



Society for Prevention Research, Diversity Network Committee

DNC Speaker Series

Advances in Prevention Science, Diversity, and Inclusion

Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

From Barrio Life to Becoming a University Professor: Reflections on this Life Journey

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021, at 2 pm – 3 pm EDT / 11 am – 12 pm PDT

Join us over Zoom. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrf-Gorz8qEtWv7iXqmQBULrXfpQZZoVuB>

Speakers:



Felipe González Castro, PhD, MSW



Miguel Ángel Cano, PhD, MPH

Dr. Felipe González Castro is a Professor and Southwest Borderlands Scholar in the College of Nursing and Health Innovation at Arizona State University. He is a Hispanic health psychologist, whose research program examines multivariate models of health behavior and behavior change, to study the role of cultural and non-cultural risk and protective factors in effecting health lifestyles, including drug, alcohol, and tobacco use, and in the prevention of type 2 diabetes. He utilizes a stress-coping-resilience paradigm to understand how cognitive, affective

and behavioral factors affect health and well-being, including the expression of resilience. Dr. Castro is the originator of the Integrative Mixed Methods methodology, which offers a rigorous approach for conducting mixed methods research to examine the sociocultural determinants of health in Hispanic/Latino and other vulnerable populations. Dr. Castro was inducted as a Fellow of Division 45 of the American Psychological Association. He served as President of the Society for Prevention Research (2013-2015), and was a recipient of the Community, Culture and Prevention Science Award and Service to SPR Award from the Society for Prevention Research.

Dr. Miguel Ángel Cano is an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and a Faculty Affiliate of the Center for Research on U.S. Latino HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse at Florida International University. His program of research concentrates on the etiology and prevention of substance use behavior/disorders and poor mental health, and aims to understand social determinants of health and health disparities affecting Hispanic communities. His primary research interests focus on sociocultural stressors (e.g., ethnic discrimination) and coping resources in relation to substance use behavior and mental health. Dr. Cano currently serves on the editorial boards of: Behavioral Medicine, American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology, Emerging Adulthood, Journal of Clinical Psychology, Journal of Latinx Psychology, and Journal of Research on Adolescence. Dr. Cano is a recipient of the National Award of Excellence in Research by a New Investigator from the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse (2016), and a recipient of the Distinguished Professional Early Career Award from the National Latinx Psychological Association (2020).

Dr. Castro and Dr. Cano will share reflections on their career paths in academia and discuss the challenges of being Hispanic researchers who conduct research focused on Hispanic communities. They will also discuss strategies for career development and potential growth areas for the field of prevention science with Hispanic communities.

The aims of the DNC presentation series are to highlight research on prevention science and public health that is led by researchers from underrepresented groups and primarily conduct research with groups that are understudied (e.g., racial/ethnic minorities, individuals who identify as a sexual minority, individuals with disabilities). The presentation series will also aim to create a forum for the guest speaker(s) to share career/professional reflections as a researcher from an underrepresented group(s) and to promote discussions of diversity and inclusion in professions related to prevention science and public health.