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8:00AM Registration and Breakfast**9:00AM Welcome**

Giovanni Peri, Director, Migration Research Cluster, UC Davis
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9:30AM**Plenary Session: A Nation of Nations**
Tom Gjelten, National Public Radio**10:00AM****A Labor Perspective of Migration**
Nancy Leppink, International Labor Organization**10:30AM Coffee Break****10:45AM****Country of Birth, Ethnicity and Race: Providing Insights into the Causes and Consequences of Diseases**
Raj Bhopal, University of Edinburgh**11:15AM****Undocumented Migrants: Trends and Perspectives**
Jeffrey Passel, Pew Research Center**11:45AM Lunch and Poster Session****1:00PM****Plenary Session: Occupational Health of Migrant and Immigrant Workers**
John Howard, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health**1:30PM****Migrant Labor, Health and Human Trafficking**
Cathy Zimmerman, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**2:00PM****US Refugee Resettlement: Health Lessons from an Organized Resettlement Process**
William Stauffer, University of Minnesota**2:30PM Coffee Break****2:45PM**

Panel Session: Occupation, Health and Vulnerability among Immigrant Workers
 Moderated by *Peter Lundqvist*, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
Thomas Arcury, Wake Forest School of Medicine
Thu Quach, Cancer Prevention Institute of California
Michael Flynn, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

4:00PM Closing Remarks

Marc B. Schenker, Director, Migration and Health Research Center, UC Davis

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017

Poster Session 2

Prevalence of Diabetes, Prediabetes, and Obesity in Deported Individuals on the US-Mexico Border

Anthony Chan, UC San Diego
 Co-authors: M. Tang, J. L. Burgos, V. Ojeda, A. V. Ojeda, L. C. Gallo, and J. L. McCurley

Depression and Associated Factors in Undocumented Mexican Migrants Living in the US

Jorge Baruch Diaz Ramirez, National Autonomous University of Mexico
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Depression and Associated Factors in Repatriate/Deported Mexicans from the US

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A Study of the Correlation Between the Affordable Care Act and English Proficiency with Healthcare Access for Asian Pacific Islander Immigrants

Marjorie Kagawa-Singer, UC Los Angeles
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Healthcare-Related Knowledge and Healthcare-Related Decision-Making of Spouses Left Behind in Indonesia - Evidence from the 2012 Indonesian Demographic and Health Survey

Sabrina Kouba, Maastricht Graduate of Governance and International Labour Organization

A Statewide Evaluation of the California Medical Supervision Program Using Cholinesterase Electronic Laboratory Reporting Data

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Immigration, Residential Mobility, and HIV Risk

Colin Loustalot, UC Santa Barbara
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Breathing Easier: Qualitative Fit-Testing Among Immigrant Farmworkers

Anna Meyerhoff, New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health
 Co-author: M. Horsman

Exploring Explanatory Factors between Food Insecurity and Obesity among Latina Women in California

Annie Ro, UC Irvine
 Co-author: B. Osborn

Language, Insurance, Acculturation and Other Factors Affecting Healthcare Access Among Latinos in the State of Missouri

Maria Rodriguez-Alcala, University of Missouri
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Knowledge of MediCal Eligibility Among US and Foreign-Born Youth in Los Angeles

Heike Thiel de Bocanegra, UC San Francisco
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Cost Savings Through Timely Treatment for Irregular Migrants and EU Citizens Without Insurance

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THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

Poster Session 1

Collaborative Foundation of MCH Center for Displaced Syrians

Rahma Aburas, UC San Diego
Co-authors: T. Mackey, A. Najeeb, and L. Baageel

Is it Who You Know or Where You Are? Migrant Network Characteristics and Self-Assessed Health Among Mexican Adults

Claire Altman, University of Missouri
Co-authors: B. Gorman and S. Chavez

The Migration Motivations of Migrants and Non-Migrants from Guanajuato, Mexico

Sergio Chavez, Rice University
Co-authors: C. Altman and B. Gorman

Knowledge VS Practice: Employers of Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon

Zeinab Cherri, American University of Beirut
Co-author: S. Abdulrahim

US Migration Experience and Health Status Among Adult Men and Women Living in Mexico

Bridget Gorman, Rice University
Co-author: C. Altman

Influence of Spiritual Help Seeking Behavior and Socio-Economic Status on Health Risk Behavior Among Migrants in Niger/Nigeria Border

Olalekan Kazeem, University of Ibadan

Swedish Perspectives on Occupational Health of Immigrant Workers in Agriculture

Peter Lundqvist, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Pilot Study of Pesticide Exposure and Neurodevelopment in Farmworker Children

Sara Quandt, Wake Forest School of Medicine
Co-authors: P. J. Laurienti, P. Vidi, H. Chen, K. Anderson, and T. A. Arcury

Injury Experiences of Migrant Day Laborers in California

Kevin Riley, UC Los Angeles

Physical Exposures of Musculoskeletal Risk Factors Among Migrant Farmworkers in Apple Orchards in Washington State

Ornwipa Thamsuwan, University of Washington
Co-authors: P. W. Johnson, K. Galvin, and M. Tchong-French

Meeting the Reproductive Health Needs of Incoming Refugee Women

Diana Tran, UC San Francisco
Co-author: H. Thiel de Bocanegra

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9:00AM Welcome

Giovanni Peri, Director, Migration Research Cluster, UC Davis

9:15AM

Plenary Session: Inflection Point! Immigration Policies in Advanced Industrial Societies in the Age of Trump

Demetrios Papademetrious, Migration Policy Institute

9:45AM

Migration and Development: A Roadmap to Global Impact

Dilip Ratha, World Bank

10:15AM Coffee Break

10:30AM

Panel Session: Migration and Economic Wellbeing

Moderated by *J. Edward Taylor*, UC Davis
Neeraj Kaushal, Columbia University
Daniyal Zuberi, University of Toronto
Krista Perreira, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

12:00PM Lunch and Poster Session

1:15PM

Advancing Migration Health Policy Through Evidence-based, Intersectoral Approaches

Kolitha Wickramage, International Organization for Migration

1:45PM

Immigration Law and Enforcement in the Trump Years

Kevin R. Johnson, UC Davis School of Law

2:15PM Coffee Break

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Nativism, Media Narratives and Migrant Health

Roberto Suro, University of Southern California

3:00PM

Panel Session: Policy Solutions for Migrant Labor and Global Health Challenges

Moderated by *Giovanni Peri*, UC Davis
Julietta Rodriguez-Guzman, Pan American Health Organization
Alfonso Rodriguez-Lainz, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Kathryn Pitkin Derose, Pardee RAND Graduate School

4:30PM Closing Remarks

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Dr. Guzman's work has focused on formulating and assessing occupational health and worker's compensation systems, policies and programs. She studies different working conditions in Colombia and other Latin American countries.


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Dr. Rodriguez acts as a liaison, coordinator, planner and project lead for domestic migrant health activities across the CDC. He is an epidemiologist with the US-Mexico Unit within CDC's Division of Global Migration.


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MLGH Conference Conclusions and Recommendations

The University of California, Davis international conference on Migrant Labor and Global Health was held March 2-3, 2017 and brought together a multidisciplinary group of scholars and scientists to discuss the relationship between migrant health, economics and labor issues. During the course of the conference a number of recommendations emerged for integrating the issues faced by migrant workers into the framework of health and social policy, which were discussed with the audience during the conference final policy panel session.

- **Recommendations for Policy Makers**

1. Link international labor and migration policies with local and national health policies.
 2. Link health to the wider Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) agenda by supporting policy at the local and national levels.
 3. Promote use of ILO protection instruments for workers developed over the past 50 years, including Conv. No. 97, 86, 143, & 151.
 4. Recognize migration as a social determinant of health (related to low educational levels, irregular status, limited access to housing and services, poor working conditions, cultural and language issues and social exclusion) and include migration issues in health policy development.
 5. Develop migrant-sensitive and inclusive policies on anti-discrimination, education, employment, social protection, housing, environment, and health services.
 6. Reduce occupational hazards through more complete and culturally tailored information, inspection, and implementation of health and safety regulations.
 7. Enhance settlement services for migrants and refugees, including access to basic services, health care, and employment and mentoring programs.
 8. Support reducing barriers to labor market participation of migrant workers.
- **Recommendations for Advocates and Stakeholders**
 1. Provide additional training to address underemployment among migrant workers, including professional English.
 2. Promote and expand programs to address discrimination in employment and housing.
 3. Empower migrant communities to strengthen social networks and combat isolation and loneliness.
 4. Support health education programs and migrant-sensitive health risk communication campaigns.
 5. Pay attention to linguistic and cultural barriers, segregation, and underachievement among migrant workers and their families.
 6. Work towards increased availability of healthy food and better targeting of healthy eating campaigns.

- **Recommendations for International Organizations and Institutions**
 1. Lead the development of inclusive health services responsive to needs of migrants.
 2. Adopt inclusive policy and legal frameworks to promote access to health services consistent with international human rights legal instruments.
 3. Promote and improve mechanisms to provide equitable and efficient financial protection in health for migrants.
 4. Lead the effort towards standardization and comparability of data among countries on indicators of migrant health.
 5. Strengthen inter-sectoral action and development of partnerships, networks and multicountry frameworks to address the social determinants of health of migrant workers.
 6. Support and build institutional capacity to reach hard to reach groups and include occupational safety and health, public health groups and immigrant groups in these efforts.
- **Recommendations for Researchers and Academic Institutions**
 1. Ensure high quality, representativeness and completeness of data in studies involving migrants.
 2. Promote research that seeks to identify and address health disparities in migrant sub-populations.
 3. Engage in cross-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary research projects and programs.
 4. Improve quality of exposure assessment.
 5. Improve surveillance and research through support for longitudinal studies in immigrant working populations.
 6. Account for selection bias of cross-sectional studies and lack of reliable and relevant health surveillance in design of research programs.
 7. Promote research on more effective and targeted public health interventions in migrant worker populations.