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The Center for Conflict Management & The Department of Sociology Present:

"Using Reflexive Ethnography to Understand Long-Term Intimate Partner Violence, Drug and Health Disparities among Latina Young Adults"



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Abstract: Substance use/misuse are complex behaviors mediated by biological, social, environmental and developmental factors. Because of the multilevel determinants of addiction, interdisciplinary research teams need to be cognizant of consumers' daily lives "from within" their complex and dynamic social reality. Utilizing a reflexive ethnographical approach, our research generates insights into how people come to understand, act and manage their day-to day- experiences in specific settings. This presentation will highlight social interactions and processes that contribute to intimate partner violence victimization, substance use trajectories and related health outcomes among Latinas.

Dr. Cepeda received her PhD in Sociology from the City University of New York, Graduate Center. Her research examines the complexity of social determinants that influence the development of drug abuse health disparities across generations of Mexican-origin populations.

Dr. Cepeda has been a recipient of several National Institutes of Health federal grants. Her most recent National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities funded study focused on understanding mechanisms by which immigration processes expose those moving back and forth (both males and females) from the U.S. and Mexico (floating populations) to environments that may increase risk behaviors and contribute to mental and physical health disparities.

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