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The sixth Summer Institute on Migration and Global Health, organized by the Health Initiative of the Americas of the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, in conjunction with the Center of Expertise on Migration and Health (COEMH) of the UC Global Health Initiative (UCGHI) took place at the University of California, Berkeley and the California Endowment Oakland Conference Center from June 20th to 24th, 2011.

A total of 86 participants and 40 speakers from six different countries and eight U.S. states attended the event. They represented sixty-six organizations, including three international organizations (World Health Organizations, International Office of Migration, and UNICEF) and 16 universities. The University of California was represented by 23 students and 20 faculty members from 8 UC campuses.

The keynote speaker was Dr. José Angel Córdova Villalobos, Secretary of Health of Mexico, who presented Mexico's Strategy for Health Services for Migrant Populations. UC Berkeley Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost George Breslauer, and Stephen Shortell, Dean of the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, also played a major role in the inaugural part of the event.

As its main objective, the Summer Institute provided information on migration and global health from an international and multidisciplinary perspective as well as useful tools on data collection methodologies and health promotion for migrant populations. It also provided an excellent opportunity to create new networks that can be of great importance for improving the health and quality of life of migrants in the United States and around the world.

The Summer Institute also hosted the second annual COEMH workshop for UC students. Sixteen students from 8 UC campuses were able to present their research on different subjects related to migration and health and receive feedback from UC faculty. These student's experiences were also enriched by the opportunity to attend the plenary presentations of the Summer Institute and network with other international researchers.



Left to Right: Marc Shenker, Co-Organizer, UC Davis; Dr. José Angel Córdova Villalobos, Secretary of Health, Mexico; Xochitl Castaneda, Co-Organizer, UC Berkeley; George Breslauer, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, UC Berkeley; and Stephen Shortell, Dean of the School of Public Health, UC Berkeley

The presentations covered a wide spectrum of issues related to migrant health, including: Mexico's strategy for health services for migrant populations; overview of global migration and definitions; global climate change and the effects of migration; the US health care reform; occupational health; infectious diseases; injury and violence prevention; chronic diseases; international plans, policies and strategies to address migrant health issues worldwide; the impact of migration on children; and human trafficking.

The last day of the Summer Institute was dedicated to a field visit to La Clinica de la Raza, a community clinic in Oakland that serves near 70,000 patients per year, most of them Latinos. There, participants listened to interesting presentations about the Clinic's different programs and their efforts to be culturally and linguistically competent for the population they serve.



David Lopez Carr, Professor, UC Santa Barbara, talking about Rural Migration, Population, and Health in Guatemala



Students listening to presentations, The California Endowment Conference Center, Oakland California

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Some comments from participants:

"It is the most empowering institute ever that could help promote systemic change across different levels worldwide".

"This is truly a unique educational and cultural experience that is critical to advancing research and interventions for our Latino migrant communities in the US and Mexico. I am constantly and consistently impressed by the caliber of the presenters and the diversity of topics presented."

"I like the idea of bringing experts who have broad experience in the field and the opportunity to make networks and meet people who work in this area; especially meeting committed people doing real things to improve the quality of life of the immigrant community".

"The institute is thought-provoking and provides access to cutting edge research and leaders in this field of migration and global health".

"The student workshop was great and helpful in getting feedback as well as making connections with students who share similar interests".

"Very stimulating, valuable, informative, and a good networking experience".

