



NNLAMIS

4th Annual National Conference

Tomorrow's Doctors

Leading Advocacy and Activism in Medicine

MARCH 19-22, 2009

New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

In conjunction with the NHMA National Conference
Providing networking opportunities with today's leading Latino(a) physicians!



National Network of Latin American Medical Students
2009 National Conference
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¡Bienvenidos!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 4th Annual NNLAMS National conference in conjunction with the 13th Annual National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) Conference: *Building A Health Care Workforce For The Hispanic Community*. We want to thank the NHMA for their continued support in hosting us during this important event for the last four years. Their support has been paramount in our national development. Additionally, we thank all of our sponsors for their continued support to our mission of equipping our members with the proper tools to become successful patient advocates and community leaders in the future. To all the faculty and students that put forth tremendous efforts to make this conference possible and the organization successful, we thank you for your determination and dedication towards positive progress.

The national conference serves as a venue to network with physicians and other students while learning about new developments and opportunities for Latinos in healthcare. Additionally, we reflect upon our prior experiences, discuss our yearly projections, and envision our future endeavors. We emphasize to our student members the importance of the NHMA sessions and opportunities to meet Latino physicians making a difference in the front lines of medicine. The review and acquisition of new tools and concepts will allow for better evaluation of our past experiences during our executive business meeting and set the pace for our yearly planning.

Our current and future projections will be assessed from a regional and national standpoint. We hope to solidify regional structure and membership through group innovations and cooperation. As part of this initiative the regional leadership will discuss new strategies to employ at the national level in order to greater serve the regions. We will assess our current name system, regional non-profit status, and flow of information. As part of our expansion we hope to create new positions that will effectively carryout the next step in the development of the organization. Through these unified efforts we strive to represent, support, educate, and unify US Latino(a) medical students from coast to coast.

Unity is the special bond that has turned the concept of NNLAMS into a common denominator for all Latino(a) medical students nationwide. After formal incorporation in 2003, 501(c)(3) non-profit status acquisition in 2004, and three national conferences, we look to the future and seek new ways to promote the recruitment and education of Latinos and Latinas into medicine among the 5 regions. Through partnership with the NHMA, Latino medical student can transition to the next level as resident physicians to develop their professional careers. With this vision, NNLAMS strives to equip our student leaders with the right materials to make a positive impact on society and provide a voice for Latino(a) medical students nationwide.

With this, I present you our new national coordinator, Julia Bregand-White, from the University of Illinois – Chicago, College of Medicine. I wish you all the success and welcome you once again to the 4th Annual NNLAMS National Conference. It has been a privilege to serve you.

Best wishes,
Ruben Font, Jr.
National Coordinator, NNLAMS 2008-09



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Dear Friends:

We are very pleased and excited to welcome you to “**TOMORROW’S DOCTORS: LEADING ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM IN MEDICINE**” the 4th annual National Conference of the National Network of Latin American Medical Students (NNLAMS) held in conjunction with the 13th annual conference of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA). We hope you find many opportunities to network, learn, and have a good time.

The 2009 NNLAMS National Conference team has worked very hard to bring you the conference this year. Recalling from last year’s busy conference in Washington D.C. where there did not seem to be much time for hands on learning, this year we bring you a suturing workshop with a twist. We have 6 wonderful doctors who have donated their time to teach suturing skills and at the same time discuss why they too as minority physicians love medicine and their particular specialties. We feel this is going to be an excellent opportunity to meet your future colleagues and gain some invaluable learning experiences.

Once again we bring you the 3rd annual residency guide. This guide has everything you need to know about applying to residencies as well as special tips from M4s who just finished the process. Though it may seem to be most helpful to third years, this guide will give 1st and 2nd years a head start on the process and what they should be doing in the next few years to ensure they get the residency spot of their dreams. We hope everyone will also check out the ads from the many residency programs that could just become the training place for you!

This year’s conference focuses on the role of the medical student to advocate for change in the medical field. We have 2 keynote speakers who will speak on what they are doing to help change the face of medicine and what we can do as medical students. It is our hope that you will network with the physicians you meet here as well as each other so that together we can work toward change. Feel free to exchange numbers and emails and begin to work together on the key issues that plaque our Latino/a communities throughout the United States. If we all work together we can make a difference.

Finally, we are here not only to learn but to have fun and be together as an NNLAMS *familia*. So please join in our various social activities, they promise to be a good time!

Sincerely,
Christina Chavez
2009 NNLAMS National Conference Chair

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19

3:00pm – 5:00 pm

REGISTRATION

Promenade - New York Marriot at the Brooklyn Bridge 333 Adams St. Brooklyn, NY

6:00pm – 8:00pm

OPENING RECEPTION TO HONOR NHMA LEADERSHIP FELLOWS ALUMNI

United Nations, Manhattan, NY - sponsored by Johnson & Johnson and the Mexico Tour.
Buses will leave from the hotel at 5:45pm.

9:00pm – 10:00pm

NNLAMs/NHMA LEADERSHIP RECEPTION- Dr. Elena Rios' Suite

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

7:30am – 5:00pm

REGISTRATION - *Promenade*

EXHIBIT HALL – *D & E Foyers & F/G/H/I Ballroom*

7:30am – 8:45am

BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM – PATIENT PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

Ballroom A/B/C - Sponsored by Pfizer, Inc.

9:00am – 3:00pm

RESIDENCY AND MEDICAL SCHOOL TOURS

(LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE – Please sign up at registration table)

OPTION A (for Medical Students):

SUNY Downstate Hospital and Brooklyn Hospital Center.

Meet Residency Program Directors and Residents in: Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Emergency Medicine and possibly more.

OPTION B (for Pre-Medical Students):

Medical Student guided tours of NYU College of Medicine

Medical Student and faculty panel.

9:00am – 10:00am

OPENING PLENARY – NATIONAL VISION FOR A HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE FOR THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY – *Ballroom D/E*

Moderator: Elena Rios, M.D., M.S.P.H., President and CEO, NHMA, Washington, DC

Speakers: Ciro Sumaya, M.D., M.P.H.T.M., Chairman of the Board of Directors, HMA, Dean, School of Rural Public Health, Texas A&M Health Science Ctr., College Station, TX

Ruben Font Jr. NNLAMS National Coordinator, MS IV University of Kansas SOM

Keynote Speaker: Richard F. Daines, M.D., New York State Health Commissioner

10:00am – 12:00pm

PLENARY: National Leadership Perspective

Moderator: Jo Ivey Boufford, M.D., President, New York Academy of Medicine

Speakers: Dora L Hughes, MD, MPH, FAACP, Counselor for Public Health & Science, Office of the Secretary, DHHS, Washington, DC

Maria Soto Greene, M.D., MPH, President, Hispanic-Service Health Professions Schools, Inc., Washington, DC

Diana Bontá, RN, Dr.P.H., Vice President, Kaiser Permanente Southern California, Pasadena, CA

Steve Dawson, President, PHI, Bronx, NY

12:00pm – 12:30pm

BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL - D & E Foyers & F/G/H/I Ballroom

12:30pm – 2:30pm

LUNCH PLENARY: HISPANICS AND DEPRESSION AND CO-MORBIDITIES – Ballroom D/E

Moderator: Kathy Flores, MD, Director, UCSF-Fresno Center for Medical Educational Research, CA Health Education Center & health Education Training Center

Speakers: Pedro Ruiz MD, Professor and Interim Chair, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Texas- Houston Medical School, Houston, TX

Javier L. Escobar, MD, MSc, Professor and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, NJ

David Henderson, MD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

2:30pm – 3:15pm

FEDERAL POLICY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - Ballroom D/E

Garth Graham, MD, MPH, Deputy Asst. Secretary for Minority Health, Rockville, MD

3:30pm – 3:45pm

TOMORROW'S DOCTORS: LEADING ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM IN MEDICINE

NNLAMS WELCOME

Ruben Font Jr., NNLAMS National Coordinator, MS IV University of Kansas SOM

Julia Bregand-White, NNLAMS National Coordinator Elect, MS III University of Illinois Chicago

Christina Chavez, NNLAMS National Conference Chair, MS IV University of Illinois Chicago

3:45pm – 4:15pm

NNLAMS KEYNOTE ADDRESS: LEADING ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM IN MEDICINE

Antonio Beltran, MD - Chief Resident, Dept. of Medicine, University of Southern California
President, Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR)

4:20pm – 4:50pm

HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE RESEARCH TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP:

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MEDICINE AND IN YOUR OWN CAREER

Jessica Valdez – MS III University of New Mexico SOM

5:00pm – 6:30pm

NNLAMS BUSINESS MEETING and OFFICER NOMINATION REVIEW

6:00pm – 8:00pm

DR. HELEN RODRIGUEZ-TRIAS WOMEN IN MEDICINE AWARD - RECEPTION

Exhibit Hall: D & E Foyers & F/G/H/I Ballroom – supported by PhRMA

8:00pm – 9:00pm

KAISER RECEPTION FOR NNLAMS STUDENTS – Please see registration table for location.

Yolanda Padilla, Resident Recruitment and Outreach Kaiser Permanente Southern California
Kaiser Physicians and Residents will also be in attendance. Beverages will be provided.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

7:30am – 5:00pm

REGISTRATION - Promenade

7:30am – 9:30am

BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM: Cardiometabolic Risk in Hispanics: An Update – Ballroom A/B/C

Moderator: J. Emilio Carrillo, MD, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor of Clinical Public Health and Clinical Medicine, Weill Medical College, Cornell University, President & Chief Medical Officer, NY Presbyterian Community Health Plan

Speakers: Eric J. Velasquez, MD, FACC, FACP, FASE; Associate Professor, Director, Cardiac Diagnostic Unit; Director, Echocardiography, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Duke University Medical Center, Duke Clinical Research Institute, Durham, NC

Carlos Jose Rodriguez, MD, MPH, FACC, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine and Clinical Epidemiology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Mailman School of Public Health, Division of Cardiology, Columbia University

Mariano Rey, MD, Director of the NYC Institute for Community Health and Research, Director of the NYU Centers for Health Disparities Research

10:00am – 12:00pm

**SUTURE WORKSHOP/ RESIDENCY INFORMATION SESSIONS
(LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE – Please sign up at registration table)**

OPTION A (10:00am – 11:00am):

Eric Eisemon MD – PGY1 Orthopedic Surgery

John Paul Sanchez MD, MPH – PGY3 Emergency Medicine

OPTION B (11:00am – 12:00pm):

Joaquin Santolaya MD, PhD – OB/GYN, Boston, MA

Donna Mendez MD – Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Huston, TX

Yvette Calderon MD – Emergency Medicine, New York, NY

9:30am – 10:15am

PLENARY: IMAGING OBESITY AND ADDICTION - Ballroom D/E

Moderator: Conchita Paz, MD, NHHF Board of Directors, Las Cruces, NM

Keynote Speaker: Nora D. Volkow, MD, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health

10:15am – 12:00pm

**PLENARY ROUNDTABLE: The Private Sector Perspective on Improving Workforce Diversity -
Ballroom D/E**

Moderator: Elena Rios, MD, President and CEO, NHMA

Speakers: George Thibault, MD, President Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, New York, NY
Rudy Bessera, Vice President, The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, GA

12:00pm – 12:30pm

BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL - D & E Foyers & F/G/H/I Ballroom

12:30pm – 2:00pm

LUNCH PLENARY: Challenges and Opportunities for Hispanic Health – Ballroom D/E

“Welcome to Brooklyn” - **The Honorable Marty Markowitz**, President, Brooklyn Borough, Brooklyn, NY
Maria de los Angeles Fromow Rangel, MD, Mexico Ministry of Health, Col. Juarez, Mexico, DF

2:00pm – 2:50pm

NNLAMS KEYNOTE ADDRESS: THE MODERN ROLE OF LATINO PHYSICIANS IN MEDICINE

Monica Vela, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Associate Vice Chair of Diversity, University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

3:00pm – 5:20pm

NNLAMS National Officer Elections

Nominations for officer positions are due at 3:00pm EST on-site at the conference. Please submit to national coordinator or national coordinator-elect.

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Harvard Reception

6:30pm – 7:30pm

NHMA RECEPTION – D/E Foyers

7:30pm

AWARDS DINNER - Ballroom

Moderator: Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, President & CEO, NHMA and NHHF

Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Louis Sullivan, MD, Chairman, The Sullivan Alliance, Washington, DC
Carolyn M. Clancy, MD, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD

9:00pm – 12:00am

DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF THE NEW SWING SEXTET

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:00am – 9:00am

NNLAMS UNITY MEETING

We will be discussing the possible name change. Please make sure at least 2 members from your region will be in attendance at this very important meeting.

9:00am – 11:00am

BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM: NHMA FEDERAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT

“Addressing Title VII of the Public Health Service Act” – Ballroom D/E

Moderator: Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, President & CEO, NHMA & NHHF

Speaker: Tanya Pagan Raggio Ashley, MD, MPH, FAAP, Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, Chief Medical Officer, Health Resources and Service Administration, Rockville, MD
Elizabeth Homan Sandoval, NNLAMS National Fundraising Chair, MS III University of Illinois Chicago, MPH
Candidate University of Iowa
NHMA Roundtable Participants – including medical school faculty, recruiters, health professionals and students

9:00am – 11:00am

NNLAMS REGIONAL MEETINGS

Program Description

Residency and Medical School Tours

Are you a medical student interested in what it is like to go on a residency tour before you start interviewing in your 4th year. Or are you a pre-med wondering what a medical school campus really looks like. Well look no further, we have just the thing for you. Join us Friday March 20th at 9am for hospital or medical school tours and meet residency directors and residents in internal medicine, emergency medicine and pediatrics. The medical students will be visiting SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn, NY and the pre-meds will be visiting NYU School of Medicine. Sign up at the registration table.

CIR (Dr. Beltran's Keynote Address)

The Committee of Interns and Residents was founded in 1957 and is the largest housestaff union in the country. Residents in CIR hospitals have the ability to engage in collective bargaining, which gives physicians a voice in determining their salary, benefits, and working conditions. CIR and various student groups like>NNLAMS have a long history of working together to advance physician and patient rights. Recent CIR initiatives include health care reform, continued work with residency work hours, and increasing the diversity within the medical field.

NNLAMS Suture Workshop Plus

Interested in a surgical specialty or a specialty where suturing skills are needed? Wish there was a way to learn a new skill and learn more about a field you just may want to go into. Well search no further. This is the work shop for you! Learn how to suture for the very first time or come learn a new knot in our advanced classes. This unique opportunity will provide you 1 hour of suture training with an attending physician or resident in various specialties. Sign up at the registration table.

NNLAMS National Board Elections

Please see descriptions of each position in the following pages. Nominations will close at 3pm on the day of elections (Saturday March 21, 2009). Please submit your nominations for self or others to Julia Bregand-White or Ruben Font, Jr. Nominees need not be present to run but must submit a written statement by time of election if not available to speak at conference.



New York University School of Medicine

The New York University School of Medicine has a proud history that goes back to 1837. Today the Medical School boasts 1,360 Full-Time faculty and 2,175 Part-Time faculty. There are 26 Endowed Professorships, 975 Residents/Fellows, 68 M.D./Ph.D. Candidates and 4,788 Post-Graduate Registrants. In 2006 the School of Medicine's Joan and Joel Smilow Research Center was opened. It houses 9 dedicated programmatic areas: Cancer, Cardiovascular Biology, Dermatology/Cutaneous Biology, Genetics/Genomics/Proteomics, Medicine/Infectious Disease, Medicine/Renal Medicine, Microbial Pathogenesis, Integrated Neuroscience, and Stem Cell Biology.

The Office of Diversity Affairs supports various student groups at NYU School of Medicine including the Black and Latino Student Association (BALSA) and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People in Medicine group (LGBTPM) in implementing programs and addressing issues that impact underrepresented students. The office engages BALSA students in student, faculty, and trainee recruiting and retention activities and in reaching out to the community.

The Office guided the establishment of the NYC Minority Graduate Student Network (MGSN), an organization aimed at bringing together underrepresented minority graduate students in the biomedical sciences from all research institutions in the New York City metropolitan area (NYU-Sackler Institute, Albert Einstein CoM, Rockefeller University, Cornell University Weil Medical College, Hunter College-The Graduate Center, and Mount Sinai SoM). The office hosted the first meeting of the group which brought together over seventy students. The goals of the group include creating a community for minority students and developing opportunities for mentorship and professional development.

The Office of Diversity Affairs fosters an inclusive climate at the School of Medicine and the hospitals of the Medical Center and promotes cultural competency in health care.

The Office was expanded in 2005 to develop and support diversity initiatives for all NYU Medical Center faculty, staff, and trainees and to advance the recruitment and professional development of underrepresented groups in biomedicine at the New York University Medical Center. The Office upholds the medical center's commitment to excellence in Medicine and Biomedical Research by developing programs to identify and nurture talent from our diverse society. In addition, the office promotes acquisition by the Medical Center Community of cultural skills related to the training and professional development of health care professionals and to the treatment of the diverse patient populations served by NYU Medical Center.

The Office works closely with the various departments and with students and faculty from underrepresented minority groups to ensure that mentoring and professional development needs are adequately met. Seminars and discussions organized by the office on diversity in health care and education stimulate institution-wide conversation on diversity and culture. The office is involved in promoting interaction and building partnerships with organizations and community groups engaged in developing a diverse health care workforce and reducing health disparities. It also supports the Medical Center's interest in global health by exploring collaboration with institutions in the developing world.



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Residency Programs

Anesthesiology

Dermatology

Emergency Medicine

Family Practice

Medicine

Nephrology

Neurology

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Ophthalmology

Orthopaedic Surgery

Otolaryngology

Pathology

Pediatrics

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Psychiatry

Radiology

Radiation Oncology

Surgery

Transplant

Urology

The State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn also known as SUNY Downstate Medical Center is one of four such campuses within the 64-unit State University of New York. Located on an urban campus in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn, the Health Science Center includes the College of Medicine, a School of Graduate Studies, College of Nursing, College of Health Related Professions, a major research center, and the University Hospital of Brooklyn.

The Health Science Center's history spans over 130 years, during which time it has undergone several name changes. In 1856 two physicians established a dispensary in downtown Brooklyn to provide care for poor immigrants. The Long Island College Hospital (LICH) grew out of this dispensary. In 1858 the state granted the hospital's request for a charter to launch a medical school. The school, which opened its doors two years later, revolutionized medical education in the United States. LICH became the first institution in the United States to bring the teaching of medicine to the hospital bedside and physicians were no longer trained exclusively in university classrooms and lecture halls. It was truly a college hospital.

In 1931 the school was re-chartered as the Long Island College of Medicine, with affiliated hospitals throughout Brooklyn. The "Downstate" era began on April 5, 1950 with a special ceremony at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, where a merger contract was signed between the Long Island College of Medicine and the newly constituted State University of New York. Several years later, the current campus was built in East Flatbush. In April 1953, ground was broken for the current Basic Sciences Building, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower laid the cornerstone in 1954. The complex was expanded in 1966 with the opening of University Hospital of Brooklyn. The School of Graduate Studies, the College of Health Related Professions, and the College of Nursing were also added that year.

Today, the Health Science Center is the focal point of a health-care network that encompasses 18 hospitals and research institutions and more than 40 health-related facilities in Brooklyn, Staten Island, and beyond. It encompasses a campus of 13 acres, with a total student body of 1,500, a faculty of nearly 3,000 (including full-time, part-time and voluntary staff), and support staff of 3,000.

The Health Science Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as the sponsoring institution for 51 integrated accredited residency and fellowship programs offered at over fifteen affiliated hospitals.

Keynote Address:

LEADING ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM IN MEDICINE

Antonio Beltran M.D.



Dr. Beltran is the current chief internal medicine resident at Los Angeles County (LAC) and University of Southern California (USC) medical center. He is also the current president of the Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR) which is the largest house staff union in the United States, representing residents from across the country.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, CA, Dr. Beltran decided to move north to attend Stanford University, in Palo Alto California, where he earned his bachelors in Human Biology and served as Co-president of Stanford's Chicanos/Latinos in Health Education (CHE). After undergrad he decided to move back home to teach biology and physiology in the Los Angeles Unified School district at a predominately Latino school. Dr. Beltran was a beloved teacher and earned "L.A.'s Most Inspirational Teacher" Award and teacher of the month at Franklin High School. In 2005 Dr. Beltran graduated from USC's Keck School of Medicine. While in Medical School Dr. Beltran was intimately involved with the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) serving as Co-President for the USC chapter and Statewide Treasurer.

Dr. Beltran has earned numerous awards in his relatively short medical career including Frederick Napier Elliott Award: USC Keck SOM, Order of Arete: Highest Honor at USC for service and leadership Associated Students of the School of Medicine Award: Community Service Award, Latino Medical Student Association Community Service Award, Richard Juarez Commitment to the Community Award: LMSA Regional Conference, Juan Villagomez, M.D. Memorial Scholarship: CA Latino Medical Association, Lakewood Medical Center Foundation Scholarship: Community Service Award, National Medical Fellowships: California Community Service Scholars Award, Juan Villagomez, M.D. Memorial Scholarship: CA Latino Medical Association, Baker, M.D. Award: Lakewood Medical Center Foundation, National Medical Fellowships: Metropolitan Life Foundation Scholars Award, Dr. Rodolfo Montes Memorial Scholarship Award: USC, Keck School of Medicine, and the Minority Scholarship Award: Office of Diversity; USC, Keck School of Medicine.

In July Dr. Beltran will continue his training at LAC and USC Medical Center as a Fellow in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Beltran plans to use his medical education as a foundation and springboard in becoming a community leader and advocate for our medically underserved communities.

Keynote Address:

THE MODERN ROLE OF LATINO PHYSICIANS IN MEDICINE

Monica Vela M.D.



Dr. Vela graduated from The University of Chicago, Pritzker Medical School, and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Section of General Internal Medicine and serves on the Medicine Women's Committee. Dr. Vela is also the Course Director for the Health Care Disparities in America Elective, the Clinical Spanish Skills Elective, and serves as Co-Course Director of the Clinical Skills courses for the first year medical students at Pritzker Medical School. She serves on the Pritzker Medical School Admissions Committee, the Promotions Committee, and the Financial Aid Committee. She is the faculty mentor for the Multicultural Community for Academic Advancement in Medicine (MCAAM), Pritzker's>NNLAMS Chapter (National Network of Latin Medical Students) and also participates in the Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP).

Dr. Vela is actively involved in teaching of both medical students and medical housestaff. Her other interests include issues of medical professionalism and the doctor-patient relationship. Dr. Vela has given several presentations on health disparities and underrepresented minorities throughout the United States and Canada. She currently resides with her family in Chicago.

**Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Research Training Opportunities Workshop:
Make a Difference in Medicine and in Your Own Career**

Speaker Biography



Jessica M. Valdez
HHMI-NIH Research Scholar, 2008-2009
National Cancer Institute, Pediatric Oncology Branch
Immunocompromised Host Section

Jessica M. Valdez is a third-year medical student at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is currently a Howard Hughes Medical Institute-National Institutes of Health Research Scholar at the NIH in Bethesda, Maryland, working under the mentorship of Dr. Thomas Walsh in the Pediatric Oncology Branch, Immunocompromised Host Section of the National Cancer Institute. She is conducting research in pharmacokinetics and improving the diagnostic modalities of invasive fungal infections. In addition, she is working in collaboration with the NIH Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute on an epidemiological study of patients with aplastic anemia. Her research interest began during her work in Nigeria, Africa and has continued to be a focus in her career. Next year, Jessica will return to the University of New Mexico to complete her final two years of medical school. Her current career interest is in the field of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, and she plans to make research an integral part of her career.

National Board Position Descriptions

National Coordinator & National Coordinator - Elect

The National Coordinator is responsible for scheduling all meetings and conferences throughout the year. He/she is the equivalent of the Corporation's President or Chief Executive Officer. He/she is the official spokesperson and representative of>NNLAMS, and is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Regional Sections into a national agenda. He or she should be aware of all matters regarding the organization. The National Coordinator is responsible for overseeing all the>NNLAMS officers, committees and taskforces. He/she should be able to manage the affairs of>NNLAMS in a timely and dependable fashion. Finally, the National Coordinator should be in direct communication with>NHMA, relaying information between each organization effectively. Term in office after their elect year is one year.

The Coordinator-Elect shall act for the National Coordinator in the event of the National Coordinator's absence or disability, and, if the office of National Coordinator becomes vacant, the Coordinator-Elect shall then serve as National Coordinator for such unexpired term, as well as for the term of one year thereafter. The Coordinator-Elect shall perform such other duties as may be determined by the Executive Board from time to time. This is a "position of transition," ensuring continuity from year to year for>NNLAMS. the term of office is one year as Elect and one year as National Coordinator.

Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board. Further, along with other officers the secretary maintains and moderates the listserve. The Secretary shall have custody of the corporate seal and properly keep, or cause to be kept, the record books of the Corporation. In general, the Secretary shall have all duties incident to that office, as well as other such duties as the Executive Board may determine from time to time. The term of office is one year.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall maintain and invest the funds of the Corporation as directed by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in the books belonging to the Corporation; shall render periodic financial statements to the Executive Board; shall prepare annual budgets; and shall perform other such duties as are incident to the office; and shall undertake such other duties as are required from time to time by the Executive Board. This individual has a key role in the fundraising for our Annual National Conference and in the year to year maintenance of the organization. The term of office is one year.

Membership Chair

The Membership Chair shall keep a membership database containing the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of each member of>NNLAMS with the date that he/she became a member. This serves as contact person for assisting regions to starting new chapters, and working with the regional membership officers. The term of office is one year.

Regional Development Chair

The Regional Development Chair (RDC) shall aid in regional development of logistical operations and recruitment of members. He/she shall be aware of regional updates to allow proper placement on the national website and aid in inter-regional flow of communications. The term of office is one year.

Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian is responsible for the application of Roberts Rules during all meetings and conferences. This officer also takes care to ensure that all decisions are made in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of>NNLAMS. The Parliamentarian is also responsible for conducting all voting and elections, including tallying votes during an election and ushering in newly elected officers. The term of office is one year.

Fundraising Chair

The Fundraising Chair shall be responsible for coordinating the Corporation's fundraising efforts, including applying for grants from foundations, public charities and governmental entities. The term of office is one year.

Publications Co-Chair

The Publication Co-Chairs shall be responsible for publishing at least one article per year by a>NNLAMS member in the nationally distributed professional periodical or web site. He or she will also coordinate and publish a quarterly newsletter for>NNLAMS. The newsletter shall be posted to the corporation's website and printed for distribution. The term of office is one year.

AMA Liaison

The AMA Liaison is responsible for representing>NNLAMS at the AMA national meeting and at the Consortium of Medical Organizations. He or she will convey the opinions, positions and views of>NNLAMS and, where appropriate, vote on any matters at such meetings. The AMA Liaison will report to the Executive Board of any item of interest to>NNLAMS that was presented at the AMA and CMO meetings. If the AMA

Liaison is unable to attend a scheduled AMA meeting, he/she shall notify the Executive Board so that a representative may be sent in his/her place. The term of office is one year.

Webmaster

The Webmaster shall maintain the Corporation's web site with current information about the Corporation, and the Corporation's 5 regions. The Webmaster shall work closely with the Publication Chair and the Membership Chair to ensure that all regions have access to the newsletter and membership database on the Corporation's web site. The term of office is one year.

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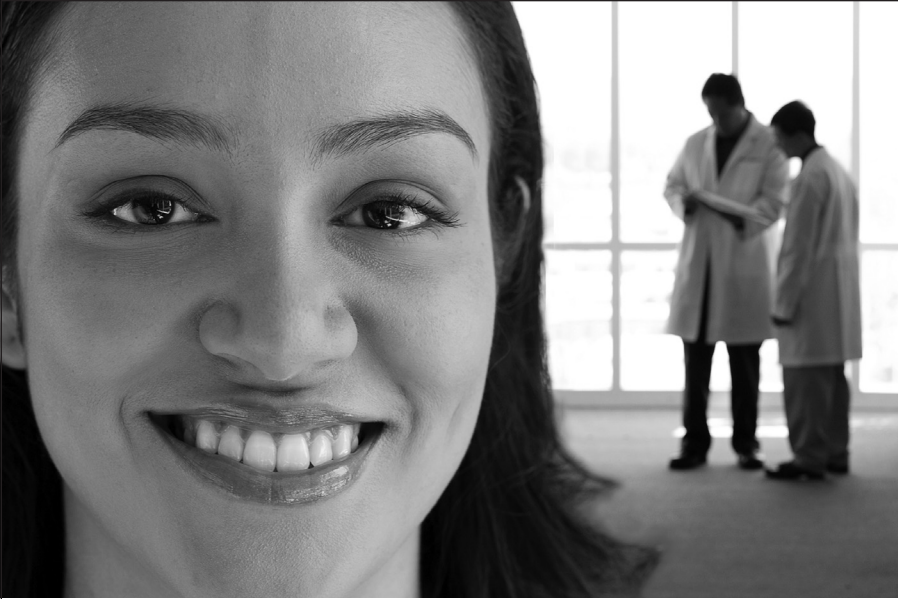
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