

FIU-RCMI HEALTH EQUITY SYMPOSIUM

2024 AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024
8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

8:30 -
9:00 a.m. **Registration & Breakfast**

9:00 -
9:15 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**
Eric F. Wagner, PhD | Principal Investigator, FIU-RCMI
Kenneth A. Jessell, PhD | President, Florida International University

9:20 -
9:35 a.m. **Special Remarks**
Deborah Linares, PhD, MA | Program Official, NIMHD

9:40 -
10:40 a.m. **Keynote Speaker**
William Southerland, PhD | Principal Investigator, Howard University RCMI

10:45 -
11:00 a.m. **Break**

11:00 -
11:45 a.m. **Panel Discussion: FIU-RCMI Pilot Project Alumni**
*Facilitated by: Mary Jo Trepka, MD, MSPH | Core Leader, FIU-RCMI
Investigator Development Core*

Panelists:

José Colón Burgos, DrPH, MS | Assistant Professor, University of Florida
Hui Huang, PhD, MSW | Associate Professor, University of Texas at Arlington
Karina Villalba, PhD, MPH | Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida
Sheila Clemens, PhD, PT, MPT | Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky

11:50 a.m. -
12:10 p.m. **Research Presentation: Advancing Personalized Treatment Approaches for Childhood Cancers in Minority Populations Study**
Diana Azzam, PhD | Principal Investigator

12:15 -
1:30 p.m. **Lunch & Poster Session, Cohort 6 of FIU-RCMI Pilot Grant Awardees**
Aaliyah Gray, PhD | Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Epidemiology
Amber Sophus, PhD, MPH | Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
Genevieve Reid, PhD | Assistant Professor, Department of Global & Sociocultural Studies
Rumi Agarwal, PhD, MPH, MBA | Research Assistant Professor, FIU Embrace

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1:30 - **Panel Discussion: Collaborative Partnerships for Impactful Community-Based Research**
2:20 p.m.

Facilitated by: Michelle Hospital, PhD | Core Leader, FIU-RCMI Community Engagement Core

Panelists:

Andrea Iglesias, PsyD | Executive Director, Urban Health Partnerships

Emelina Martinez | Manager, Safe Syringe Exchange Services for The SPOT

Jeannette Torres, MS | Chief Executive Officer, Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade

Jennifer Ulysse, MPH | Research Business Analyst, The Children's Trust

Susana Peñaranda, MPA | Project Manager, City of Miami's Department of Human Services

2:25 - **Presentation: Tri-Sleep Study: Sleep, Gut Microbiome, and Mind**

2:45 p.m. Shanna Burke, PhD, MSW, MPH | Co-Principal Investigator

Sabrina Sales Martinez, PhD, MS, RDN | Co-Principal Investigator

2:50 - **Presentation: Addressing Community-level Influences of HIV and COVID-19 Disparities Among People with HIV Study**

3:10 p.m.

Diana Sheehan Delgado, PhD | Principal Investigator

3:15 - **Closing Remarks**

3:25 p.m. Eric F. Wagner, PhD | Principal Investigator, FIU-RCMI

Andrés G. Gil, PhD | Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Florida International University

3:25 - **Coffee & Networking**

3:45 p.m.