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The 2009 International Conference on Aging in the Americas

*CONFERENCE TO EXPLORE KEY ISSUES IN HISPANIC HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE POLICY
RESEARCH DURING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH*

WHO: Organizers of the conference Dr. Jacqueline Angel, professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and other scholars in minority aging Drs. Keith Whitfield, Kyriakos Markides and Fernando Torres-Gil, along with keynote speakers and panels comprised of leading scholars and experts will explore the biobehavioral underpinnings and social interaction on Hispanic health.

WHAT: The 2009 International Conference on Aging in the Americas is the third installment of a conference series established in 2001. The ultimate objective of the conference is to develop consensus on the best means of ensuring healthful aging of individuals of Mexican ancestry in the United States to inform health care policy and research.

WHEN: Sept. 15 -17, 2009

WHERE: The reception held Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., will take place at The Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, 10th Floor, 2313 Red River St. Austin, TX 78705.

Events on Wednesday, September 16, through Thursday, September 17, will take place at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center, 1900 University Avenue Austin, TX 78705

WHY: As of July 1, 2007, the estimated Hispanic population in America was 45.5 million, making people of Hispanic origin the national largest ethnic or race minority, representing 15 percent of the nation's total population. For more information on Hispanic demographics in the U.S., visit the U.S. Census Bureau's [Web site](#).

The conference will take place during National Hispanic Heritage Week during [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#). In September 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage Week, which was observed during the

week that included Sept. 15 and Sept. 16. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month-long celebration.

More on the Conference on Aging in the Americas:

The Conference Series on Aging in the Americas has several goals, one is to promote interdisciplinary collaboration by gathering a broad array of researchers in the fields of Hispanic health, health care policy, and behavioral and social aspects of aging into a single forum to exchange ideas and foster collaborative efforts aimed at addressing key issues affecting the health of aged Latinos. The conference research agenda is unique in its focus on the aging population in the United States and Mexico and has important implications for the health and well-being of older Hispanic adults and their families.

For more information on previous conferences, visit:

<http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/caa/index.php>.

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