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## 2021 Speaker & Organizer Biographies



**JOAQUÍN ESTRADA, MD**  
President, MOLA

Dr. Estrada is a double board-certified Colon and Rectal Surgeon who serves as the section chief of Colon and Rectal Surgery and the surgical director of the Digestive Health Institute at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago, IL. Dr. Estrada is an assistant clinical professor in the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also serves as core teaching faculty at the University of Illinois Metropolitan Group Hospital Residency in General Surgery. He is also faculty in the department of surgery at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, IL.

He has been an active member of local and national professional and scientific societies such as the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, American College of Surgeons, Society of Surgical Oncology, American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Chicago Surgical Society, and Chicago Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery. He is the one of the founders of the Medical Organization for Latino Advancement (MOLA). He has received over \$150,000 in philanthropic grants. He has been awarded the Advocate Physician Partners Innovation Award for his work in increasing colorectal cancer screening rates. In 2017, Dr. Estrada was recognized for his compassionate approach to medicine and was awarded the Ramamoorthy Sundaresan Compassionate Care Award. Dr. Estrada is the author of more than 50 publications, invited manuscripts, abstracts and presentations.



**ARIELLE GUZMÁN, MPH**  
Recording Secretary, MOLA; Co-Chair, Education & Research Committee, MOLA

Currently accountable as a Clinical Research Coordinator in the Cancer Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Arielle leads the coordinating of multiple Biorepository Resource protocols in the Cancer Center. She also assists on several studies and qualitative improvement projects that aim to address lung cancer disparities and improve outcomes. Prior to working at UIC, Arielle was a Research Assistant at Mount Sinai Hospital. There, she evaluated the effect of the Affordable Care Act on breast cancer outcomes. She received her master's degree in public health at Loyola University Chicago, where she

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concentrated in Epidemiology. Arielle serves the Medical Organization for Latino Advancement (MOLA) as the Recording Secretary of the executive committee and a co-chair of the Education and Research committee. She also co-administrates the MOLA Scholars program, where she assists scholars with the development and dissemination of their research projects.



**PILAR ORTEGA, MD**  
**Immediate-Past President, MOLA; Co-Chair, Education & Research Committee, MOLA**

Dr. Ortega is an Emergency Physician and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois Chicago Departments of Emergency Medicine and Medical Education, where she directs and teaches the Medical Spanish program for the College of Medicine's Hispanic Center of Excellence, as well as a longitudinal course to prepare all medical students to effectively communicate with patients with diverse linguistic backgrounds. She obtained her BA in Philosophy from the Johns Hopkins University and her MD from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

Dr. Ortega wrote the textbook and clinical case book in the series, Spanish and the Medical Interview, and is the Founder and President of the National Association of Medical Spanish (NAMS), a non-profit interdisciplinary association that aims to improve health communication for Spanish-speaking populations. She is also Co-Founder and Immediate-Past President for the Medical Organization for Latino Advancement (MOLA). Some of Dr. Ortega's recognitions have included her selection as part of the 2017 Crain's Chicago Business 40 under 40, as a 2019 recipient of Spain's Royal National Academy of Medicine's Award for Health Information, Communication and Dissemination, and as a 2020 Stemmler Fund grantee by the National Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Ortega is principal investigator on several national studies to evaluate the effectiveness of medical language education and develop assessment tools to appropriately evaluate the bilingual skills of physicians and trainees.

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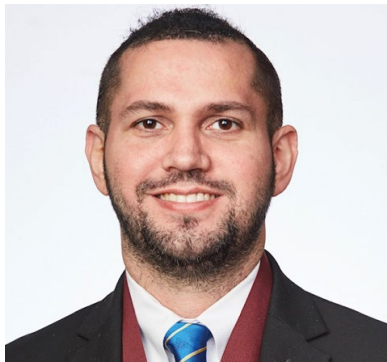
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## Symposium Program Speakers (in alphabetical order by last name)



**LAURA CASTILLO-PAGE, PhD**  
**Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine**

In this role, Dr. Castillo-Page leads the development and implementation of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's wide diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy and set of programs. Prior to joining the Academies, Dr. Castillo-Page served as the Senior Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) where she led a portfolio of work to advance learning and workplace environments focused on achieving an inclusive culture. Additionally, she led the development of the AAMC's action plan on inclusion to equip medical schools, teaching hospitals, and health systems to become more inclusive, equitable organizations. Dr. Castillo-Page has also worked at the American Institutes for Research and served on the faculty at the George Washington University. She holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in educational administration and policy studies as well as an M.A. in political science from the University at Albany, SUNY, and holds a B.A. in political science and Latin American studies from Fordham University.



**RICARDO CORREA, MD, EdD, FACE, FACP, FACMQ**  
**Associate Professor of Medicine; Program Director for Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism Fellowship; Director for Diversity in Graduate Medical Education at the University of Arizona College of Medicine**

In addition to his roles at the University of Arizona College of Medicine, Dr. Correa serves as Staff Clinician and Researcher at Phoenix Veterans Administration Health Care System and Faculty at Mayo School of Medicine, Mayo Clinic-Arizona. He is an editor of *Dynamed*, *Society of General Internal Medicine Forum*, *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, *Frontier Endocrinology*, *Thyroid*, *Clinical Thyroidology*, among many other journals. Dr. Correa is board-certified in Medical Quality, is the author of the book titled *Case Report: Basics and Publication*, and senior Co-Editor of the book *Endocrinology of Aging*.

He completed his internal medicine residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital-University of Miami program, where he was honored as an AOA recipient and with the GoldDOC Award. Then, he pursued his clinical and research fellowship in endocrinology with a particular focus on neuroendocrinology and adrenals at the National Institute of Health. He has taken an active leadership role in multiple national organizations including the American Medical Association (AMA), Accreditation Council for Graduate

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Medical Education (ACGME) at different levels including the duty hours task force, National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) as part of the board, and other organizations. Member of the Committee on Publications Ethics (COPE), World Association of Medical Editors.

Dr. Correa has been awarded numerous recognitions, including Presidential Leadership scholar, 100 Hispanic Inspiring Scientist, Medscape Rising Star, Humanitarian award by Arizona Medical Association AACE Endocrinology Rising Star, and many other prestigious national awards.



**LATONYA RIDDLE-JONES, MD, MPH**  
**Assistant Professor at Wayne State University; Medical Director for the Corktown Health Center**

Dr. Riddle-Jones is a proud Chemical Engineering graduate of Michigan State University, Wayne State University School of Medicine (WSUSOM) and Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University School of Medicine Internal Medicine- Pediatrics Residency program. She currently serves as Assistant Professor at Wayne State University and as Medical Director for the Corktown Health Center (a medical home for Detroit's LGBTQ community). Dr. Riddle-Jones is also Associate Medical Director for the Tri- County Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program, faculty mentor for FitKids360 at WSU School of Medicine, and serves as a representative on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for the Department of Internal Medicine.

Her research interests include obesity prevention and treatment, effects of the Affordable Care Act on safety-net programs, and the performance of engineering students in medical school, while her clinical interests include addressing the medical needs of the LGBTQ community, asthma, diabetes and obesity.

She has been awarded multiple recognition,s such as: Wayne State University Alumna Woman of Distinction, Top Docs – Internal Medicine - HOUR Magazine Detroit, Trailblazer Award - Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Faculty – WSU/DMC, Most Compassionate Attending Award Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Faculty.

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**JOHN PAUL SÁNCHEZ, MD, MPH**  
Executive Associate Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences Center, Diversity,  
Equity and Inclusion, University of New Mexico

In addition to Dr. Sánchez's role as Executive Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of New Mexico (UNM), he is also the Interim Executive Diversity Officer at UNM School of Medicine, a full Professor, and Vice Chair Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Sánchez is also a Board Member at the Journal of Academic Medicine, an Associate Editor in MedEdPORTAL.

He received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and completed a Masters of Public Health from the Yale School of Public Health.

Dr. Sánchez has worked extensively to promote diversity and inclusion in the medical and academic medicine workforces. He is the Co-Founder/President of Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians (BNGAP Inc). Dr. Sánchez is also Executive Director of the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) Inc., the largest Latino medical student association in the country with 140+ chapters at allopathic and osteopathic medical schools across the country. Since joining the Health Sciences Center (HSC) at the University of New Mexico he has been selected for numerous leadership positions. He has published 52 peer reviewed publications and 6 book chapters, and served as Editor for Succeeding in Academic Medicine: A Roadmap for Diverse Medical Students and Residents.



**TIFFANY M. SHIN, MD**  
Pediatrician and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Wake Forest School  
of Medicine

Dr. Shin graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and completed her residency training at University of North Carolina. During medical school, she trained in a 4-year longitudinal medical Spanish program, which fueled her passion for caring for Spanish-speaking populations and propelled her in her vocation.

She provides pediatric care to a large, historically under-resourced population of children and families who prefer care in Spanish. Her enthusiasm for medical education is evident in her clinical teaching and work in medical Spanish education, and she has been recognized for clinical teaching and service, locally and abroad. She is the founder and director of the MAESTRO (Medical Applied Education in Spanish through Training, Resources, and Overlearning)

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Program at Wake Forest School of Medicine. She serves on the executive board of directors for the National Association of Medical Spanish (NAMS).



## NESTOR SOSA, MD

**Professor and Chief of the Infectious Diseases Division at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine**

Dr. Sosa obtained his medical degree in the University of Panama School of Medicine. He completed the Internal Medicine Residency and Infectious Diseases Fellowship at the University of Miami affiliated hospitals. He then returned to Panama and was Chief of the Infectious Diseases Division at the Social Security Hospital and later became the General Director of the Gorgas Memorial Institute, a prominent research and Public Health Institution in Central America.

In 2019, he came to the United States as Professor and Chief of the Infectious Diseases Division at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine in Albuquerque. Dr. Sosa has been an active researcher in the field of infectious diseases, HIV-AIDS and tropical medicine for more than 25 years. He advocated for the rights of patients living with HIV and was instrumental in the implementation of antiretroviral therapy in his country.

He has published numerous scientific papers and has received multiple awards for his contributions to Public Health in Panama and in the United States, including awards from the American College of Physicians, civil society in Panama and from his alma mater the University of Miami. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he has contributed to educating colleagues in New Mexico and Latin America using the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) model, and has conducted research to improve the care of those affected by this virus.



## PAULINA SOSA, MPH, DrPH(c)

**Founder and CEO of Latinx Voces**

Ms. Sosa is the Founder and CEO of the Latinx Voces en Salud Campaign, a social enterprise aimed at uplifting and amplifying Latinx stories, culture, and partnerships, and is the Founder and Chair of the Latinx COVID-19 Taskforce, a national coalition of local, state and national organizations and agencies, focused on addressing health and economic disparities in Latinx communities during and beyond COVID-19.

Ms. Sosa has worked for more than 15 years in public health, including advocacy, data analytics and communications. Her work has particularly

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revolved around infectious disease transmission and epidemic and pandemic preparedness, including influenza and COVID-19. She worked at the World Health Organization headquarters and at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) as the Lead Data Analyst on influenza until she transitioned into her doctoral program at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health in Public Health Informatics. She also worked with the American Journal of Public Health as the Assistant Editor and at the American Public Health Association as part of the COVID-19 Response Team. In light of the pandemic, she has also provided consulting for the Influenza team at PAHO to work on influenza and COVID-19 surveillance and reporting, and she is now the Senior Manager of Storytelling at a Texas-based nonprofit, called UP Partnership focused on equity.



## MARIO TRETO Jr., JD Acting Secretary of the Illinois Department of financial and Professional Regulation

In his role at the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Mr. Treto oversees the regulation of over 1.2 million licenses including doctors, nurses, pharmacists, real estate brokers, and cosmetologists, almost 200 state-charter credit unions, over 300 state charter commercial and savings banks, and 15,000 mortgage loan originators, companies, and branches. Previously Treto served as Director of the Division of Real Estate where, during his tenure, Treto and his team significantly improved Division efficiencies, including reducing license processing time by 75% and pending cases by 50%. Treto spearheaded agency-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, including the IDFPR Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, doubling the number of real estate scholarships for minorities, and increasing the Division's state and board diversity to reflect the State of Illinois.

He is also a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow and presides as Chairman of the Board of Directors at Howard Brown Health, a federally qualified health center in the Chicagoland area. Treto has been nationally recognized by various organizations, including the International Municipal Lawyers Association, the Hispanic National Bar association, and the National LGBT bar. He has received leadership accolades from Crain's Chicago Business, Business Equality Magazine, Chicago Scholars, and Hispanic business publication Negocios Now. In 2019 he was presented with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office Humanitarian Award, and in 2020 he received the Illinois REALTORS® Presidential Medallion.

Mr. Treto received his Juris Doctor from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts in biology and psychology from Washington University in St. Louis.