

32nd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM), April 2011

Peers for Progress SBM Symposium Presentations on *Peer Support across Cultural, National & Organizational Settings: Common Functions & Setting-Specific Features*

Title: [Symposium Overview](#)

Presenter: [Edwin Fisher, PhD](#), Global Director, [Peers for Progress](#)
Dept of Health Behavior and Health Education
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, United States



The presentation introduces Peers for Progress utilizing a strategy of four key functions to address the challenges of promoting peer support in different contexts and background of case examples of how these functions have been enacted around the globe in a variety of settings and demonstrate the effectiveness of this approach.

Title: [The Australasian Peers for Progress Diabetes Program- Important features and potential for transfer to other countries](#)

Presenter: [Brian Oldenburg, PhD](#)
Monash University, Australia



The presentation discusses a peer-led program for Type 2 diabetes through an established NGO and offers lessons learned that may be helpful in program transfer to other countries within the Asia Pacific region, where lay workers and community health workers are already integral to delivery of primary health care services.

Title: [Peer Support for Adults with Diabetes in Rural Uganda](#)

Presenter: [Linda Baumann, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN](#)
School of Nursing, University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States



The presentation discusses a peer champion project for type 2 diabetes patients in Uganda, which uses a pre-paid telephone network to link participants and healthcare providers. Positive outcomes on diabetes self-care and other successes and challenges of a resource-poor setting are explored.

Title: [Working to improve peer support for Diabetes along the California-Mexico border: Puentes hacia una mejor vida](#)

Presenter: [Guadalupe X. Ayala, PhD, MPH](#)
Graduate School of Public Health, San Diego State University, United States



The presentation focuses on integrating volunteer and paid models of peer support and training peer supporters to understand multiple levels of influence and modalities of peer support, including family home visits, clinic visits and support groups

Discussant: Please see **2011 Peers for Progress SBM Conference Meeting Reflections* for highlights.

Presenter: [Mary Jane Rotheram-Borus, PhD](#)
Bat-Yaacov Professor in Child Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences
Director, UCLA Center for Community Health & Global Center for Children and Families
University of California, Los Angeles, USA



Rotheram-Borus is widely known for her extensive global work in Africa and Asia and her leadership in studies of prevention and management of HIV/AIDS.

* [Meeting Reflections are Available Here](#)