



## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

# VULNERABILITY TO DRUG ABUSE AMONG HISPANICS: BRIDGING SCIENCE AND SOCIETY 2014 Conference May 29-30, 2014

The Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center (HHDRC)  
and  
The Vulnerability Issues in Drug Abuse (VIDA) Project

Tomás Rivera Conference Center  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
El Paso, Texas

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### PROGRAM

*Day 1: Thursday, May 29, 2014*

7:30 am **REGISTRATION**  
*Tomás Rivera Conference Center Lobby, Union East*

8:30 am **WELCOME REMARKS**

*Dr. Diana Natalicio, President, The University of Texas at El Paso  
Dr. Elías Provencio-Vásquez, Director, Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center  
Dr. João Ferreira-Pinto, Deputy Director, Vulnerability Issues In Drug Abuse Project*

*Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East  
Moderator: Dr. João Ferreira-Pinto, Deputy Director, VIDA Project*

- 9:00 am **PANEL SESSION #1: "GRANT AIMS AND NIH/NIDA PRIORITIES"**  
(An overview of the Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center (HHDR) and the Vulnerability Issues in Drug Abuse (VIDA) Project-building of common perspectives and insights on building trans-disciplinary opportunities; National Institute on Drug Abuse-a vision of research shortfalls and funding opportunities)  
*Dr. Albert Ávila, Acting Director - National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)  
Office of Diversity and Health Disparities, National Institute on Drug Abuse*  
*Dr. Héctor Olvera, Research Assistant Professor-Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center  
Dr. Kristin Gosselink, Associate Dean, College of Science, Vulnerability Issues in Drug Abuse  
The University of Texas at El Paso*
- Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East  
Moderator: Dr. Edward Castañeda*
- 10:00 am **PANEL SESSION #2: "TESTING CULTURALLY TAILORED INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS HIV AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE"**
- "FAMILY OUTCOMES OF STRUCTURAL ECOSYSTEMS THERAPY FOR HIV-SEROPOSITIVE WOMEN IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY"**  
*Dr. Victoria Mitrani, Professor and Associate Dean for Research  
University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies*
- "A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL OF THE EFFICACY OF A STIGMA REDUCTION INTERVENTION FOR HIV-INFECTED WOMEN IN THE DEEP SOUTH"**  
*Dr. Julie Barroso, Professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Programs  
University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies*
- "THE DEVELOPMENT AND PILOT TESTING OF I-STIPI, AN INTERNET BASED STI AND HIV PREVENTION INTERVENTION FOR YOUNG CHILEAN WOMEN"**  
*Dr. Natalia Villegas, Assistant Professor of Clinical  
University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies*
- Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East  
Moderator: Dr. Elías Provencio-Vásquez*
- 10:55 am **BREAK**
- 11:05 am **KEYNOTE: "ON DRUGS: KEEPING IT REAL"**  
(The presentation will describe how Dr. Hart came from housing projects in Miami to become Columbia University's first tenure African American professor in the sciences. Dr. Hart will go beyond the hype and misinformation perpetuated by the antidrug movement to explain the real effects of drugs and drug policy.)
- Dr. Carl Hart, Co-Director, Institute for Research in African-American Studies, 2013-14  
Associate Professor of Psychology Columbia University  
Nationally Recognized Author of "High Price"*
- Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East  
Moderator: Dr. Laura O'Dell*
- 12:00 noon **LUNCH**  
*Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East*
- 12:00 noon **"HIGH PRICE" BOOK SALES AND SIGNING BY DR. CARL HART**  
*Tomás Rivera Conference Center Lobby*

12:30 pm

**KEYNOTE: "FAMILY INTERVENTIONS FOR MOTHERS IN RECOVERY AND THEIR CHILDREN"**

(This presentation describes family-based interventions for mothers in substance abuse and mental health recovery. Two studies will be presented-Structural Ecosystems Therapy (SET) for HIV-Seropositive Women in Substance Abuse Recovery, and SET-Recovery/Healthy Home for Mothers in Substance Abuse and Mental Health Recovery.)

*Dr. Victoria Mitrani, Professor and Associate Dean for Research  
University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies*

*Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East  
Moderator: Dr. Elías Provencio-Vásquez*

1:20 pm

**BREAK**

1:30 pm

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS****SESSION #1: - "RISK, RESILIENCE AND MIGRATION: IMPLICATIONS FOR DRUG USE, MENTAL HEALTH AND SERVICES DELIVERY"**

(According to Pew Hispanic Center, approximately 12% of U.S. population in 2010 [40 million persons] was born outside of its borders. Discussion will raise the importance of understanding the diversity of not only risk but resilience factors among migrants from Mexico in the U.S.)

*Dr. Alice Cepeda, Assistant Professor, Social Work, University of Southern California  
Dr. Mark Lusk, Professor, Social Work, The University of Texas at El Paso*

*University Suite, Room 312, Union East*

**SESSION #2: "NEURONAL SUBSTRATES THAT PROMOTE DRUG ABUSE IN VULNERABLE POPULATIONS"**

(The transition to compulsive drug abuse is promoted by a variety of biological factors. Recent evidence suggests that certain populations are more vulnerable to drug use, such as women, adolescents, and persons with metabolic disorders. This panel will explore the extent to which enhanced vulnerability to drug use is modulated via group differences in the neuronal substrates that promote drug use.)

*Dr. Bruce Mandt, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Denver  
Dr. Laura O'Dell, Associate Professor, Psychology, UTEP  
Dr. Manuel Miranda-Arango, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences, UTEP  
Dr. Luis Carcoba, Professor, Psychology, UTEP  
The University of Texas at El Paso*

*Smiley Suite, Room 310, Union East*

**SESSION #3: "THINK CHANGE - CHANGING MINDS AND ATTITUDES TO IMPROVING EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING IN THE PASO DEL NORTE REGION USING A "COLLECTIVE IMPACT" APPROACH"**

(This presentation will inform participants on how Paso del Norte regional groups are coming together using a "collective impact" approach to improve community support and understanding with a vision for families to be free to talk about behavioral health and timely access to support for lasting recovery from mental illness.)

*Enrique Mata, MSPH, BSN, RN, APHN-BC, Senior Program Officer  
Paso del Norte Health Foundation*

*Templeton Suite, Room 313, Union East*

**PROGRAM****Day 1: Thursday, May 29, 2014**

2:30 pm *BREAK*

2:45 pm **STUDENT POSTER SESSION**

*Tomás Rivera Conference Center Lobby, Union East*  
*Moderator: Dr. João Ferreira-Pinto*

3:15 pm **"HIGH PRICE" BOOK SALES AND SIGNING BY DR. CARL HART**

*Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East*  
*Moderator: Dr. Laura O'Dell*

3:30 pm **CEU PROCESSING**

*Tomás Rivera Conference Center Lobby, Union East*  
*Moderator: Rosemary Landa and Bibiana Mancera*

4:00 pm **SOCIAL AND NETWORKING**

*Tomás Rivera Conference Center Lobby*  
*Moderator: Dr. Kristin Gosselink*

- 7:30 am **REGISTRATION** - Tomas Rivera Conference Center Lobby, Union East
- 8:00 am **OPENING REMARKS**  
*Dr. Junius Gonzales, Provost, The University of Texas at El Paso*  
*Dr. Roberto Osegueda, Vice President of Research, The University of Texas at El Paso*  
*Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East*  
*Moderator: Dr. João Ferreira-Pinto*
- 8:30 am **PANEL SESSION #3: SUBCULTURES OF ADDICTION: DRUG ABUSE IN THE COURT SYSTEM**  
*(A perspective of drug abuse in the court system, subculture identifiers related to drug addiction, impacts on the community and partnering with the legal system to increase community impact.)*  
  
*Jaime E. Gándara, J.D., El Paso County Public Defender's Office, County of El Paso*  
*Magdalena Morales-Aina, Director, West Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department, County of El Paso*  
  
*Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East*  
*Moderator: Dr. John Wiebe*
- 9:30 am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- SESSION #4: "PREVALENCE AND DIFFERENCES IN DRUG USE AND ACCESS TO TREATMENT IN EL PASO, TEXAS BY CROSS-BORDER MOBILITY AND IMMIGRANT GENERATION"**  
*(Discussion will focus on prevalence of drug use among El Paso Hispanics, differences between those who cross the border often and those who do not; overall drawing general prevalence for the local Hispanic population).*  
  
*Dr. Ernesto Castañeda, Department of Sociology and Anthropology*  
*The University of Texas at El Paso*  
  
*Templeton Suite, Room 313, Union East*
- SESSION #5: "THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED: CHALLENGES, STRATEGIES AND SUCCESSES IN A RESEARCH CAREER PATH"**  
*(This session will focus on the importance of establishing mentoring and professional networking relationships during your academic career trajectory. Dr. Cepeda will provide participants an opportunity to exchange skills, ideas and strategies in overcoming existing barriers and challenges.)*  
  
*Dr. Alice Cepeda, Assistant Professor, Social Work, University of Southern California*  
  
*Smiley Suite, Room 310, Union East*
- SESSION #6: "INFORMING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERVENTIONS FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS"**
- "COMPARING THE ALCOHOL USE DISORDERS IDENTIFICATION TEST (AUDIT) AND 5/4 ALCOHOL SCREEN IN A UNIVERSITY HEALTH CLINIC"**  
*Dr. Brian McCabe, Research Assistant Professor*  
*University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies*
- "CULTURAL INFLUENCES ON SUBSTANCE USE AMONG HISPANIC MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN: RESULTS FROM THE VIDA II STUDY"**  
*Dr. Joseph De Santis, Associate Professor*  
*University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies*
- "SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN HIV-INFECTED WOMEN: A METASYNTHESIS"**  
*Dr. Julie Barroso, Professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Programs*  
*University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies*  
  
*University Suite, Room 312, Union East*

**PROGRAM****Day 2: Friday, May 30, 2014**

- 10:30 am **BREAK**
- 10:40 am **PANEL SESSION #4: "LINKING VIDA AND HHDC: STRESS AS A VULNERABILITY FACTOR IN HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES"**  
(Discussion of the process of collaboration between Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center (HHDC) and Vulnerability Issues in Drug Abuse (VIDA) Project, the alignment of interests and defined goals, and multiple impacts on the research activities at The University of Texas at El Paso)
- Dr. Kristin Gosselink, Associate Dean, Biological Sciences, UTEP*  
*Dr. Hector Olvera, Research Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, UTEP*  
*The University of Texas at El Paso*
- Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East*  
*Moderator: Dr. Robert A. Kirken*
- 11:40 am **LUNCH**  
*Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East*
- 12:10 pm **PANEL SESSION #5: QUALITATIVE INQUIRIES INTO DRUG USE, DRUG MARKETS, GANG BEHAVIOR AND SUCCESSFUL REENTRY"**  
(This panel will present key sociological, familial and criminogenic patterns leading to trajectories in crime, criminal behaviors, drug dealing, gang involvement, and various encounters with social control).
- "GANGS ON THE UNITED STATES SIDE OF THE BORDER: A STORY OF CONTRADICTIONS"**  
(Divergent viewpoints and data shape the life chances of youth living along the U.S. Mexico Border Region)
- Dr. Robert Durán, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, New Mexico State University*
- "FIVE YEARS AFTER: THE PROCESS OF LONG TERM ABSTINENCE FROM HEROIN USE AMONG EX-OFFENDERS"**  
(Sustained long-term abstinence from heroin (illicit opioid) use among ex-offenders)
- Dr. Nelson Tiburcio, Principal Investigator, National Development & Research Institutes Inc.*
- "NEGOTIATING EARLY RECOVERY ON THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER"**  
(Personal experience in recovery as mentioned in my book "Border Junkies" (2011))
- Dr. Scott Comar, Graduate Assistant, The University of Texas at El Paso*
- Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East*  
*Moderator: Dr. Nelson Tiburcio*
- 1:15 pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- SESSION #7: "WORKING IN THE DRUG USING COMMUNITY"**  
**"TRABAJO CON LA COMUNIDAD DE USARIOS DE DROGAS"**  
(*Interpretation Services will be provided*)  
(Speakers in this session will present on their experience in working with the community in terms of substance abuse treatment, research, and outreach.)
- Dr. María Luisa Zúñiga, Associate Professor, Social Work, San Diego State University*  
*María Elena Ramos, Programa Compañeros, Director, Cd. Juárez, CHIH, Mexico*  
*Guillermo Valenzuela, Aliviane, Inc., Community Affairs Officer, El Paso, Texas*
- Templeton Suite, Room 313, Union East*

1:15 pm

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONTINUED)**

**SESSION #8: MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWS (MI) IN DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND RESEARCH**

*(Structured interviews focused on motivation to change behavior have been used in many treatment contexts. This session describes the conduct of the MI, coding and analysis of the MI, and an example of the use of the MI in drug abuse research.)*

*Dr. Bob Phillips, Professor, Psychology, Eastern New Mexico University  
Dr. Paul Amrhein, Associate Professor, Psychology, Montclair State University  
Dr. Jon Amastae, Professor, Language and Linguistics, UTEP  
Dr. Larry Cohn, Professor, Psychology, UTEP  
The University of Texas at El Paso*

*University Suite, Room 312, Union East*

**SESSION #9: "PARTNERSHIPS TO PROMOTE HEALTH EQUITY"**

*("Dr. Julia Lechuga and Dr. Holly Mata share their perspectives and lessons learned from several recent projects that engage a diverse group of community partners. The focus of this session is strategies for meaningful collaboration and team approaches to making sure that research findings contribute to improved practice and policy in our community").*

*Dr. Holly Mata, Research Assistant Professor, School of Nursing, UTEP  
Dr. Julia Lechuga, Assistant Professor, Psychology, UTEP  
The University of Texas at El Paso*

*Smiley Suite, Room 310, Union East*

2:30 pm

**STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATION AWARDS**

*Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308, Union East  
Moderator: Dr. João Ferreira-Pinto*

3:00 pm

**CLOSING REMARKS AND RECOGNITIONS**

*Dr. Edward Castañeda, Executive Director, Vulnerability Issues in Drug Abuse (VIDA) Project, UTEP  
Dr. Robert A. Kirken, Dean, College of Science, UTEP  
The University of Texas at El Paso*

*Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Room 308 Union East  
Moderator: Dr. Edward Castañeda*

3:30 pm

**ADJOURN**