

## SPEAKERS AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL TEXAS CONFERENCE ON HEALTH DISPARITIES

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**Dr. Ileana L. Piña**, a Veterans Affairs National Quality Scholar, has served as Director of the Exercise Laboratory of the University of Miami, of Heart Failure and Cardiac Rehabilitation at Hahnemann University, of Cardiomyopathy at Temple University and Heart Failure/Transplantation at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Piña was also the principal investigator in multiple heart failure trials including PRECISE (carvedilol), ELITE (losartan), and ATLAS (lisinopril), CHARM(candesartan) and SCDHeFT; and as Chair Steering Committee of the NHLBI's HF ACTION trial and served as co-investigator in others such as Bosentan, VEST. Dr. Piña is also a consultant for the Device section of the FDA.

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**Dr. Roberto Treviño** is originally from San Antonio, Texas. He received his medical degree (M.D.) from the National University of Mexico in Mexico City under an exchange scholarship between the United States and Mexico. He received his residency training in Internal Medicine (1980-1983) from the University of Health Sciences Center/Chicago Medical School and received his fellowship training in Critical Care Medicine (1983-1985) from the Chicago Institute of Critical Care. Dr. Treviño has been awarded three National Institute of Health grants totaling \$16 million and the last two are the largest school-based diabetes prevention studies in the country. He has published extensively in peer review journals and has received honorable recognitions from the Ford Corporation, the Texas Education Agency and the American College of Physicians.



**Dr. Ralph J. Anderson** is the Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) at Fort Worth's Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. In that role, he oversees the academic, clinical, and research programs for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He completed his undergraduate training at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada in 1964. After completion of his residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada in 1969. He became a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in 1984.

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**Dr. Sherrie Flynt Wallington** is a postdoctoral fellow with the Harvard School of Public Health and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Her research program focuses on three areas of interests, which targets those at greatest risk for cancer disparities. The first area focuses on the cancer information needs, information seeking patterns, and barriers to information seeking. The second area examines the study of new media technologies in the dissemination of cancer information. The third area investigates the effects of mass media in the development, implementation, and evaluation of cancer communication interventions.



Previously, Dr. Flynt Wallington served as an adjunct professor at Howard University in the John H. Johnson School of Communications and the Howard University College of Medicine's Masters in Public Health Program. She also has held teaching and administrative positions at Bowie State University and Winston-Salem State University. She earned her undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Dr. Flynt Wallington received her doctoral degree in mass communication and media studies, specializing in health communication from Howard University.

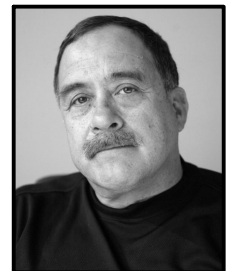
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**Dr. Susan R. Tortolero** is Associate Professor of Behavioral Science and Health Promotion, and Epidemiology. She directs the Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research (CHPPR) at the University of Texas School of Public Health. The mission of the CHPPR is to conduct research to develop, evaluate, and disseminate health promotion and disease prevention programs in diverse settings and populations. Dr. Tortolero is also director of CDC's Texas Prevention Research Center (UTPRC) at the University of Texas School of Public Health. The UTPRC brings academic researchers, community members, and public health agencies together to collaborate on developing effective strategies to promote health, prevent disease among adolescents in Harris County and in Texas.

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**Dr. Avelardo Valdez** is currently a Professor at the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston and Director of the Office for Drug and Social Policy Research. He obtained his Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles. A primary focus of his research has been on the relationship between substance abuse and violence and health issues among high-risk groups. His research projects have been among "hidden populations" such as youth and prison gang members, injecting and non-injecting heroin users and sex workers on the U.S./Mexico border. He has published over 75 journal articles and chapters and academic publications including two books. His most recent book is entitled "Mexican American Girls and Gang Violence: Beyond Risk" (2007).



**Dr. Robert Carter III** is the Deputy Director for Technology of Medical Systems in the Office of the Assistant of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology at the Pentagon, Virginia. Dr. Carter selected as the first US Army Physiologist assigned in France as part of a Department of Defense (DoD) effort to promote international cooperation in military research, development, and acquisition through the exchange of defense scientists and engineers. Dr. Carter is assigned to the premier laboratory regarding health sciences research, the Centre de Recherches du Service de Santé des Armées in La Tronche, FRANCE (Rhone Alps Region) from 2006 to 2008. From January 2002 to March 2006, Dr. Carter served as physiologist and epidemiologist in the Division of Thermal and Mountain Medicine at the United States Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM) in Natick, MA.

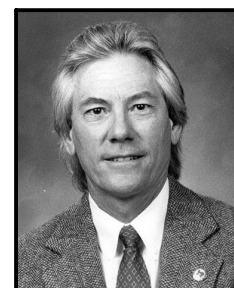
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**Dr. Deborah Rohm Young** is Professor and Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and Affiliate Faculty in the Department of Kinesiology in the University of Maryland School of Public Health. She is a recognized scholar in the conduct of community-based physical activity intervention trials, specifically for minority women and adolescent girls, segments of the population that suffer the most profound health consequences of a sedentary lifestyle. She was a Principal Investigator for the multi-center field trial, Trial of Activity for Adolescent Girls, sponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. She currently has funding to follow approximately 700 girls from the Maryland field site to examine predictors of physical activity decline as the girls transition from middle to high school.



**Dr. Elleen M. Yancey** is Associate Clinical Professor at Morehouse School of Medicine, Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine and is the Director of the Morehouse School of Medicine Prevention Research Center. Dr. Yancey has responsibility for the coordination of the Prevention Research Center's participatory community-based research projects, development of community partnerships, as well as development and implementation of health promotion and disease prevention initiatives. She is the Principal Investigator of the Center's core research on HIV and AIDS prevention among African Americans and is the lead investigator on other health-care related grants.

**Dr. Tinker D. Murray** is currently a Professor in the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. He earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Physical Education and Biology from the University of Texas in 1973. He earned his Master's of Education degree in Physical Education from Southwest Texas State University in 1976, and completed his Ph.D. in Physical Education from Texas A&M University in 1984. Tinker served as Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at Brooke Army Medical Center from 1982 to 1984 where he was twice recognized for his exceptional performance. He has been at Southwest Texas and Texas State University since 1984 and served as the Director of Employee Wellness from 1984-1988, and Director of the Exercise Performance Laboratory from 1984-2000. He was a voluntary assistant cross country and track coach at Southwest Texas from 1985-1988 and helped win three Gulf Star Conference titles.



**Dr. Andrea Kriska** is a physical activity epidemiologist and an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the Graduate School of Public Health. She is internationally known for her work in activity assessment and intervention, having served as an investigator for numerous local and multi-center clinical trials, and as an invited member of many key national committees and organizations in the areas of physical activity, diabetes, and minority health. Dr. Kriska is also the Executive Director of the Physical Activity Resource Center for Public Health (PARC-PH) which is a comprehensive center that will eventually provide physical activity assessment and intervention

information and guidance to interested researchers and community members locally and across the United States. The PARC-PH focuses on assessment and intervention issues surrounding race/ethnic/minority groups as well as issues specific to various age-gender groups.