Exploring Research Collaborations with Mexico:
Psychosocial and Epidemiological Projects

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In this colloquium, visiting researchers Corina Benjet and Guillermina Natera Rey will talk about programs of research implemented by the Ramón de la Fuente Muñiz National Institute of Psychiatry in Mexico City, with the purpose of exploring possibilities for international collaboration with researchers affiliated with The University of Texas at Austin.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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Corina Benjet, PhD, is a senior researcher at the Ramón de la Fuente Muñiz National Institute of Psychiatry. Her research interests include adolescent mental health, suicidal behavior, and the impact of childhood adversity and traumatic events. As a World Mental Health Surveys Initiative’s lead collaborator, she has conducted research on the Mexican National Comorbidity Survey and was the principal investigator of the first nationally representative psychiatric epidemiological survey of the general adolescent population in Mexico. Benjet is currently conducting the Mexican College Student Survey as part of the WHO World Mental Health Surveys International College Student Project, which follows university students’ mental health and suicidality prospectively throughout the course of their university career.

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