



Second Annual Spring Conference

Connecting International Partners
to Strengthen Health Systems and
Their Workforces

May 6–7, 2014

The Second Annual Spring Conference on Poverty and Health in Latin America is designed to advance knowledge on policy and programming solutions aimed at creating more equitable health in Latin America. The theme of this year's conference is: Connecting International Partners to Strengthen Health Systems and Eliminate Health Disparities. This collaborative event will feature panel discussions, workshop sessions, and dialog prepared by US and Latin American faculty and other experts from the United States and nine Latin American nations. The conference will provide opportunities for multidisciplinary collaboration among researchers, students, faculty, and community members interested in promoting health for Latin American populations.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM - OVERVIEW Tuesday, May 6

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| 8:30 ~ 9:00 AM | Breakfast and Networking |
| 9:00 ~ 10:00 AM | Opening Session and Keynote Address |
| 9:00 ~ 9:30 AM | Welcome and Opening Remarks RICHARD C. BLUM, University of California Regent (invited) MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ, MD, MPH director, UCLA Blum Center and professor, UCLA Department of Family Medicine |
| 9:30 ~ 10:00 AM | Keynote Address LUIS ALBERTO MORENO, President, Inter-American Development Bank (invited) |
| 10:15 ~ 11:30 AM | Plenary Session 1 Strengthening Health Systems and Workforce Development: The UCLA Blum Center |
| 11:40 ~ 1:00 PM | Luncheon and talk FERDINANDO REGALIA, PHD, chief, Social Protection and Health Division, Inter-American Development Bank |
| 1:15 ~ 2:25 PM | Breakout Session UCLA Student Poster Presentations |
| 2:30 ~ 3:45 PM | Plenary Session 2 Advancing Stakeholder Engagement: Innovative Approaches for Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration to Advance a Culture of Health Speakers from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The World Bank |
| 3:50 ~ 5:00 PM | Plenary Session 3 Using Data to Drive Results: A Closer Look at Innovations for Tackling Health Disparities in Mesoamerica and Beyond DIEGO RIOS ZERTUCHE, MPA, monitoring and evaluation officer, Salud Mesoamérica 2015 Initiative, Panama ALI H. MOKDAD, PHD, professor, Washington University, Seattle EMMA IRIARTE, MD, MPH, executive secretary, Salud Mesoamérica 2015 Initiative, Panama |

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Conference Goals

 **To provide** a forum for international stakeholders to exchange information and to build networks among institutions, organizations, and individuals on research and programming designed to reduce poverty and improve health in Latin America.

 **To discuss** innovative policies and programs for health care systems reform and workforce strengthening.

 **To encourage** research evaluation efforts and ways to determine effective solutions for breaking the cycle of poverty and improving health.

Representation and Discussion

of programming from Latin American countries including:

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| Belize | Haiti |
| Brazil | Honduras |
| Costa Rica | Mexico |
| El Salvador | Nicaragua |
| Guatemala | Peru |

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| 5:15 ~ 6:30 PM | <p>Reception Welcome remarks SCOTT L. WAUGH, PhD, vice chancellor and provost, UCLA Presentation of UCLA Blum Center Summer Scholars Performances by UCLA Mariachi and Ballet Folklorico</p> |
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Wednesday, May 7

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| 8:00 ~ 8:30 AM | <p>Breakfast and Networking</p> |
| 8:30 ~ 8:45 AM | <p>Introductory Remarks MICHAEL A. RODRIGUEZ, MD, MPH director, UCLA Blum Center</p> |
| 8:45 ~ 9:45 AM | <p>Plenary Session 4 Scaling Up Innovations to Decrease Inequities in Poverty and Health: Regional Efforts EMMA SANCHEZ-MONIN, MPA, lead social protection specialist, IDB & team leader Nicaragua Operation, Salud Mesoamérica 2015 Initiative JENNIFER A. NELSON, MPH, technical official, Salud Mesoamérica 2015 Initiative representative from Plan Nacer, Argentina (invited)</p> |
| 9:45 ~ 10:00 AM | <p>Break</p> |
| 10:00 ~ Noon | <p>Working Session 1 Best Practices for Advancing Stakeholder Engagement in Latin America Session Leader: Representatives from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation</p> |
| Noon ~ 12:15 PM | <p>Closing Remarks MICHAEL A. RODRIGUEZ, MD, MPH</p> |

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