



# BRIDGING THE GAP

Latinx Community &  
Health Equity Research  
Conference

**March 21, 2020**

FIU | School of International and  
Public Affairs Auditorium

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TIME	EVENT		LOCATION
7:30a – 8:30a	Registration & Breakfast		SIPA Lobby/Terrace
<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b>			
8:30a – 9:00a	Moderator: Michael Roman City of Miami Community Partnerships Manager, Chair CSAB CLaRO, FIU	Tomás R. Guilarte, PhD Dean & Professor, Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, FIU	SIPA Auditorium
		Andres Gil, VP for Research and Economic Development, Dean University Graduate School, FIU	
		Guillermo ("Willy") Prado, PhD Dean, Graduate School, UM	
<b>PLENARY I</b> Keynote Address			
9:00a – 9:50a	Moderator: Mario De la Rosa, PhD, FIU	Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH Dean and Robert A. Knox Professor at Boston University School of Public Health	SIPA Auditorium
		Plenary Q&A	
9:50a – 10:05a	Break		
<b>PLENARY II</b> Conducting Latinx SAVA Health Disparities Research in Today's World			
10:05a – 10:55a	Moderator: Hortensia Amaro, PhD, FIU	Congressman Debbie Mucarsel- Powell (D) Florida's 26th Congressional District	SIPA Auditorium
		Plenary Q&A	
10:55a – 12:30p	<u>Poster Presentations:</u> CLaRO Research and Pilot Studies; FIU-CRUSADA Pilot Studies		
11:30a – 12:30p	Lunch		
<b>TESTIMONIALS</b> The Impact of Latinx Health Disparities Research: Changing Lives			

12:30p – 1:30p	Moderator: Karen Iglesias, Vice Chair, CSAB, CLaRO, Florida Department of Health	Mario Schauer, Community Member	SIPA Auditorium
		Guest Speaker	
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1:30p – 1:45p	Break		
<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>			
<b>BREAKOUT I</b>			
1:45p – 2:45p	Reducing HIV Risk Behaviors among Latina Immigrants Living in a Farm-working Community: Lessons Learned		SIPA Auditorium
	Moderator: Elena Bastida, PhD, FIU	Mariano Kanamori, PhD, UM	
		Patria Rojas, PhD, FIU	
<i>Ramona Noguera Washington, APRN, Alive &amp; Well</i>			
1:45p – 2:45p	Innovative Interventions for Addressing Suicide among Adolescent Latina & Sexual/Gender Minority Youth		SIPA 100
	Moderator: Victoria Behar- Zusman, PhD, UM	Daniel Santisteban, PhD, UM	
		Maria Tapia, UM	
<i>Dani Dominguez, YES Institute</i>			
1:45p – 2:45p	Innovative Approaches: Linking Latinx Communities with Service Providers		SIPA 103
	Moderator: Keitha Burnett, PhD, CSAB member	Gira J. Ravelo, PhD, FIU	
		TBD from UM	
<i>Marco Torrealba, Prevention305</i>			
2:45p – 3:00p	Break		
<b>BREAKOUT II</b>			

3:00p – 4:00p	Understanding Alcohol Use among Recent Latinx Immigrants: Linkages to Alcohol Prevention & Treatment Services		SIPA Auditorium
	Moderator: Ashly Westrick, PhD, FIU	Frank Dillon, PhD, Arizona State University	
		Mariana Sanchez, PhD, & Dr. De La Rosa, FIU	
		<i>Community Leader</i>	
3:00p – 4:00p	Preventing HIV Risk Behaviors Among Latino MSM: Bridging the Gap Between Research & Practice		SIPA 100
	Moderator: Tonanzin Montes, Homestead Behavioral Clinic	Jose Colon Burgos, PhD, FIU	
		Diana Sheehan, PhD, FIU	
		Mariano Kanamori, PhD, UM	
<i>Francesco Duberli, Survivor's Pathway</i>			
3:00p – 4:00p	Sociocultural Determinants of Health: Influencing the Substance Abuse Behaviors of Latinx Adolescents in South Florida		SIPA 103
	Moderator: Maria Elena Villar, PhD, FIU	Yannine Estrada, PhD, UM	
		Miguel Cano, PhD, FIU	
		Patria Rojas, PhD, FIU	
<i>Community Leader TBD</i>			
4:00p – 4:15p	Break		
<b>CLOSING PLENARY</b>			
4:15p – 5:05p	Future Directions for Latinx SAVA Health Disparities Research, Closing Remarks, & Acknowledgements		SIPA Auditorium
	Mario De La Rosa, PhD, FIU Victoria Behar-Zusman, PhD, UM		
	Michael Roman, City of Miami		
5:05p – 6:30p	Reception & Networking Meeting		

## **Acronyms/Definitions**

- SAVA Definition: Substance Abuse, Violence, and HIV/AIDS
- FIU: Florida International University
- UM: University of Miami
- TBD: To be Decided
- Guest Speakers: community participants or parents of community participants who have received substance abuse and HIV services from community-based agencies who have benefited from research conducted by CLaRO researchers. Individuals who have been study participants on any of CLaRO, CRUSADA/C-SALUD, or EL Centro study will be excluded from the panel.
- Community Leader: someone who works for an organization that serves our target population