

### RCMI PROGRAM

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Confirmed cases of the mosquito-borne Zika virus in Puerto Rico, as of January 31, 2016.



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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

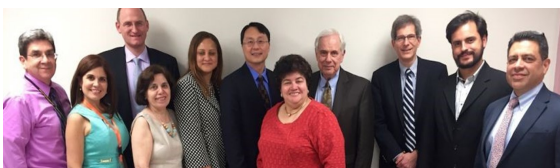


The workshop “Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Approach to Health Equity Research” was held on January 13, 2016 at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus. The workshop provided participants with basic knowledge of CBPR and a forum to create partnerships and networks for new studies and sharing of ideas. Topics covered included principles of CBPR, creating, building, and sustaining a CBPR partnership, collaborative study design, data collection, analysis, and dissemination, the intersection of CBPR, policy and social change, securing and distributing funds, and building a careers with CBPR.



Guest speakers Dr. Emily Wang, Yale University School of Medicine; Dr. Giselle Corbie-Smith, University of North Carolina School of Medicine; Dr. Uriyoán Colón-Ramos, George Washington University School of Public Health, and Dr. Amy Carroll-Scott, Drexel School of Public Health, shared valuable information and advice with participants. Community partners accompanying guest speakers also shared their experiences with the audience. Participants evaluated the workshop as outstanding.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

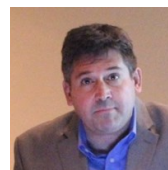


The Puerto Rico Clinical and Translational Research Consortium (PRCTRC) at the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus (UPR-MSC) formalized a series of agreements with Yale Clinical Center for Investigations (YCCI) at Yale University. These agreements strengthen the ties of cooperation between the two institutions in order to train the next generation of Puerto Rican scientists and provide them with tools and resources for developing research projects. During the visit, Yale’s delegation met with principal investigators of research programs, academic officials and executive leaders of the Puerto Rico Trust for Science, Technology and Research.

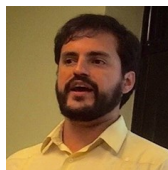
### NEUROSCIENTIST IN RESIDENCE

Dr. Mark Miller, director of the RCMi Translational Neuroscience Program, hosted the visit of Dr. Daniel Colón-Ramos, Associate Professor of Cell Biology and Cellular Neuroscience Program at Yale University, from January 7-17, 2016. This visit is part of the RCMi Neuroscientist-in-Residence Program and focuses on developing collaborations and competitive research projects in the area of neurosciences.

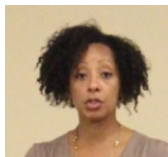
### SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



**Dr. José R Conejo García**  
*Dynamic Expression of the Genomic Organizer Satb1 Governs Dendritic Cell Differentiation and Function in Health and Cancer*  
January 22, 2016

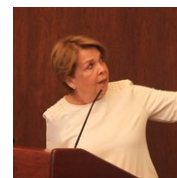


**Dr. Daniel Colón**  
*WormGUIDES Towards a Living Connectome*  
January 13, 2016



**Dr. Giselle Corbie-Smith**  
*Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Funding Opportunities*  
January 13, 2016

### RESEARCH RESOURCES & OUTREACH CORE



On January 20, 2016, the External Advisory Board of the Research Resources and Outreach Core (RROC) met at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), in Atlanta, GA. RROC is the component of the National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) responsible for accelerating the career development of diverse scholars, thereby increasing the diversity in the scientific workforce. Dr. Elizabeth Ofili serves as PI and Director of ROCC. Attending the meeting, from the UPR Medical Sciences Campus, were Dr. Adriana Baez, Associate Director of RROC and Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet, member of RROC External Advisory Board.

### CONGRATULATIONS



Dr. Wilfredo De Jesús, RTRN Liaison and Coordinator of the Communication Program at the Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities, completed a Certification on Management and Supervision offered by the UPR Medical Sciences Campus.

### IN MEMORIAM



**George V. Hyllier, Ph.D.**  
**1943-2015**  
Distinguished Professor of Pathology and Biochemistry, and Director of the Laboratory of Parasite Immunology and Pathology UPR School of Medicine