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**National Hispanic Science Network  
Summer Research Training Institute  
on Hispanic Drug Abuse  
June 10 - 16, 2008**

**Agenda**



NATIONAL  
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ON DRUG ABUSE

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

National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse

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# Day One - Tuesday, June 10

- 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, Ph.D., 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., National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)*
- 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*
- 11:45 - Noon Q & A
- 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  
*Keith Trujillo, Ph.D., California State University San Marcos*
- 4:15 - 5:00 pm Q & A

# Day Two - Wednesday, June 11

8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast (Plaza, Room 247)

8:30 - 9:45 am Genes and the Environment  
*William A. Vega, Ph.D., David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA*

9:45 - 10:00 am Break

10:00 - 11:15 am NIH Proposal Writing and Funding Mechanisms  
*Larry R. Stanford, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)*

11:15 - Noon Q & A

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

1:30 - 2:45 pm Community Based Treatment Research in Real Practice Settings  
*Hortensia Amaro, Ph.D., Northeastern University*  
*Sandra P. Arévalo-García, M.A., Northeastern University*

2:45 - 3:00 pm Break

3:00 - 4:15 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*

4:15 - 5:00 pm Q & A

# Day Three - Thursday, June 12

8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast (Plaza, Room 247)

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 Acculturation: Theoretical and Empirical Challenges  
*María Félix Ortiz, Ph.D., University of the Incarnate Word*

11:15 - Noon Q & A

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., University of Houston*

2:45 - 3:00 pm Break

3:00 - 4:15 pm Workshop on Quantitative Statistics  
*Philip Garcia, Ph.D., California State University System*

4:15 - 5:00 pm Q & A

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

# Day Four - Friday, June 13

- 8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast (Plaza, Room 247)
- 8:30 - 9:45 am Appropriate Design and Measures in Hispanic Research:  
Defining and Measuring Cultural Phenomena  
*María Félix Ortiz, Ph.D., University of the Incarnate Word*
- 9:45 - 10:00 am Break
- 10:00 - 11:15 am Health and Social Services Research  
*Isaac Montoya, Ph.D., University of Houston*
- 11:15 - Noon Q & A
- Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch (New Orleans, Room 185)
- 1:30 - 2:45 pm Health and Social Services Research Data Sets:  
Design and Measurement  
*Bennett W. Fletcher, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)*
- 2:45 - 3:00 pm Break
- 3:00 - 4:15 pm Working with Large Databases  
*Charles E. Holzer III, Ph.D., University of Texas Medical Branch*
- 4:15 - 5:00 pm Q & A

# Day Five - Saturday, June 14

11:00 am - 1:30 pm Brunch (Plaza, Room 247)

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*

2:45 - 3:00 pm Break

3:00 - 4:15 pm Community-Based Ethnographic Research  
*Stephen Sifaneck, Ph.D., National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.*  
*Alice Cepeda, Ph.D., University of Houston*

4:15 - 5:00 pm Q & A

# Day Six - Sunday, June 15

8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast (Plaza, Room 247)

8:30 - 9:45 am Drug Use and HIV/AIDS  
*Merrill C. Singer, Ph.D., University of Connecticut*

9:45 - 10:00 am Break

10:00 - 11:15 am Latinos and HIV/AIDS  
*Rodolfo Vega, Ph.D., JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.*

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 - 4:15 pm Merging Quantitative and Qualitative Methods  
*Avelardo Valdez, Ph.D., University of Houston*

4:15 - 5:00 pm Q & A

# Day Seven - Monday, June 16

8:00 - 8:30 am    Breakfast (Plaza, Room 247)

8:30 - 12:00 pm    Individual Project Presentations

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

1:30 - 5:00 pm    Individual Project Presentations