



TEXAS CENTER FOR HEALTH DISPARITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

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Office of the Director

Dear Colleague:

You are invited to attend the Fourth Annual Texas Conference on Health Disparities to be held May 28th and 29th at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, Texas. The theme for the conference this year is *Targeting Health Disparities through Prevention*.

The Texas Center for Health Disparities at the University of North Texas Health Science Center is committed to prevent, reduce and eliminate health disparities in our communities through research, education and community relations. This conference will feature nationally recognized speakers and interactive debates highlighting the striking disparities in health status between the racial and ethnic minorities and the general population in Texas and the nation. The conference will also highlight the ongoing research programs and efforts (including community engagement programs) that are aimed to understand the underlying causes of such disparities and devising innovative strategies to ultimately eliminate them.

Of specific focus will be Prevention Strategies in Medicine and Community with emphasis on Policy solutions and Community Based solutions. Educational and interactive presentations, panel discussions and questions/ answer sessions will identify the challenges and bring conference attendees closer to developing a prospectus for the future.

One of the sessions of the conference on May 28th will be the Poster Presentation. This session will provide an opportunity for participants to share their research efforts with the health disparity community and the public. It also promotes the possibility of joint research projects and increases the community's awareness of the outstanding quality and range of research conducted in the area of Health Disparity.

Texas Conference on Health Disparities Objectives is to:

- Increase awareness and understanding of disparities in health
- Showcase best-practice models in research and outreach that are targeting health disparities through prevention strategies
- Highlight prevention strategies in medicine and community with emphasis on policy solutions and community based solutions
- Communicate the significance of exercise as a critical preventive strategy
- Establish a framework for ongoing dialogue and creation of partnerships to address disparities in health in all affected communities

TRAVEL

Participants are responsible for making their own transportation/travel arrangements to this meeting through their own travel agencies. For a list of hotels that have rooms blocked for the conference, please visit <http://www.hsc.unt.edu/HealthDisparities/Accommodation.htm>

REGISTRATION AND CONFERENCE INFORMATION

For more information and to register, please visit the Texas Conference on Health Disparities website: <http://www.hsc.unt.edu/HealthDisparities/conference.html>

If you have a question related to the programmatic aspects of the Conference please forward your inquiry to msmith@hsc.unt.edu

If you have a question about logistics (including registration, cancellations, transportation, special food requirements, or accommodations), please forward your inquiry to TCHD@hsc.unt.edu

For questions regarding the abstract submission and review process, please contact hajones@hsc.unt.edu

We look forward to seeing you at the Fourth Annual Texas Conference on Health Disparities!

Sincerely,

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SAVE THE DATE
MAY 28-29, 2009

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

**The 4th Annual Texas
Conference on Health Disparities:
Targeting Health Disparities
Through Prevention**

FEATURING

- National Leaders
- Community-Based Approaches
- CME, Nursing, and CHES credits
- Successful Solutions
- Clinical Approaches

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PROGRAM AGENDA (DRAFT)

MAY 28, THURSDAY:

OPENING SESSION (UNTHSC, EAD BUILDING, LUIBEL HALL)

8:00-9:50 AM	On-site Registration/Check-in
10:00-12:00	Poster Presentations
12:00	<i>Conference Welcome</i> Dr. Jamboor Vishwanatha, Director, Texas Center for Health Disparities
12:10	<i>UNTHSC Welcome</i> Dr. Scott Ransom, President, UNTHSC
12:20	<i>Opening address</i> Congresswoman Kay Granger
12:35	<i>Speaker Introduction</i> Dr. Michael Smith, UNTHSC
12:45	<i>Keynote address</i> Dr. Fernando Torres-Gil, UCLA

SESSION 1: PREVENTION STRATEGIES IN MEDICINE (UNTHSC – EAD BUILDING, LUIBEL HALL)

1:30	<i>Session Introduction by Session Chair</i> Dr. Roberto Cardarelli, UNTHSC
1:40	<i>Treating Chronic Health Disease: Differences Among Populations</i> Dr. Ileana L. Piña, Case Western Reserve University, OH
2:10	<i>Preventing Diabetes in Hispanic Children</i> Dr. Roberto Trevino, UTHSC-San Antonio, TX
2:50	Break
3:10	<i>Health Disparity Concerns Associated with the HPV Vaccine</i> Dr. Ralph Anderson, UNTHSC
3:40	<i>Keys to Diagnosis of Sleep Disordered Breathing with Limited English Proficiency</i> Dr. Daryl Thornton, Case Western Reserve University, OH
4:10	Q&A Session
4:30	ADJOURN

MAY 29, FRIDAY:

SESSION 2: PREVENTION STRATEGIES IN THE COMMUNITY (UNTHSC – EAD BUILDING, LUIBEL HALL)

8:00 A.M.	Continental Breakfast (EAD Atrium)
8:30	<i>Session Introduction by Session Chair</i> Dr. Kathryn Cardarelli, UNTHSC
8:40	<i>Community-based research to reduce cancer disparities</i> Dr. Sherrie Wallington, Harvard University
9:10	<i>STD and pregnancy prevention in adolescents</i> Dr. Susan Tortolero, UT School of Public Health

9:50	Break
10:10	<i>HIV/AIDS prevention in African Americans</i> Dr. Eileen Yancey, Morehouse School of Medicine
10:40	<i>Disparities of Substance Abuse</i> Avelardo Valdez, University of Houston
11:10	Q&A Session
11:30	<i>Poster Presentation Award Ceremony</i> Dr. Harlan Jones, UNTHSC <i>STAR Fellowship Award Ceremony</i> Dr. Robert Kaman, UNTHSC
12:00	<i>Lunch and Keynote address</i> Dr. Lovell A. Jones, Center for Research on Minority Health, The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center
SESSION 3: EXERCISE IS MEDICINE: COMMUNICATING THE MESSAGE (UNTHSC – EAD BUILDING, LUBEL HALL)	
1:30	<i>Session Introduction by Session Chair</i> Dr. Michael Smith, UNTHSC
1:40	<i>Exercise as Preventive Medicine</i> TBD
2:10	<i>Exercise and Diabetes Prevention in African Americans</i> Dr. Andrea Kriska, University of Pittsburgh
2:50	Break
3:10	<i>Exercise in Hispanic Children: Building the Culture</i> Dr Tinker Murray, Texas State University
3:40	<i>Physical Activity Interventions for Adolescent Girls from Diverse Racial/Ethnic Backgrounds</i> Dr. Debbie Young, University of Maryland
4:10	Q&A Session
4:30	ADJOURN, CONFERENCE EVALUATION

CONFERENCE SUPPORTER



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