



# MALRC On The Move

## Welcome

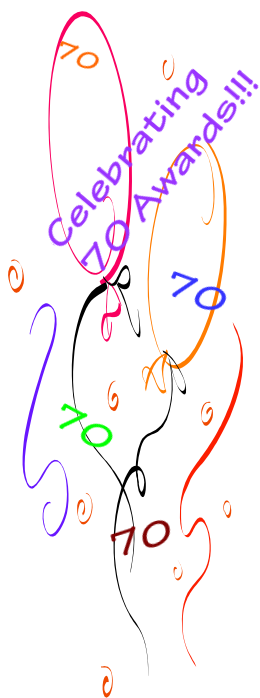
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I am very proud to announce our 70<sup>th</sup> MALRC Developmental Grant award this fall, and this in the less than four years since MALRC's founding. Funds from Developmental Grants are used by faculty to develop highly competitive grant applications for external funding that can bring additional research dollars to Texas A&M University and to the Texas A&M University System. Along with the funds, we have also provided a five week Office of Proposal Development-MALRC Seminar Series for all the grantees, where entire research teams, including postdoctoral students and graduate students, have been trained in grant writing. Awards and grants training have been given to faculty in the Colleges of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development, Agriculture and Life Sciences, Architecture, and Geosciences at Texas A&M University, as well as to faculty in the School of Rural Public Health and the College of Medicine at the Texas A&M University System. In addition to the 70 faculty who are Principal Investigators on MALRC Developmental Grants, we have also trained 55 Co-Principal Investigators as members of the grant writing teams.

Since MALRC is open to the entire research community, 67% of MALRC Developmental Grants have been to non-Hispanic Principal Investigators and 33% of the Principal Investigators have been of Hispanic descent. However, since less than 6% of the faculty at Texas A&M is Hispanic, the Center has assisted a disproportionately large number of Hispanic faculty.

As mentioned, we are proud of what we have accomplished at MALRC in a relatively short time. Because of our seed funding and grants training, we have significantly strengthened the academic infrastructure of the University and of the System in their ability to obtain external funding for years to come. Importantly, the one essential element of the 70 projects has been a focus on the rapidly growing Hispanic population, now almost 40% of the population of Texas. Policy implications derived from research on Hispanics by researchers at A&M will have the effect of increasing the life chances of Hispanics, as well as the life chances of all underserved populations, both in Texas and in the nation.

**Edward Murguia,**  
Director



## MALRC Fellows, Round 8, October 2008:

**Charles Ridley**

Department of Educational Psychology  
College of Education and Human Development

**Grant Title:** Multicultural Assessment Validity: A Test of Complexity, Accuracy, and Impartiality in the Case Conceptualization of Latina College Students



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Fellows continued,

**Joseph Sharkey**

Department of Social and Behavioral Health  
School of Rural Public Health

**Grant Title:** Piloting Mixed Methods Approach to Understand Decision-making in Marketing Food to *Colonia* Families by Mobile Vendors

**AND**

**Co-PI: Cecilia Giusti**

Department of Landscape, Architecture and Urban Planning  
College of Architecture, Texas A&M

**Marlynn May**

Department of Social and Behavioral Health  
School of Rural Public Health

**Grant Title:** A Systematic Test of the Effectiveness of Engaging Community Health Workers (CHWs) in a Complex Mental Health Intervention

**AND**

**Co-PI's:**

**Timothy Elliott**

Counseling Psychology  
College of Education, Texas A&M

**Kim Camp**

Director of Care Management  
CHRISTUS Health, Houston, TX

**Mary Shaw**

Department of Health & Kinesiology  
College of Education and Human Development

**Grant Title:** Holistic Case Conceptualization: A Strategy for Enhancing Diabetes Education Among Latinos

**Mark Benden**

Department of Environmental & Occupational Health  
School of Rural Public Health

**Grant Title:** Evaluating a New, Low-Cost Vehicle for Emergency Transport in Rural, Hispanic communities.

**Congratulations, New Fall 2008 MALRC Fellows!**