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2022-2023 Academic Year Kickoff Event

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School of Social Work

Dr. Mary Helen Hayden
Director

Accomplishments

Rankings

- **U.S. News & World Report**
 - 72 out of 298
 - 49 among public universities
 - 2 out of 10 FL grad programs
- **Blue Ridge Institute (NIH funding)**
 - 2 among public university social work programs
 - 5 overall

Faculty Research

- \$14,089,960 Awards
- 63 Publications
- 70 Presentations

New Faculty

- Dr. Sofia Fernandez
- Dr. Berenice Castillo
- Dr. Courtney Wilson

Awards and Recognitions

- Dr. Mario De la Rosa
 - Distinguished University Professor
 - Elected to Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine in Florida
- Dr. Sofia Fernandez
 - Award of Recognition from AWED
- Phi Alpha Honor Society
 - National Service Award



Accomplishments

Student Enrollment

- 238 BSSW, 194 MSW, 21 PhD

Graduates

- 78 BSSW, 76 MSW, 3 PhD

Internships

- 381 Placements
- 112,248 Clock Hours in Communities

Metrics – Met & Exceeded Benchmarks

- Retention, Graduation without excess hours, Employment/Continuing Education

Faculty/Staff Departures

- Dr. Hui Huang
- David Saltman
- Ivania Delgado
- Amethyst St. Thomas
- Maria Gutierrez

Engagement

• Support Groups

- Black Voices in Social Work
- LGBTQIA SOW Peer Group
- Fostering Panther Pride
- Book Club – Student & Faculty
 - *Navigating Difficult Moments in Teaching Diversity & Social Justice*

• Continuing Education Workshops

- Supervision for Field instructors (Bi-annual)
- Telehealth
- Understanding & Approaching Difficult Moments in Field Education
- Bridging the Black/Jewish Divide
- Faith, Religion & Spirituality in Field Practicum

• Doctoral Program Workshops



Plans & Goals

- **Celebrate 50 Years of Social Work Education at FIU**
- **Self-Study for CSWE Reaffirmation of Accreditation**
 - Due July 2023
- **FIU Program Review for BOG**
 - Due October 2022
- **New Faculty**
 - Dr. Bridget Tuttle – Assistant Teaching Professor
 - Ms. Altheresa Clark – Assistant Teaching Professor
- **New Staff**
 - Celine Cambara – Admin Assistant
- **Search for Assistant Professor**
- **Curriculum**
 - Revise course content for CSWE 2022 Standards & Competencies (DEI focus)
 - Revise all course syllabi, assessment tools, handbooks, forms
 - Incorporate telehealth in practice courses (Telehealth Lab)
- **Continuing Education**
 - Faculty DEI workshops
 - Field Instructor Supervision courses
 - Field Instructor DEI workshops
 - License Renewal courses
 - Licensing Prep courses



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Health Promotion & Disease Prevention

Dr. Elena Bastida
Chair

Accomplishments

Total Departmental Faculty (10): Clinical and Teaching Faculty (4) and Tenure Track and Tenured (6)

Research: Publications, Grant Awards and Presentations

- Twenty-seven (27) Faculty Publications, 13 Co-authored with other Stempel faculty and post docs (Epidemiology, Social Work, RCMI & Biostatistics), Psychology and Medicine
- Total Grant Awards, 2021- 2022 (includes individual investigator awards and collaborations): \$3,767,000
- Faculty and Student Presentations at APHA, Farmworker Association of Florida, Florida Healthy Youth Alliance, Florida Department of Health, International Sociological Forum



Teaching & Student Highlights

- Total 31 3-credit hour courses taught with 640 enrolled students in 2021-2022
- **Doctoral Graduates:** (7) Rumi Agarwal, E. Valerie Daniels, Gabriela Wyke, Amani Othman, Farah Saif, Derrick Forney, and Vicky Vasquez
 - Received the Dean's Excellence Award: Rumi Agarwal, Valerie Daniels
 - 19 Student Publications and 24 Presentations
 - Students in Chile NIH International Summer Fellowship: (University of Michigan Ann Arbor) Osmari Novoa and Gemma Galvez research at the University of Chile



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Service Highlights

- Selected **National, Regional, Community,** and **Global Related Services**
- **NIH:** Advisory Committee, National Institute of General Medical Sciences-NIGMS (Bastida), Scientific Panel Reviews: Bastida, Devieux, Mitchell, and Sanchez
- **Peer Review for broad spectrum of scientific journals:** Over 25 journals represented
- **Local Collaborations:** Bastida, Biersteker, Biggs, Devieux, Howard, Rojas, and Sanchez
- **Community Engagement:** Bastida (CLaRO), Howard (FIU-RCMI), Rojas (CLaRO)
- **Global Engagement:** Anastario, Bastida, Devieux, Michell, and Rojas

Plans & Goals

- Increase pedagogical training and teaching opportunities for Doctoral students
- Encourage increased publications in high impact scientific journals



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Biostatistics

Dr. Zoran Bursac
Chair

Accomplishments

- 45 ongoing grants/subcontracts as PI, Co-PI or Co-I – \$2.3 mil as PI or Co-PI (5/7 faculty)
 - Average FTE offset is 60%; 35 submitted grants/contracts with several pending funding
- 64 co-authored journal manuscripts (master staff and PhD students co-authored ~10 manuscripts)
- 34 courses (~350 students)
- PhD in Biostatistics and Data Analytics – recruited and enrolled 10 students (5 GAs) – 3 new PhD students joining Fall '22
- 75 PhD committees, 17 chaired/co-chaired; 1 postdoc
- MPH in BIO graduated 4 MPH students – 8 new committed MPH students Fall '22



Accomplishments

- FIU-STATCONSULT – 128 biostatistical or other statistical consults/projects from 78 clients supporting 35 departments/units, 9 colleges/centers, and 6 external clients/partners from Faculty (36%), Staff (10%), PhD students (35%), Master students (6%), Postdocs (4%) and others (9%) – Internal and external service agreements brought in ~\$54K
- Active in university, community, and national (professional) service – 29 university committees and 26 external
- Hired 1 new faculty – Professor **Xuexia Helen Wang**; Added Courtesy Assistant Professor **Dr. Fernando Lopez**
- **Drs. Odom, Veledar, and Bursac** (and **PhD student Roy Williams**) received City of Miami merit recognition for service
- **Biostatistics** ranked **No. 43** among public universities by U.S. News & World Report



Plans & Goals

- Recruit more students into MPH Biostatistics concentration
- Enroll our second PhD cohort and start on recruitment of next one
- Mentor/co-chair our existing PhD and MPH students – add BIO PhD students
- Continue existing grant collaborations and engage in new submissions
- Maintain and increase extramural funding and per faculty %FTE
- Continue to pursue collaborative, first author, methodological, and statistical software publications
- Hiring: 1 new master level staff
- Maintain and increase our FIU-STATCONSULT load with internal and external clients
- Continue and when possible, increase university, community, and national professional service activities



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Epidemiology

Dr. Mary Jo Trepka
Chair

Student & Postdoctoral Accomplishments

Enrollment

- Fall 2021: 76 MPH students (56 General and 20 Infectious Disease), and 15 PhD students
- Fall 2022: 81 MPH students (65 General and 16 Infectious Disease), 26 Certificate students, and 12 PhD students

Graduated

- 21 MPH, 1 MD MPH, and 7 PhD students

Student-led, peer-reviewed publications

- 23; average impact factor 5.1

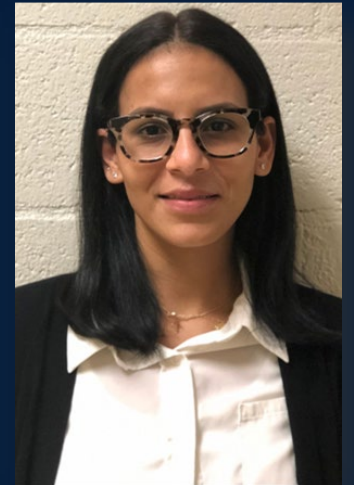
Student/postdoctoral awards

- Selected for 2021 Health Disparities Research Institute (D. Ramirez-Ortiz)
- NIH T32 NIDA (L. Nehme)
- Stempel Travel Scholarship Awards (S. Gbadamosi)
- Dissertation Year Fellowship (T. Taskin)

Our Postdoctoral Fellows



Dr. Aaliyah Gray



Dr. Daisy
Ramirez-Ortiz



Faculty Accomplishments

External funding

- Total received by FIU by 9 Epi faculty serving as PI's during 2021-2022 fiscal year: *\$4.3 million, averaging \$475,310 per faculty member*
- Department faculty served as PI on *19 different grants (average 2.1 per faculty member)*
- Average effort covered by externally funded research: 49%

Special congratulations

- Melissa Ward awarded **K01**, \$893,255, first major NIH grant
- Diana Sheehan awarded **first R01**, \$2.5 million
- Wasim Maziak awarded **two R01s** totaling \$3.6 million (totaling **3 R01s within 12 months!**)

Publications

- 82 total (average 9 per faculty, average impact factor 3.3)

Awards and honors

- Wasim Maziak: 2021 Faculty Award for Research and Creative Activities
- Diana Sheehan: UGS Excellence Award for Mentoring of Graduate Students
- Mary Jo Trepka (along with Gabriel Odom, Zoran Bursac, and Emir Veledar): City of Miami Recognition Award for COVID-19 support



Plans & Goals

- Strengthen PhD recruitment efforts, particularly students from South Florida community
- Build Infectious Disease Concentration and develop focus in hospital epidemiology
- Improve quality of teaching including increasing number of online courses that are Quality Matters certified
- Continue high level of external funding and scholarship
- Grow national and international recognition of faculty and department



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Dietetics & Nutrition

Dr. Fatma Huffman
Interim Chair

Accomplishments

- 12 Faculty, 10 Adjuncts
- 236 course offerings with 4,714 students in all classes
- 2,608 university-wide students have taken our classes
- **University:** 50 courses (UCC + Nursing prerequisite + Global Learning)
- **23** Doctoral students; 3 graduated
- **103** Master's students—7 Completed Pediatric Nutrition Certificate
 - Pediatric certificate is self-supporting
- **164** Bachelor's students in the Didactic Track, 147 in the Nutrition Science Track = 311 Total

RD Pass Rate (national exam)

	FIU	National Avg.
1 st Time	78%	62.2%
Within 1st year	93%	89%

BS – Internship

- 32 Graduating Interns

	FIU	National Avg.
Match Rate	86%	73%

- New initiative with School of Business to fulfill students' UCC requirements



Student Success Awards

Stempel
Publication
Award



Auslander Scholarship

Students Who Rocked
Public Health (nat'l.)

McNair
Fellowship



C.V. Starr
Scholarships

RETI Awards

McKnight
Fellowship

FIU Real
Triumphs
Graduate

Dean's Excellence
Award

American Society for
Nutrition (ASN) Foundation's
Undergraduate Diversity
Research Fellowship

LACC Scholarship

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Performance Indicators & Research Success

D&N Met or Exceeded

- FTIC 2-yr Retention Rate
- FTIC 6-yr Graduation Rate
- FTIC 4-yr Graduation Rate
- AA Transfer 4-yr Graduation Rate
- Percent Bachelor's degree without excess hours
- Percent Bachelor's graduates employed or enrolled
- Bachelor's and Graduate degrees in strategic areas

Research Success

- ↑ Grant Awards 55%
- (AY 21-22 - \$7,344,141; AY 20-21 \$4,033,341)
- 41 Journal articles
- 60 Abstracts (oral or poster presentation)
- 12 PhD and 14 MS students supported

Engagement & Service

- International, national, state, and local dietetic, nutrition, and/or food associations
- University, College, and Department Committees
- NIH grant, journal manuscript reviewers
- RCMI Engagement Core Activities
- Invited presenters and lecturers
- Collaboration with FIU-EMBRACE students
 - Faculty and Doctoral students volunteer laboratory space to deliver nutrition seminars
- Provide mentorship for Junior Faculty



Plans & Goals

- Promote the academic success of students and continue meeting FIU performance indicators
- Accreditation DPD (U.G.) & D.I. (Grad)
- Increase research and scholarly productivity of Faculty
- Hire at least three Faculty (two Assistant Professors and one Clinical Coordinator for D.I. program)
- Advance Concept Obesity Center or Preeminent Program



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Environmental Health Sciences

Dr. Jeremy Chambers
Interim Chair

Student & Trainee Accomplishments

Student Progress

- Graduated: Four (4) MPH students (**Three Dean's Excellence Awardees**)
- PhD Student Progress: Six (6) students **advanced** to PhD Candidate Level
- **90% of PhD students** presented a poster at a conference in the last academic year.

Undergraduate

- **Ana Raus**, an undergraduate researcher and MARC U*STAR fellow with Dr. Deodutta Roy, received an **Honorable Mention** for her research presentation at the FIU MARC U*STAR Symposium, entitled *Amplification of NRF1 and its target gene-JRK is associated with prognosis of ovarian cancer*.

Graduate

- **Christian Perez**, a PhD candidate with Dr. Quentin Felty, awarded a prestigious **Senior Congressional Innovation Scholar fellowship** with Tech Congress.
- Two PhD candidates, **Alex Rodichkin** (Dr. Guilarte) and **Ferass Sammoura** (Dr. Richardson), received **travel awards** to the annual meeting of the Society of Toxicology from the Neurotoxicology Specialty Section.

Graduate (cont'd)

- **Juan Morales**, a DOE Fellow and PhD candidate with Dr. Deodutta Roy, was awarded best presentation at the RemPlex Conference for his oral presentation *Modeling Episodic Heavy Metal Transport and Toxicity for the Assessment of Remediated Surface Waters*.
- **Ferass Sammoura** (First place) and **Arturo Barahona** (Second Place) **won the graduate student poster presentation** sponsored by the Neurotoxicology Specialty Section at the Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting.

Postdoctoral Fellows/Staff

- **Dr. Isha Mhatre-Winters**, a postdoc with Dr. Richardson, was **awarded best abstract** by the Association of Scientists of Indian Origin Special Interest Group and the Neurotoxicology Specialty Section of the Society of Toxicology.
- **Dr. Chunki Kim**, a researcher on Dr. Richardson's team, **received a grant** from NanosString Technologies, Inc. to analyze samples using the company's nCounter Glial Profiling Panel for a project entitled *Identification of the microglial NLRP3 inflammasome through the voltage-gated proton channel Hv1 using the NanoString Technologies, Inc. nCounter Glial Profiling Panel*.



Accomplishments – Faculty/Research

Promotions

- **Dr. Alok Deoraj:** promoted to full Teaching Professor

National Profile

- **Dr. Heidi Mansour:** elected to the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineers College of Fellows
- **Dr. Diana Azzam:** \$2 million from state of Florida to start certified laboratory for precision chemotherapy
- **Dr. Tomás R. Guilarte:** awarded the Translational Impact Award by the Society of Toxicology
 - Congressional appropriation of **\$2 million** to develop a medical imaging PET/Cyclotron Center at FIU

Extramural Funding	Study Section Participation
<p><u>Total Awards:</u> 52 (average: ~3 awards/faculty)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct Costs: \$20,057,498 (93% NIH)• Indirect Costs: \$8,082,485 <p><u>Total Costs:</u> \$28,239,382 (average: \$1,661,140/faculty)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black, Tieu, and Lucchini (standing)• Chambers, Guilarte, Mansour, Richardson, Wang, and Xia (ad hoc)

Peer-Reviewed Publications: ~25 publications in journals with impact factor >3.

Faculty Service: Service to the college and university has increased in the last academic year. National service and leadership opportunities continue to increase.

- **Muhammad Hossain** – elected secretary/treasurer of the Neurotoxicology Specialty Section for the Society of Toxicology

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Plans & Goals

- Increase extramural research awards and expenditures
- Increase publication numbers
- Revitalize our program curriculum
 - Includes a revision of the MPH program aimed at increasing enrollment
- Revise the tenure/promotion and evaluation guidelines for the department
- Improve the graduate student experience for MPH and PhD students



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Health Policy & Management

Dr. Gilbert Ramirez
Visiting Professor

Accomplishments



- **3.5 Faculty, 8 PhD students, 7 Master students**
- Successfully graduated our first 3 PhD students and moved all to D3 – (Team effort)
- 7 PhD students presenting abstracts at APHA, NACCHO conferences
- HPM Committee on Course and Teaching Development for PhD students
- Active participation in online accessibility (Dr. Davis and PhD student Aamna Qamar)

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Accomplishments

- Course development for Global Health Department (smooth transition)
- Faculty (3.5) published 9 peer-reviewed articles in the last AY
- Grants/contracts 1 extended, 1 new
- International patient safety initiative – continuing education (>60 students, >\$120K) and research (3 countries, >24 hospitals, >30,000 individuals)
- Faculty served on boards and workforce panels (NACCHO, APHA, CUGH)



Plans & Goals

- Complete graduation of all MPH students (currently 8) by Summer 2023
- Complete graduation of all PhD students (currently 8) by Fall 2023
- Expand international patient safety initiative to Brazil
- Full transition to the Department of Global Health by Spring 2024



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Global Health

Dr. Rajiv Chowdhury
Chair

Accomplishments

Building a new Department

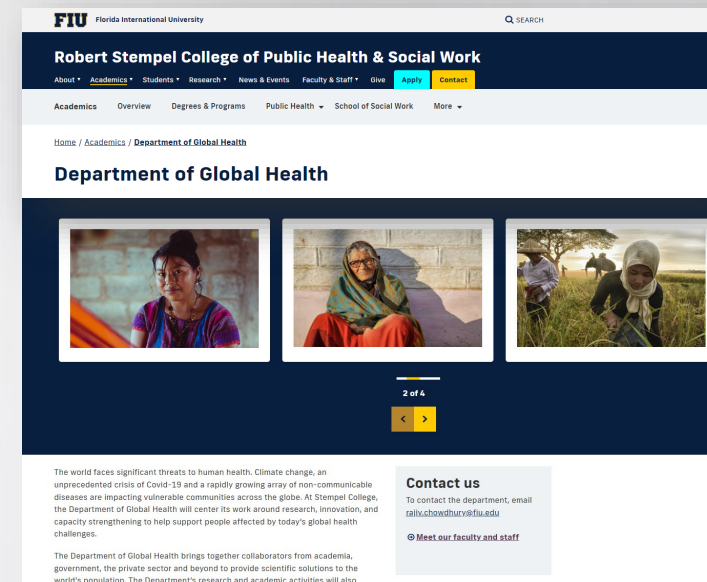
- Recruitment of the Chair and Office Manager
- Development of Academic Mission, Vision, and Scientific Pillars
- Appointment of Two Affiliate Research Professors (Espinal, Villar)
- Search ongoing for 2 new faculty appointments (Global Mental Health and Global Environmental Health)

Building a new MPH major in Global Health

- **A new curriculum has been built, partnering with global experts** – to be submitted for the EPC/CEPH approval later this month
- **The first cohort of students** – scheduled to commence in Fall '23

Building new research programs for Global Health

- **New collaborative research program on climate change and health** – with the University of Cartagena, Colombia
- **New collaborative research program on CVD control** – with the WHO Geneva, Johns Hopkins SPH, & MOH, Bangladesh



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Accomplishments

Scientific Achievements

- **14 grants awarded** – \$1.4 mil as PI or Co-PI
- **5 grants/contracts developed/submitted** (~\$7M)
- **~20 co-authored journal manuscripts**

Strategic Engagement Initiatives

- **A new Global Health Seminar Series launched** – with leading global health researchers
- **Multiple major global health events organized** – e.g., Global Health Conference of the Americas, COVID-19 Global Experts' Summit, Policy Workshops (led by Dr. Espinal)



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WEBINAR

GLOBAL HEALTH SERIES

Utilizing the potential of big biobanks in diverse populations



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GLOBAL HEALTH SERIES

Scaling up Psychosocial Therapies: Lessons from the Global South



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WEBINAR

GLOBAL HEALTH SERIES

COVID-19 Vaccines: Science vs Antiscience
July 14, 2022 | 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. ET



Dr. Peter Hotez
Baylor College of Medicine

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Plans & Goals

Research

- Raise the global health research profile of the department by creating new collaborative ties, primarily across Latin American countries
- Develop several joint grant applications (NIH and other foundations)

Academic

- Hire faculty to teach and conduct research in specific global health themes.
- Secure approval of the new MPH major in Global Health
- Develop a new Advanced Short Course on Global Health to be run in Latin American partner institutions

Service

- Provide technical support to the new FIU Population Health Institute initiative
- Enhance engagement with the local and global stakeholders (such as community organizations, government health agencies, and PAHO/WHO on global health issues)



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Global Health Consortium

Dr. Carlos Espinal
Director

Accomplishments

Current GHC grants:

\$1,435,605

Current grants and research by topic:

- Impact of COVID-19 on national immunization programs Phase I and II
- Cervical Cancer Elimination, modeling and economic impact
- Diabetes and Obesity in Colombia
- Antimicrobial Resistance. Economic and social impact of AMR
- Challenges on immunization. Catch-up strategies
- Tuberculosis elimination in the Americas. Trends and control strategies
- Vaccine Hesitancy and social media
- Digital health, apps for arboviruses. PAHO and LAC countries
- Platform for policy action in immunization: Three round tables and white papers on COVID-19 impact, funding, and vaccine hesitance
- Framework for vaccine production in MICs. US, Colombia, South Africa, Thailand, Philippines, Brazil, Panama
- Impact of COVID-19 on viral respiratory virus vaccination
- Lead and heavy metals impact in population health. Systematic review with UniAndes
- Research paper and virtual workshop: Comparative analysis of the National Immunization Advisory Committees in the Americas and WHO

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Academic Virtual Scientific Events

- **Global series on antimicrobial resistance with PAHO/WHO/CDC.** Four virtual scientific events on the use of antibiotics in the community, community empowerment in fighting AMR, advances and control strategies.
- **Cervical cancer elimination. GHC organized with PAHO, WHO, CDC, NIH and LAC country experts,** two virtual expert meetings to discuss cervical cancer in the Americas.
- **Tuberculosis in the Americas.** GHC in partnership with PAHO, CDC, WHO, scientific associations organized the virtual expert meeting to discuss the advances and impact of COVID-19 in TB control and elimination.



National Institutes
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Plans & Goals

- Support and collaborate closely with Dr. Rajiv Chowdhury and faculty members of the **Department of Global Health** to consolidate the academic and research pillars of the Department
- Collaborate with the **Special Projects** team in the **Office of the Dean** on the college's International Strategic Plan, the potential expansion to key countries such as Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico
- Organize the **2022 Global Health Conference of the Americas** in Miami, Florida, and 2023 in Cartagena, Colombia
- Organize and coordinate with SLIPE (Latin American Society of Pediatric Infectious Diseases) and PAHO the first in-person Spanish intensive course on Vaccinology and Public Policy on September 19-26, at FIU
- Expand the Global Health Consortium and the Department of Global Health into **Southeast Asia**
 - **1st Global Health Summit (2022-2023)** in partnerships with Mahidol University, the National Vaccine Institute in Thailand, and other potential partners
- Expand our research and academic portfolio to climate change and health, Global Health courses, and non-communicable diseases according to the pillars and priorities established by the chair of the Department of Global Health
- Increase the GHC activities and initiatives with the FIU DC Office
- Increase our proposal submissions to NIH and other bilateral agencies on priority designated areas



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Academy for International Disaster Preparedness

Javier I. Marques
Executive Director

Student Data 2021-2022

Undergraduate

- Active Fall 2021: 78
- Active Spring 22: 132
- Active Summer 2022: 147
- Graduated (summer 21, fall 21, spring 22): 21
- Graduating Summer 22: 18
- Attrition (summer 21, fall 21, spring 22): 0
- Attrition Summer 22: 0
- PLA Participants: 42
- Internships: 2
 - City of Miami (BA)
 - Coral Gables (BA)
- Awards:
 - 3 Stempel's Dean Excellence Award

Graduate

- Active Fall 2021: 58
- Active Spring 22: 62
- Active Summer 2022: 55
- Graduated (summer 21, fall 21, spring 22): 52
- Graduating Summer 22: 35
- Attrition (summer 21, fall 21, spring 22): 7
- Attrition Summer 22: 0
- Internships: 5
 - City of Miramar - Graduate
 - Florida Department of Transportation-Graduate
 - Food for the Poor (NGO)- Graduate
- Awards:
 - 3 Stempel's Dean Excellence Award
 - Scholarships: 14, a total of \$43,000 dollars

Fall 2022

Undergraduate

- Projected New Enrollment: 19
- Headcount: 148

Graduate

- Projected New Enrollment: 63
- Headcount: 78

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Faculty & Staff Research/Development

Grants	Research/Badging	Articulation Agreement
\$10,000 CAEL Grant to create promotional video for BA's PLA program	FES 1950 selected as part of the Writing Across the Curriculum Badging Program	MDC and AIDP for BA & MA programs (MDC has a BAS in Public Safety Management)

Faculty Development	Conferences/Collaborations
<p>3 courses received QM designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FES 6858 Crisis Communication submitted FES 6805 Disaster Field Operations PHC 4250 Crisis Leadership for Disasters participating <p>1 course being processed for QM designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SYG 6932 Special Topics in Disaster Studies being finalized <p>1 course starting QM process in Fall 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FES 6846 Comparative Disaster Management Systems 	<p>FEMA Higher Education Conference</p> <p>Governor's Hurricane Conference (GHC)—2022—four scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students</p> <p>Career opportunity—FEMA's Virtual Information Forum & Resume Workshop</p> <p>Participation in FEMA's Region IV Academic Collaborative</p>



Service & Community Engagement

Specialized Training on Crisis Communication

- Village of Biscayne Park Police Department
- Bonita Springs Utilities

Incident Command Systems Taught

- City of Miami Fire-Rescue Department
- Village of Key Biscayne Fire-Rescue Department

AIDP Students Respond to Surfside Building Collapse

- Students were heavily involved in the response mechanism of this devastating disaster

Graduate Capstone—Disaster Field Operations Course

- The 2022 Disaster Field Operations Course was successful due to our public and private partnerships. We will continue to engage government, non-governmental, and private sector partners to strengthen the students' training and graduate-level educational experience

HeatShield Training

- The operation HeatShield exercise series is a Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force (SERDSTF) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) encompassing a complex coordinated terrorist attack (CCTA) initiative

Program Guest Speakers

- **The following field experts and practitioners shared their experiences in our programs:**
 - FES 6806: Gracia B. Szczech, the Regional Administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 4. Appointed in February 2015, she leads and coordinates all activities in support of FEMA's mission with state and tribal partners in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee



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Partnerships

International Partnerships

- Due to the pandemic, the graduate program had to postpone the study abroad opportunity created with Tel Aviv University (TAU). However, continued collaboration and engagement has been ongoing, and we anticipate to travel to TAU in the upcoming year 2022-2023

Federal Partnerships

- **FEMA partnership:** workshops, as well as attending our Disaster Field Operations Course, engaging with our students in the classroom, and becoming Adjunct Professors
- US Coast Guard internship (BA)
- **FAA-CARRG:** In May 2022, the FAA hosted the first in-person meeting of the CARRG in Miami at FIU to discuss how to operationalize mutual assistance in the Caribbean
- **USSOUTHCOM:** Actively participated in the 2022 Disaster Field Course Operations event

State Partnerships

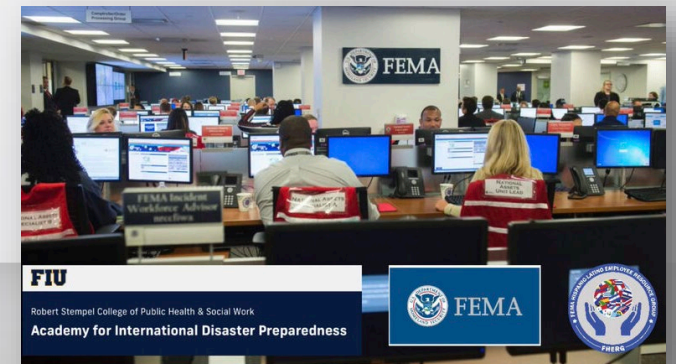
- FDOT established their first internship with graduate students
- Pasco County Emergency Management internship (BA)

Plans & Goals

- Launch Fire Officer Training Program
- Update Departmental Strategic Plan (2022-2027)
- **Career Fair:** Highlight public and private sector employers to engage directly with our students, as well as expanding our collaboration with FEMA and conducting workshops to prepare our students for the field
- Alumni Reunion

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Online MPH Generalist

Dr. Yassenka Peterson
Director

Enrollment as of August 1, 2022

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Number of new students enrolled	20	16	37	44	30 (4 more with appointment to register Week of August 1 st)
Head count	21	41	63	112	119
Degrees awarded	0	1	13	21	31



Accomplishments

- Established Online MPH Alumni Advisory Board
 - Met twice virtually
 - In person in October
- New line – clinical assistant faculty for Online MPH
- Awarded Practicum Scholarship to students
- Implemented Practicum Information sessions
- Contracted with “Sonia” to manage Practicum student placement
- Enrolled MSW/MPH (online/Generalist) student



Plans & Goals

- Submit curriculum changes to address Alumni Advisory Board feedback
- Hire Practicum Director faculty
- Hire Clinical Assistant faculty
- Develop and implement Professional Development workshops for students
- Implementing “Sonia”
- Quality Matters courses



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Center for Research on US Latino HIV/AIDS & Drug Abuse (CRUSADA)

Dr. Mario De La Rosa
Director

Accomplishments

Center Funding

Year 06 (via **Supplement Award**) of NIH U54 Center for Latino Health Research Opportunities (CLaRO) (NIMHD)

Research Grant Awards

- **NIH U54 Supplement:** NIH Community-Engagement Research Alliance Against COVID-19 (CEAL-3) (M. De La Rosa, E. Bastida)
- **NIH R01** (Year 01): Disasters, solar energy, and chronic disease management in aging Puerto Ricans. National Institute on Aging. (N. Varas-Diaz, M. Padilla, S. Rodriguez Madera).
- **NIH R01** (Year 03): Disasters Physician Migration and Its Implications for Puerto Rico's Health Care System. NIMHD. (N. Varas-Diaz, M. Padilla, S. Rodriguez Madera).
- **National Science Foundation.** University of Central Florida I-Corps Sites: Enhancing Technology Commercialization to Develop a World-Class Innovation Ecosystem. (G. Ravelo)

Training Grant Awards

- **NIMHD** Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Training (MHRT) Program (T37) in Santiago, Chile (O. Novoa)

Publications and Presentations

- 38 papers published/in press
- 12 manuscripts Under Review/Revise-Resubmission
- 19 oral/poster presentations

Student Funding Support

- Tuition & stipend: 3 PhD students

CRUSADA Supplemental Pilot Studies Program

- 1 new project funded

Data Collection Completed

- U54, **Hombres de Familia Project** (P. Rojas)

Faculty and Student Recognitions

- V. Vazquez named *FIU Real Triumphs Graduate* (2022)
- M. De La Rosa elected to *The Academy of Science Engineering and Medicine of Florida* (ASEMFL)
- M. De La Rosa awarded rank of *Distinguished University Professor, FIU* (Fall 2022)



Plans & Goals

NIMHD U54 (*M. De La Rosa, V. Behar-Zusman*)
Center for Latino Health Research Opportunities
(CLaRO)

- Complete activities as outlined in application
- **Prepare for U54 five-year renewal application**

NIMHD U54 CLaRO Major Project (*P. Rojas*)
Hispanic Men Building Respect Education and
Safety (HOMBRES)

- Continue Publishing and presenting findings

NIH Community-Engagement Research Alliance
(CEAL) Against COVID-19
(*M. De La Rosa, E. Bastida*)

- Continue disseminating COVID-19 information to Latinos using diverse approaches

NIAAA R01 (*M. Sanchez, E. Romano*):

Pre- to Post-Immigration Drinking and Driving among
Recent Latino Immigrants: Examining Opportunities for
Intervention

- Complete data collection and analyses for R01 and R01 administrative supplement to address COVID-19
- **Develop and submit R01 proposals based on above findings**

NIDA K99 (*J. Colon-Burgos*):

Testing a culturally tailored behavioral intervention to
reduce co-occurring substance use and HIV risk among
stimulant-using Latinx men who have sex with men in
South Florida.

- Complete the proposed training and research activities identified in the K99 grant



Plans & Goals

Continue to address substance use, HIV, and COVID-19 health disparities affecting Latino populations and other vulnerable communities in South Florida.

- Work with community agencies to disseminate CRUSADA research findings to community, with particular focus on CLaRO's Community Core, HOMBRES Study, and CEAL project
- Continue to fund doctoral fellowships to train the next cadre of ethnic/racial health disparities researchers
- Expand CRUSADA's research program to include research on violence
- Continue to build strong partnerships with community agencies that will lead to future collaborations
- Continue to disseminate findings from CRUSADA research through publications and conference presentations in peer-review journals and community venues
- Continue to seek funding opportunities for ethnic/racial health disparities research



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