



16th Annual Texas Conference on Health Disparities
Community Approaches to Health Equity
June 10-11, 2021

SCHEDULE

June 10, 2021		
Session 1: Moderator: Riyaz Basha, Ph.D.		
8:30 – 8:35 a.m.	Conference Welcome	Riyaz Basha , PhD. Associate Professor, Pediatrics UNTHSC
8.35 – 8.45 a.m.	Texas Center for Health Disparities	Harlan P. Jones , PhD Associate Professor and Director of Diversity and International Programs, UNTHSC
8:45- 8:55 a.m.	Institutional welcome	Brian Gladue , PhD Vice President for Research and Innovation UNTHSC
8.55 – 9.10 a.m.	HSC Roadmap and Strategy for Health Disparities	Sylvia Trent-Adams , PhD, RN, FAAN, FNAP Chief Strategy Officer UNTHSC
9:10 – 9:15 a.m.	Introduction to Keynote Speaker	
9.15 - 10.15 am	Keynote presentation Combating anti-science and distrust amid COVID pandemic	Peter Hotez, MD, PhD Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine Co-Director of the Texas Children’s Center for Vaccine Development Baylor College of Medicine
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Community Engagement Alliance against Covid-19 Disparities (CEAL)	Monica Webb Hooper , PhD Deputy Director National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities National Institutes of Health
11.00 – 11.15 a.m.	Texas CEAL Consortium	Jamboor Vishwanatha , PhD Regents Professor and Vice President Founding Director, Texas Center for Health Disparities Principal Investigator, Texas CEAL Consortium

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11:15 a.m.- Noon	Tarrant County Response to COVID-19 Pandemic	Vinny Taneja, Ph.D. Tarrant County Public Health
Noon.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
Session 2: Moderator: Erica Spears, Ph.D.		
1:00 -1:05 p.m.	Introduction to Session 2	Erica Spears, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Health Behavior and Health Systems, School of Public Health
1:05 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Working with Communities to achieve health equity -Tarrant County CEAL	Emily Spence, Ph.D. Associate Dean and Associate Professor, School of Public Health, UNTHSC
1:45 -2:30 p.m.	Unidos Contra COVID/United Against COVID	Robert L. Ferrer, MD, MPH, FAAFP Director of Community Engagement, Institute for the Integration of Medicine and Science UT Health San Antonio
2:30 – 2.45 p.m.	Break	
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	Identifying Community Impacts and Attitudes of COVID-19 on Health Inequity	Jasmine J. Opusunju, DrPH, MSED, CHES, CPH Executive Director CAN DO Houston
3:30 – 4.15 p.m.	Engaging Black and Hispanics/Latinos in COVID-19 clinical trials, vaccine uptake and educational campaigns.	Lorna H. McNeill, PhD, MPH Cullen Trust Health Care Chair in Health Disparities Research MD Anderson Cancer Center
4.15 - 4:30 p.m.	Wrap up and Adjourn	
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Session 3 : Moderator: Brandy Roane, Ph.D.		
8:30 – 8:40 a.m.	Introduction to Session 3	Brandy Roane, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Physiology and Anatomy, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
8:40 – 9:30 a.m.	Community Engagement Strategies for COVID-19 Prevention and Response in Underserved Communities in Hidalgo County	Luis R. Torres-Hostos, PhD Founding Dean and Professor School of Social Work UTRGV
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.	COVID Communications Resource Hub to Promote Health Equity for Texans	Rebecca A. Seguin-Fowler, PhD, CSCS, RD Associate Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Chief Scientific Officer, Healthy Texas Texas A&M University
10.15- 10:30 a.m.	Break	

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.	Deliberative Democracy: A Novel Strategy for Engaging Houston’s Underserved Communities to Address COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Improve Uptake	Hoda Badr, PhD Associate Professor Baylor College of Medicine
11:15– Noon	Health disparities, pandemics and natural disasters	Roland Thorpe, PhD Professor and Director, Program for Research on Men's Health Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
Session 4: Moderator: Rafal Fudala, Ph.D.		
1:00 – 1:05 p.m.	Introduction to Session 4	Rafal Fudala, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Microbiology Immunology & Genetics, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
1:05 – 1:45 p.m.	Barbershop Interviews	Stephen B. Thomas, Ph.D. Professor Health Policy & Management School of Public Health Director, Maryland Center for Health Equity
1:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Mental Health and Resilience During COVID-19	Gary Kesling, PhD Tarrant County Public Health
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break	
2:45 – 3:30 p.m.	NO MAS/NO MORE MISINFORMATION + MISCOMMUNICATION = MISTRUST	Venus Gines, M.A., P/CHWI President/Founder, Día de la Mujer Latina® Inc
3:30 – 4.15 p.m.	Wrap up and Concluding Remarks	Jamboor Vishwanatha, PhD Regents Professor and Vice President Microbiology, Immunology and Genetics, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Founding Director, Texas Center for Health Disparities