

## **CARLOS VIDAL, PHD**

Dr. Vidal earned his Master's in Social Work from the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook University and later his doctorate in Child Welfare Research from Fordham University. He is currently Associate Dean for the Center of Community and Leadership Development; Associate Professor, Health Sciences; Director, Health Careers Academic Readiness Program (HCARE) all within the School of Health Technology and Management at Stony Brook University. He is also a non-salaried Associate Professor in the Department of Africana Studies and an Affiliate Associate Professor in both the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center and the Program in Public Health at Stony Brook University. He is co-director of the School of Social Welfare's Center for Cultural Competent Education and Training and one of the editors of the "Critical Social Welfare Issues: Tools for Social Work and Health Care Professionals". His chapter is entitled "Cultural Diversity among Hispanic Families: Implications for Practitioners". He was co-principal investigator of a suicide prevention public awareness and educational campaign targeting elderly Asian (Chinese) Women on Long Island. He is Project Director of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) at Stony Brook University, a federally funded program aimed at increasing a more diverse and competitive applicant pool of underrepresented individuals in grades 7 through 12, as well as adults, to pursue careers in allied health professions.

Dr. Vidal served as the first Chairperson of the Suffolk County Hispanic Advisory Board from 1988-1989 and currently serves as a cultural advisor for Lehmann Productions on projects related to Latinos and Native Americans. His professional and academic areas of interest include community-based participatory research, educational disparities among youth of color, violence in schools and communities, and health needs among Hispanic families. Dr. Vidal is the co-director of the Behavioral and Community Health track of the PhD Program in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. In this capacity, as well as in the capacity as Director of the Center for Community Engagement and Leadership Development, Dr. Vidal has initiated such groundbreaking community-based work as the multi-location academic readiness program and a distracted-driving awareness curriculum.