

Gratitude for the scholarly contributions and service of Dr. Victoria Sanchez!



Dr. Victoria Sanchez, Associate Professor in the College of Population Health is leaving the TREE Center as co-Director of the Community Engagement and Dissemination Core (CEDC) and moving onto other exciting ventures.

Victoria was the catalyst in orchestrating the design of The Community Engagement and Dissemination Core (CEDC) with the Dr.'s Lorenda Belone and Magdalena Avila who are faculty with the College of Education. The CEDC section of our proposal scored high in the NIH/NIMHD review process and promises to be an instrumental “trunk” holding-up the TREE Center’s community engaged intervention research. Working with the other two cores, research and pilot projects, the CEDC will use community engaged research approaches, including community-based participatory research (CBPR) in partnering with communities to advance and create a bidirectional translational approach called Community Centered Dissemination Science.

Victoria earned her M.P.H. at the University of California at Berkeley and her Doctorate in Public Health (DrPH) in Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Over the last two decades she’s worked with communities, public health organizations, and schools in research designed to test, disseminate, or diffuse prevention programs in New Mexico, Texas, California and North Carolina. Dr. Sánchez has a long-standing commitment to participatory planning and evaluation processes with communities and public health organizations. ***We are very fortunate and honored to have had the opportunity to work with such an outstanding scholar and human being! Dr.’s Belone and Avila will be the two co-directors of the CEDC starting on June 1st.***