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**National Hispanic Science Network  
Summer Research Training Institute  
on Hispanic Drug Abuse  
June 4 - 11, 2007**

**Agenda**



NATIONAL  
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ON DRUG ABUSE

Hosted by:  
University of Houston  
Graduate College of Social Work  
Office for Drug and Social Policy Research

National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse

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# Day of Arrival - June 4 Monday

1:00 - 5:00 pm      Fellows arrive and check into University of Houston Hilton Hotel

5:00 - 7:00 pm      Dinner

7:00 - 8:00 pm      Ice Breaker  
*NHSN, Summer Research Training Institute Coordinator*  
(Eric's Restaurant)

# Day One - June 5 Tuesday

- 8:00-8:30 am Breakfast (Plaza, Room 247)
- 8:30 - 9:00 am Welcome and Introduction to the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (NHSN) , Summer Research Training Institute from the Office of Drug & Social Policy Research (ODSPR), University of Houston and the National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
*Yonette F. Thomas, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)*  
*Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D., ODSPR, University of Houston*  
*Alberto G. Mata, Jr., Ph.D., University of Oklahoma*
- 9:00 - 10:15 am The Epidemiology of Drug Abuse  
*Yonette F. Thomas, Ph.D.*
- 10:15 - 10:30 am Break
- 10:30 - 11:45 am Historical, Cultural, and Social Influences on Substance Use among Latinos in the United States  
*Antonio L. Estrada, M.S.P.H., Ph.D., University of Arizona*
- Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch (New Orleans, Room 185)
- 1:30 - 2:45 pm An Introduction to Neurosciences  
*Edwin Barea-Rodriguez, Ph.D., University of Texas at San Antonio*
- 2:45 - 3:00 pm Break
- 3:00 - 4:15 pm Neuroscience and Drug Issues  
*Edward Castaneda, Ph.D., Arizona State University*
- 4:15 - 5:00 pm Q & A  
*Edwin Barea-Rodriguez, Ph.D.*  
*Edward Castaneda, Ph.D.,*

# Day Two - June 6 Wednesday

- 8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:45 am NIH Proposal Writing  
*Joseph Frascella, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)*
- 9:45 - 10:00 am Break
- 10:00 - 11:15 am NIH Funding Mechanisms  
*Michael A. Sesma, Ph.D., National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)*
- 11:15 - Noon Q & A  
*Joseph Frascella, Ph.D.*  
*Michael A. Sesma, Ph.D.*
- Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch (New Orleans, Room 185)
- 1:30 - 2:45 pm Identifying Research Needs and Gaps on Hispanic Drug Abuse:  
Prevention and Intervention among Adolescents  
and  
The Struggles of Joaquin  
*Felipe González Castro, M.S.W., Ph.D., Arizona State University*
- 2:45 - 3:00 pm Break
- 3:00 - 4:15 pm Intervention and Prevention  
*Melanie Marie Domenech Rodriguez, Ph.D., Utah State University*  
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- 4:15 - 5:00 pm Q & A  
*Felipe González Castro, M.S.W., Ph.D.*  
*Melanie Marie Domenech Rodriguez, Ph.D.*

# Day Three - June 7 Thursday

8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast

8:30 - 9:45 am Acculturation: Theoretical and Empirical Challenges  
*Dharma Cortés, Ph.D., Harvard Medical School*

9:45 - 10:00 am Break

10:00 - 11:15 am Appropriate Design and Measures in Hispanic Research:  
Defining and Measuring Cultural Phenomena  
*Maria Felix Ortiz, Ph.D.*

11:15 - Noon Q & A  
*Dharma Cortés, Ph.D.*  
*Maria Felix Ortiz, Ph.D.*

Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch (New Orleans, Room 185)

1:30 - 2:45 pm Workshop on Crafting an Abstract Proposal for the Research Prospectus  
*Charles D. Kaplan, Ph.D., Maastricht University/Behavioral Assessment, Inc.*

2:45 - 3:00 pm Break

3:00 - 5:00 pm Workshop on Quantitative Statistics  
*Philip Garcia, Ph.D., California State University System*

5:00 - 7:00 pm Faculty available for individual conferences regarding abstracts

# Day Four - June 8 Friday

8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast

8:30 - 9:45 am Treatment Research and Development  
*Cecilia McNamara Spitznas, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)*

9:45 - 10:00 am Break

10:00 - 11:15 am Health and Social Services Research  
*Isaac Montoya, University of Houston*

11:15 - Noon Q & A  
*Cecilia McNamara Spitznas, Ph.D.*  
*Isaac Montoya*

Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch (New Orleans, Room 185)

**Half-Day for Individual Work on two-page abstract**

# Day Five - June 9 Saturday

8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast

8:30 - 9:45 am Health and Social Services Research Data Sets: Design and Measurement  
*Bennett W. Fletcher, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)*

9:45 - 10:00 am Break

10:00 - 11:15 am Working with Large Databases  
*Charles E. Holzer III, Ph.D., University of Texas Med. Branch*

11:15 - noon Q & A  
*Bennett W. Fletcher, Ph.D.*  
*Charles E. Holzer III, Ph.D.*

Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch (New Orleans, Room 185)

1:30 - 2:45 pm Taking Care of Business Locally: Using Secondary Data to Analyze  
Illicit Drug Use Relying on MIA  
*Alberto G. Mata, Jr., Ph.D., University of Oklahoma, Norman*

2:45 - 3:00 pm Break

3:00 - 5:00 pm Community Based Research  
*Stephen Sifaneck, Ph.D., Nacional Development and Research Institutes, Inc.*  
*Alice Cepeda, Ph.D., University of Houston*

# Day Six - June 10 Sunday

8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast

8:30 - 9:45 am Drug Use and HIV/AIDS  
*John Echeverry, Ph.D., Georgetown University*

9:45 - 10:00 am Break

10:00 - 11:15 am Latinos and HIV/AIDS  
*Merrill Singer, Ph.D. Hispanic Health Council*

11:15 - noon Q & A

Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch (New Orleans, Room 185)

1:30 - 2:45 pm Qualitative Research: Its Application to Drug Research  
*J. Bryan Page, Ph.D., University of Miami*

2:45 - 3:00 pm Break

3:00 - 5:00 pm Merging Quantitative and Qualitative Methods  
*Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D., University of Houston*

11:15 - Noon Q & A  
*J. Bryan Page, Ph.D.*  
*Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D.*



# Day Seven - June 11 Monday

8:00 - 8:30 am    Breakfast

8:30 - 12:45 pm    Individual Project Presentations

1:00 - 2:00 pm    Lunch (New Orleans, Room 185)

2:00 - 5:00 pm    Individual Project Presentations