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Immigrant Health, Workforce Diversity, & Cross-Cultural Communication



José Ramón Fernández-Peña, MD, MPA is an Associate Professor of Health Education at San Francisco State University where his work focuses on health workforce diversity and cross cultural communication in health. He has a degree in medicine from the National Autonomous University of Mexico, and a masters' degree in public administration from New York University. He is the founder and director of the Welcome Back Initiative (WBI), a program to assist immigrant health professionals already living in the U.S. through the necessary steps to enter the U.S. health workforce. The WBI currently includes centers in California, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Washington, Maryland, New York, Texas and Colorado. In 2010, the program was recognized by the Maytree Foundation as one of the world's 15 most successful programs for immigrant integration. In 2011, it received the E Pluribus Unum prize from the Migration Policy Institute. The program has served more than 14,000 people from 167 countries and has assisted thousands in joining the US health workforce.

Previously, Dr. Fernández-Peña worked at Mission Neighborhood Health Center in San Francisco as director of Health Education, where he managed the health education programs in the HIV, Adult Medicine, Women's, and Teen clinics. Before arriving in California, he was an associate director for quality management at Bellevue Hospital Center in New York City. He's an active member in the American Public Health Association where he serves on the Executive Board. He received the "Champion of Health Professions Diversity" award from The California Wellness Foundation in 2011. Also, in 2011, he was recognized by the White House as a "Champion of Change" for his work on immigrant integration. In 2012, he received the Henry J. Montes President's Award from the APHA Latino Caucus for his work with the Latino community.



Katherine Yun, MD received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 2006 and completed her residency in pediatrics at Yale University in 2009. Between 2009-2011, she was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar and earned her Masters in Health Sciences Research from the Yale University. While at Yale, she was the supervising physician in the Yale-New Haven Hospital Pediatric Refugee Clinic, a co-recipient of Connecticut's Myra M. Oliver Award for going "above the call of duty" to help refugees and immigrants.

Dr. Yun is currently an assistant professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and an attending physician in the Division of General Pediatrics and the Refugee Health Program at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Her primary interest is refugee and immigrant health, specifically the well-being of children in immigrant families in the United States.

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