Davidson has experience presenting in health literacy topics both locally and statewide. He is also co-author of a pharmacotherapy book chapter entitled "Health Literacy and Medication Use". With pharmacists being the most accessible health care professionals in the community, he believes that the community should insist from their local, state, and federal representatives that pharmacists be allowed to provide enhanced care to the community they serve.



**Bernadette Solorzano, PhD** received her BA and MA in English from UTSA and her MS (Psychology) and PsyD (Counseling Psychology) from Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU). Dr. Solórzano joined the OLLU faculty in 2002. She has taught Professional Writing, Qualitative Research, Supervision, Practica, Pre-practicum Lab, Systemic Approaches to Counseling I, Systemic Approaches to Counseling II, Violence Prevention and Intervention, Counseling and undergraduate Learning Theories, Social Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, and Counseling Theories II. Dr. Solórzano supervises in the CCS and her theoretical orientation is Narrative Therapy. She was awarded a three year \$750,000 Family Violence and Community Prevention grant from the Office of Minority Health which yielded positive outcomes. Her research interests are multicultural issues, empowering women who have survived trauma, Immigration Issues, Ethics, and Training and Supervision.

### 2016 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SMALL PROJECT GRANTS FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

#### OVERVIEW

The Institute for Integration of Medicine & Science (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
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 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:

- UTHSCSA
- UT School of Public Health
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- South Texas Veterans Health Care System
- Texas Biomedical Research Institute
- Fort Sam Houston
- UT Brownsville
- UT Pan American
- UT College of Pharmacy

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.

## 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 *Bexar County Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)*.

## FUNDS

The maximum budget award is \$5,000. We anticipate that \$30,000 will be available to fund 6 or more proposals. Smaller budgets will be considered. Due to liability issues, the IIMS will not cut 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.

### *Allowable expenses include:*

- ClinCard research incentive\*
- Consumable supplies and equipment
- Consulting fees
- Light snacks and beverages
- Journal publications (\$500 maximum)
- Software
- Travel, including meeting conference registrations
- Other justifiable and essential expenditures

### *Non-allowable expenses include:*

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

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. Funds will only be used for budgeted expenses per the approval of both the student awardee and faculty sponsor.

Funds for budgeted expenses of projects co-led by other non-UTHSCSA academic partners will be disbursed as invoices are received.

## SUBMISSION, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS

Applications are due on **July 5, 2016 at 5:00 pm**. All documents should be written in 11 point Arial or Times New Roman font with at least 0.5" margins, and numbered. The supporting documents

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should be saved as **one PDF file** and uploaded with the electronic application. Incomplete applications will NOT BE REVIEWED.

Awards will be made starting on or about **September 1, 2016**. Funds for research project **will not** be disbursed until a copy of an Institutional Review Board approval letter is submitted. Awards may be withdrawn from awardees who excessively delay providing a copy. Also, we encourage that awardees and their teams complete *CITI Human Subjects - Community Engaged Research* and *Community-Based Participatory Research* training.

Awardees will be required to submit a 6 month progress and 12 month final report. Those who do not submit meaningful and timely reports may be ineligible for future funding.

Awardees will be required to present a poster at the 2017 IIMS Community Engagement Symposium.

The IIMS Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) and the Community Engagement Team will provide guidance during planning/ implementation, analysis, and dissemination as needed.

### APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

CHAB members and Community Engagement Team will conduct the first review round. A final round of reviews 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

Awardees are required 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

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\*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 information regarding study participant incentives, contact the [UTHSCSA Clinical Trials Office](#).

*"Too many times researchers go into our neighborhoods and [they] want quantitative and qualitative data. Community members need to be included in the process too because they know the real story behind the data. If the researchers want accurate data they need to include us so we can help better inform them of what's going. It's always better to include the community from the beginning."*

*- Martha Castilla*

**Program Coordinator  
Heart for the Neighborhood**

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*"Working collaboratively with the community builds mutual trust and cultural competence between health partners. Community collaborations can help to increase access and utilization of health care, consequently reducing health disparities between groups. These collaborations uncover the strengths, assets, and gifts of the community to help guide a sustainable research agenda."*

*- Steven K. Sano*

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## POSTER ABSTRACTS AND AUTHORS

1. ***Determination of a More Reliable and Acceptable Saliva Collection Method for Biomarker Research*** – Yvette Rodriguez, Zaina Irion-Byrd, and M. Danet Lapiz-Bluhm
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4. ***The Established Status Epilepticus Treatment Trial (ESETT)*** – Lola Morgan and Lorraine Dishman
5. ***Wintergarden Collaborative: Engaging Our Communities for Collective Impact to Address Health Disparity*** – Jorge Botello, Alfredo Zamora, Dori Trevino, Paula Winkler, Julie Bazan, Jaime Lopez, Sandra Trevino, and Theresa Lyons
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*"It's important for researchers to reach out to the community to make sure that the projects and programs they are developing are needed. Otherwise, there's no purpose in doing the work. We want to be included as partners."*

*- Jocelin Villarreal*

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*"Libraries are a natural fit with health research projects, as they provide the reach into a community that can help make the research and the results relevant."*

*- Dianna Morganti*

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