

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

<b>NAME:</b> Venus Ginés, M.A. venusgines@gmail.com	<b>POSITION TITLE:</b> Instructor, Department of Medicine Cultural Competence, Health Promotions and Health Literacy Chronic Disease Prevention & Control Research Center Baylor College of Medicine		
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
California State University at San Marcos	BA	1989-1992	<b>Soc Sci – Lat Am Studies</b>
Georgia State Women’s Studies Graduate Program- Project LEAD	MA	1996-1998	BRCA in Latinas
Clayton College of Natural Health-Alabama	Ph.D	1997-1997	Science for Advocates
		2006-	Holistic approach to BRCA

### Positions and Honors

- 1997 – Present Founder/CEO, Día de la Mujer Latina, Inc. – a Culturally-Proficient Health and Wellness Initiative for Latinos (39 states – Mexico and Puerto Rico).
- 2010 – Present Texas State Certified Training Instructor - Promotores/Community Health Workers
- 2008 – Present Instructor Baylor College of Medicine; Chronic Disease Prevention & Control Research Center, Cultural Competence, Health Literacy and Health Promotion. Houston, TX
- 2004 – Present Co-Founder, Intercultural Center for Health, Research and Wellness, Inc. (Cervical Cancer, Survivorship and Pain Management)
- 2008 – Present President, Multicultural Community Intervention Strategies - Professional Translation Services for Novo Nordisk, JR Foundation, SAMHSA, NCI PRO-CTCAE Translation Studies Team.

### Other Positions and Achievements

- Award: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tx Grant for Teen Promotores Living the Vida Healthier – a teen peer training program on obesity with focus on diet, nutrition, exercise in Houston, McAllen, Dallas/FtWorth
- Texas Approved Curriculum – CDC Road to Health Toolkit for Tx Promotores/Instructors as a CEU
- Texas Approved Curriculum – FEMA Community Emergency Response Training for P/CHWs as CEU
- PCORI - Reviewer
- Patient Advocate, Food and Drug Administration
- Selected to HHS National Promotores Steering Committee – voted the Chair.
- Selected to Co-Chair Region 6 Health Equity Council
- Appointed to the Tx State Health Services Promotores/Community Health Worker Advisory Council
- Selected to Latino Leadership Council, FEMA
- Board of Directors, Patient Advocate Foundation 2007-2010
- Advisory Council, Multicultural Approach to Prostate Cancer, Bio Ortho
- Executive Board - Patient Advocate Foundation & National Patient Advocate Foundation.
- Advocate in Science, Susan G KOMEN for the Cure Headquarters, Dallas, Tx
- Former Board Member, YMCA Metro Atlanta, Grady Hospital, WellStar Health System, Georgia, MD Anderson Mano a Mano, MD Anderson Breast Cancer Council.
- Director, Latino Pain Initiative; San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Executive Board, Intercultural Cancer Council
- Texas Comprehensive Cancer –Co Chair, Survivorship.
- Komen for the Cure National Hispanic/Latina Advisory Council - Charter Member
- NCI’s Director’s Consumer Liaison Group (Charter Member 1999).
- NCI Funded Redes En Acción – Steering Committee

## **Honors/Recognitions**

25<sup>th</sup> Intercultural Cancer Council Symposium, First Ladies Award.

Presidential Volunteer Appreciation Award 2012

**APHA-Latino Caucus 2011 - Distinguished Nationally Known Health Professional award.**

**Univision TV filmed a Documentary on my work in the Latino Community as a safety and health advocate**

CNN Interview on Empowered Patient series and Promotores, Aug 12, 2011,

Presenter, National Latino Cancer Summit, Jul 29 (Patient Navigation & Survivorship)

Presenter, Comprehensive Cancer Control Leadership Conference, June 22 (Promotores/Community Health Workers as Navigators to Improve Cancer Health Outcomes)

Presenter, **President's Cancer Panel**, Feb 2, "Promotores as Navigators to Improve Clinical Outcomes"

Presenter, University of Puerto Rico on "Medical Mistrust in Latinas" Jan 10

Role of Public Health in Screening Programs in an Era of Health Reform - Expert Working Group Member, CDC

**Honored by First Lady Obama at the White House for Breast Cancer Awareness Month Oct 23, 2009**

APHA "Meritorious Community Service" 2008

Recipient of the TBS Movie & a Makeover (2007)

2006 Martin Luther King, Jr Community Service Award (Emory University) (2006)

Woman of the Month, ATLANTA WOMAN magazine (2005)

Selected to LEADERSHIP ATLANTA CLASS OF 2004 (2003)

Selected to the HHS Cancer Health Disparities Review Project-Blue Ribbon Panel (2003)

Featured in Family Circle Magazine (2003); Featured in Lifetime Magazine (2003)

Visions of Hope Award from AstraZeneca in San Antonio BRCA Conference (2003)

Recipient of Community Service Award for National Society of Hispanic MBAs (2002)

Community Service Award "HERO for Atlanta", BMW Ultimate Drive for the Cure (2002)

Selected by Atlanta BRAVES to throw the first pitch in game with Florida Marlins (2001)

Selected as Alumni of the Year, Palomar College (1999)

Authored 2 Fotonovelas Educational Series on Breast and Prostate Cancer in Latinos.

Charter Member of **NCI's Director's Consumer Liaison Group**, 1999.

Congressional Panel on the CLAS Standards, Including of the term "Latino" for 2000 US Census

Flight Safety and Service Manager, Trans World Airlines, 1977-2003.

## **Selected peer-reviewed publications**

Asamoia K, Rodriguez M, **Ginés V**, et al. 2004. Use of preventive health services by Hispanic/Latino women in two urban communities: Atlanta, Georgia and Miami, Florida, 2000 and 2001. *Journal of Women's Health* 13(6):654-661.

Wong-Kim, E., Chilton, J., Goh, Ginés, V. Breast Health Issues of Undocumented Women in California and Texas, *Journal of Cancer Education*

Vollmer Dahlke, D, Ginés, V, Cohen, E; "Promotoras and Online Navigation in Recruiting Latinas for Breast Cancer Trials" ASCO/NCI Clinical Trial Accrual Symposium, April 2010.

Spiker, C, Vollmer Dahlke, D. Sanders, P. Weinberg, A., Ginés, V. "From Policy to Practice: Understanding and Enhancing Minority Participation in Clinical Trials" *The Monitor: Journal of Association of Clinical Research Professionals*. August, 2010

Diehl, KM; Green, EM; Weinberg, AD; Frederick, WA; Holmes, DR, Green, B; Morris, A; Kuerer, HM; Beltran, RA; Medez, J; Ginés, V; Ota, DM; Nelson, M H; Newman, LA. "Running Head: Patient Diversity and Cancer Clinical Trials"; *Annals of Surgical Oncology*

Ginés, V. "Promotores/Community Health Workers: Promoting Community Resiliency in the Face of Disaster" *The Voice*, April, 2011.

*\*Currently contracted by Emory University for consulting work in San Juan, Puerto Rico with SAMHSA.*