



Global Health Lecture Series

Wednesday

March 2

ACB 110

Noon

Schedule of Presenters Spring 2016

- Wednesday, January 20
- Wednesday, February 3
- Wednesday, February 17
- Wednesday, March 2
- Wednesday, March 23
- Wednesday, April 6
- Wednesday, April 20 *ACB 100*
- Wednesday, May 4

Free lunch will be provided to the first 50 attendees.
No RSVP is necessary.

To reserve your lunch, please bring a large bottle of baby lotion to the Office of Global Health (2B410) by Tuesday, March 1.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information about the Global Health Lecture Series, contact the Office of Global Health at 806-743-2901 or globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu.

Persons needing assistance should contact the Office of Global Health for arrangements.

International Health Specialist, Global Health Engagement

featuring

Rafael Ruiz, MD

Department of Psychiatry

Regional Mental Health Medical Director,

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Managed Health Care Systems

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Walter I. Diaz, MS, MBA

Deputy Command Surgeon, United States

Southern Command

Rafael Ruiz, MD practices Psychiatry at the John T Montford Unit where he serves as the Regional Mental Health Medical Director. He is an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and served as a Military Psychiatrist in the Combat Stress Prevention Teams. During his active duty years, he was an International Health Specialist serving as the Director of Humanitarian Medical Operations for the United States Southern Command covering Latin America. He has training in Mental Health in Complex Emergencies from the Center for International Health and Cooperation, Geneva, Switzerland, and trained in disaster response Civilian Military Coordination with the United Nations. He is a formally trained Wine Educator and holds an Advance Level Sommelier Certification.

Mr. Walter I. Diaz is the Deputy Command Surgeon at the United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) located in Doral, Florida. In addition to providing oversight for the medical readiness of all Uniformed Service Members and DoD Civilians working in Latin America and the Caribbean, Mr. Diaz has focused his efforts on enhancing the strategic value of US military medical activities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

During this presentation, Dr. Ruiz and Mr. Diaz will provide a summary of how the U.S. Air Force International Health Specialist program assists in Global Health Engagements. He will also discuss examples related to humanitarian assistance, disaster response and preparedness, biosecurity cooperation, and how global health engagement assists in regional capacity building initiatives.