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1st Annual University of New Mexico National Health Disparities Conference

Sponsored by the New Mexico Center for Advancement of Research, Engagement and Science of Health Disparities (NM CARES HD)

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Hotel Albuquerque
800 Rio Grande Boulevard NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104

NM CARES Health Disparities Center is a collaborative of academic and community partners focused solely on the causes and solutions of health disparities affecting New Mexico’s Hispanic and Native American populations. By partnering with diverse communities, linking existent and emerging research resources, developing multi-level interventions, and applying evidenced-based strategies within cultural and social context, NM CARES HD seeks strategies to eliminate barriers to health equity that are locally relevant and sustainable.

The purpose of this initial conference is bring together disparities researchers from across the country and across the state to exchange strategies for disparities related research innovations, consider best practices for community engagement, discuss approaches to converting research into policy, and introduce the NM CARES Health Disparities Center to future collaborators from research, academic and community sectors. We are looking for a wide range of presentations about health disparities and invite your questions, posters, presentations and partnership.

The Health Disparities Conference will feature:

- **Key note addresses by:**
  - **Glenn Flores, MD** is Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health, Director of General Pediatrics, the Judith and Charles Ginsburg Chair in Pediatrics, and the Director of the Academic General Pediatrics Fellowship at UT Southwestern and Children’s Medical Center Dallas. Dr. Flores has given many invited talks nationally and internationally on racial/ethnic disparities in health and healthcare, Latino children’s health, access to healthcare, and culture and clinical care.
  
  - **Lawrence Wallack, DrPH** is Dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University and founder of the Berkeley Media Studies Group. Dr. Wallack helped to develop the public health-based “environmental approach” to prevention, broadening understanding of the causes and prevention of substance abuse problems, and pioneered media advocacy and the strategic use of mass media to advance public policy initiatives.
  
  - **Edith Parker, DrPH** is Professor and Head of the Department of Community and Behavioral Health at the University of Iowa’s College of Public Health. Also the Director of the Community Engagement Key Function for the Institute for Clinical and Translational Science, her current research interests focus on the development, implementation and evaluation of community-based participatory interventions to improve health status.
Don Warne, MD, MPH is a clinical professor at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law where he teaches American Indian Health Policy and is assisting in the development of the American Indian Policy and Leadership Development Center. Dr. Warne is a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe from Pine Ridge, South Dakota and comes from a long line of traditional healers and medicine men. Donald Warne’s work experience includes several years as a primary care and integrative medicine physician with the Gila River Health Care Corporation in Sacaton, AZ, and three years as a Staff Clinician with the National Institutes of Health in Phoenix where he conducted diabetes research and developed diabetes education and prevention programs in partnership with tribes.

- **Workshop – Moving Research Ideas into Research Projects**
  In this workshop, researchers who have an idea for a health and/or healthcare related research project and/or intervention will have the opportunity to present their ideas to Edith Parker, DrPH and to other members of the research community. This will be an open format workshop in which a presenter will bring a half page prospectus along with a list of questions for response and discussion. Presenters must register and respond to the “Call for Papers” to have their research ideas considered for the workshop.

- **Policy Forum: Framing Health Disparities Research for Agenda Setting, Health Equity and Change in Policy and Practice** facilitated by Lisa Cacari-Stone, PhD and Nina Wallerstein, DrPH featuring an address by Dr. Donald Warne, and discussion with Dr. Catherine Torres, Secretary of the Department of Health for the State of New Mexico, and a practicing pediatrician at the Rio Grande Medical Group in Las Cruces.

- Introduction of the NM CARES Health Disparities Center.

- Poster and table presentations of local research and health disparities programming.

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