

HEALTH EQUITY SYMPOSIUM 2021

ENHANCING COMMUNITY-RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS
TO ADDRESS HEALTH EQUITY DURING COVID-19

SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

9:30 - 9:45AM

WELCOMING REMARKS

Eric F. Wagner, PhD, PI, FIU-RCMI

9:45 - 9:55AM

SPECIAL REMARKS

Mark B. Rosenberg, PhD, President of Florida International University

9:55 - 10:00AM

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Led by William Vega, PhD, Distinguished Professor

Senior Scholar for Community Health, Florida International University

10:00 - 11:00AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, MD, Director,

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)

11:00 - 11:10AM

BREAK

11:10 - 12:30PM

**FIU-RCMI COMMUNITY RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT GRANT PRESENTATIONS &
PANEL DISCUSSION**

Led by Michelle Hospital, PhD, Core Leader, FIU-RCMI Community Engagement Core

Anna Klimala, MM, & Joseph Burleson, Miami Music Project

“Expanding Miami Music Project’s capacity for evaluation and research partnerships”

Jezabel Maisonet, BSN, RN, Caridad Center

“Needs assessment to determine the social determinants of depression and anxiety in
Hispanics/Latinx at Caridad Center”

Lisette Gil, EdS, Miami Macarthur Educational Center

“MacCares mental health initiatives and research project on the effects of drug use in the
adolescent brain”

Manuel (Manny) Fermin, MPA, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade

“Assessing use of Count the Kicks and potential changes to stillbirth rates in Miami-Dade County
before and during COVID-19”

Syeda Baig, UHI Community Clinic

“Needs assessment for inclusion of nutrition education services at the UHI Community
Care Clinic”

Vanessa Mills, RN, BSN, MPH, & Amanda Ichite, PhD, MPH, CPH, Care 4 U Community Health Center

“Predictors of successful implementation of Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PreP) for HIV
prevention in a community health care setting”

12:30 - 1:30PM

LUNCH



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1:30 - 2:45PM

FIU-RCMI PILOT PROJECT PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

Led by Mary Jo Trepka, MD, MSPH, Core Leader, FIU-RCMI Investigator Development Core
Bret Eschman, MS, PhD

“The role of socioeconomic status in predicting language, social, and cognitive outcomes:
New insights from multisensory attention skills”

Natalia Bourguignon, PhD

“Development of Lab on Chip devices to evaluate trypanocidal drug activity individually
and/or combined for the treatment of Chagas Disease”

Nicole M. Fava, PhD, MSW

“Developing a trauma-informed measure of youth sexual health”

Sheila Clemens, PT, MPT, PhD

“Examining racial/ethnic disparities in functional outcomes of people with dysvascular lower
limb amputation and the effect of socioenvironmental factors”

Venkadesh Sarkarai Nadar, MSc, PhD

“A potential novel arsenic-containing anti-cancer drug for triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC)”

Commentary by Deborah E. Linares, PhD, MA, Program Official, NIMHD

2:45 - 3:00PM

BREAK

3:00 - 4:05PM

FIU-RCMI ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLEMENTS PRESENTATIONS

Led by Eric F. Wagner, PhD, PI, FIU-RCMI

Elena Cyrus, PhD, University of Central Florida & Rachel Clarke, PhD, FIU

“Examining the impact of macro and ecological disparities on COVID-19 health related
outcomes in the United States”

Elisa Trucco, PhD & Matthew Sutherland, PhD, Co-PIs

“Impact of COVID-19-related experiences on mental health, substance use, and the brain among
underrepresented youth: Leveraging the ACE Project”

Michelle Hospital, PhD & Robbert Langwerden, MS

“Enhancing COVID-19 vaccine health literacy among underrepresented minority communities”

Shanna Burke, PhD, MSW, MPH

“Sleep and cognition among Latinx midlife adults at-risk for Alzheimer’s Disease”

4:10 - 4:40PM

MAKING PUBLIC HEALTH DATA ACCESSIBLE TO LOCAL POLICY MAKERS: LESSONS LEARNED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Mary Jo Trepka, MD, MSPH, Core Leader, FIU-RCMI Investigator Development Core

Zoran Bursac, PhD, Core Leader, FIU-RCMI Research Infrastructure Core

Gabriel J. Odom, PhD, ThD, FIU-RCMI Pilot Awardee Cohort 4

4:40 - 5:00PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Eric F. Wagner, PhD, PI, FIU-RCMI

