Diversity in Health Care and Human Services:
Sharing Teaching Practices on Addressing the Spanish-speaking Population Symposium

Friday, March 29, 2019
8 a.m.–6 p.m.
The Trustees Pavilion
Snow Date: April 1, 2019

OPENING REMARKS: Natalia Santamaría Laorden, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Spanish and PI of the UISFL grant, Ramapo College of New Jersey

KEYNOTE: Mecca Sykes-Santana, Senior Vice President of Diversity, Inclusion & Community Engagement and Chief Diversity Officer (CD0), Westchester Center Health Network

9:55 – 11:35 a.m.
PANEL: Addressing Diversity in Health Care and Human Services
Mark W. Meyer, M.D., Professor of Global Health, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Barbara Warren, Psy.D., CFPP, Director, LGBT Programs and Policies, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Mount Sinai Health System and Assistant Professor of Medical Education, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Zuleima Alzate, Social Worker and Ramapo alumnus 2014-BSW
Debora E. La Torre, MSN, APN, FNP-BC, President Elect of NJ chapter, NAHN
Chaired by Professor John McTighe, Social Work, Ramapo College of New Jersey

11:50 a.m. – 1 p.m.
WORKSHOP A: How to Address Diversity in the Teaching of Health Care and Human Services in the Classroom
(for professors and administrators)
Rachel S. Edens, Assistant Dean of Pluralism and Leadership, Dartmouth College
Introduction by Susan Hangen, Dean of Humanities and Global Studies, Ramapo College of New Jersey

2 – 3:10 p.m.
KEYNOTE: Norma Cuellar, Ph.D., RN, RAAN Professor of Nursing, University of Alabama, President of National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN)

3:25 – 3:40 p.m.
Students’ Showcase
Students from “SPAN 311: Spanish for Health Care and Human Services” performing instances of bilingual miscommunication that had very negative consequences.

3:40 – 5 p.m.
PANEL: Sharing Practices in Language Teaching on Health Care
Priscila Freire, Ph.D., MSW Program Director, Clinical Assistant Professor, Loyola University
Natalia Santamaría Laorden, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Spanish and PI of the UISFL grant, Ramapo College of New Jersey
Dana Pillai, M.A., Ed.M., Program Co-Director of the Internal Certificate in Spanish for the Health Professions, Assistant Teaching Professor, Rutgers University
Luis Marentes, Ph.D., Associate Professor & Honors Director, Advisor of Spanish & Health Care Certificate, University of Massachusetts
Chaired by Ben Levy, Director of International Education, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Other workshops and job fairs will take place during the course of the day.


For Ramapo professors attending with their classes, please contact nsantama@ramapo.edu no later than March 22, 2019.

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