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College Wide Seminar

Division of Public Health Practice and Translational Research presents...



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Casa Alitas and Asylum Seekers:

Grassroots solutions through relationship building and experience-based learning

Wednesday September 11, 2019

12:00 – 12:50 pm

Tucson: Drachman Hall A114

Phoenix: Building 2, T-Health COM 2306

Diego Piña Lopez is an entering PhD student at the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. He has a Masters of Social Work and Public Administration from the University of Arizona. He currently works as the program manager for Casa Alitas Shelter for asylum seekers, most of whom are Central American. During his three years as program manager, Casa Alitas served over 14,000 people following their release from detention and provided resources for families to connect with their sponsors in the United States. Diego hopes to explore health disparities affecting asylum seekers in the United States, and use his PhD to contribute to a national health resource network for recent immigrants.

Abstract:

This talk will focus on the background and history of how Catholic Community Services and the Casa Alitas program implemented a local humanitarian response to meet the needs of im/migrant families and how the program has scaled up over time to respond to additional needs. Diego will also discuss the complexity of working with federal and local agencies and how the program has worked to build relationships across these agencies as well as with non-profits and other organizations. Diego will also discuss the services Casa Alitas provides to families and the program plans for education and advocacy to highlight the realities of im/migration in the current policy context.

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