

# Global Health Lecture Series

Wednesday

April 17, 2013

ACB 110

Noon



This presentation will be linked: Amarillo (room 4720), El Paso (room AEC 212—11:00 am MT), & Odessa (room 2C91).

## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND COLLECTIVE VIOLENCE ON THE US/MEXICO BORDER

FEATURING

**MARIE LEINER, PH.D., RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,  
PEDIATRICS, PAUL L. FOSTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

During this presentation, Marie Leiner, PhD will discuss the results of her study that measured the effect of poverty and exposure to collective violence attributed to organized crime on the mental health of children living on the US-Mexico border.

In the study, "Children's Mental Health and Collective Violence: A Bi-National Study on the United States/Mexican Border," researchers compared psychosocial and behavior scores among children and adolescents living in El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, in 2007 and 2010. All participating children were Mexican or Mexican-American, lived below the poverty level and went to a clinic for non-emergency visits. None of the children had a history of diagnosed mental illness, or a neurological or life-threatening disease or disability.

The study concluded that collective violence attributed to organized crime and poverty adversely affects the mental health of children living near the U.S.-Mexico border. In addition, the study concluded that it is important to consider that children and adolescents exposed to collective violence and poverty are also those with fewer chances to receive treatment. Untreated mental health problems predict violence, antisocial behaviors, and delinquency, and affect families, communities, and individuals. Therefore, a need to address the mental health of children on the border is crucial to counteract the devastating effects this setting will have in the short-term and near future.

Free lunch will be provided to the first 40 attendees! (Lubbock campus only)

### SPRING 2013 SCHEDULE OF PRESENTERS

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| ⇒ Thursday, March 28 (ACB100)<br>David Sacks, PhD, NIAID  | ⇒ Wednesday, May 1 (ACB110)<br>Michael D. Parsa, MD FAAEM, Challenges of<br>Short-Term Medical Missions               |
| ⇒ Tuesday, April 9 (ACB110)<br>Mohamed Bailor Barrie, M.B.CH.B.<br>WellBody Alliance, Sierra Leone      | ⇒ Thursday, May 9 (ACB120)<br>Dr. K.M Cherian, International Center for<br>Cardio Thoracic & Vascular Diseases, India |
| ⇒ Wednesday April 17 (ACB110)<br>Marie Leiner, PhD, Mental Health & Children<br>on the US/Mexico Border | ⇒ Wednesday, May 22 (ACB110)<br>Vera Von Bergen, MSIV, 4th year elective at<br>King George Medical University, India  |

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