

Britt Rios-Ellis is the founding Dean of the College of Health Sciences and Human Services at California State University, Monterey Bay. From 1994-2014, she served as professor at California State University, Long Beach and founding director of the National Council of La Raza/CSULB Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation, and Leadership Training and the barrio-based *Centro Salud es Cultura*.

At CSUMB, Dr. Rios-Ellis doubled and diversified the number of tenure-track faculty and co-founded a Master of Science Physician Assistant (MSPA) Program, the first in the CSU. To undergird the MSPA, she collaborated with health care partners to build preceptor sites and raise over \$2 million. She also facilitated the establishment of departments of Social Work and Nursing.

As PI on the first two Hispanic Serving Institution grants in both GE and STEM fields, Dr. Rios-Ellis created Latino and URM-specific student programs and curriculum that honor, integrate, and evaluate the impact of cultural and linguistic capital into STE(A)M, health, and educational programming. In 2013, she was awarded CSULB's highest honor: Outstanding Professor. She has spearheaded over \$55 million in URM-student success initiatives and community-strengthening research as PI or Co-PI on projects funded by the: Office of Minority Health, Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA), NIH, USDA, National Institutes for Minority Health and Health Disparities, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and others—including foundation-supported projects.

Dr. Rios-Ellis has authored peer-reviewed manuscripts on Latino and URM-focused education, HIV/AIDS, maternal-child health, nutrition, and obesity, and is the recipient of: the American Public Health Association's Henry Montes Presidential Award from the Latino Caucus, two Woman of the Year accolades from the National Hispanic Business Women's Association and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Sol Award from the L.A. County Office of AIDS Policy. She was a commissioned member of the CDC/HRSA's National Advisory Committee on HIV/STD Prevention, the SAMHSA's Advisory Committee for Women's Services, and the President's Advisory Commission for HIV/AIDS/CHAC Disclosure Work Group. She has appeared on Spanish and English-language television and radio for *Telemundo*, Univision, CNN, and ABC World News.

Dr. Rios-Ellis holds Bachelors' degrees in Spanish and Political Science, a Master of Science in Health and Fitness Management, a certificate in Women's Studies, and a Doctorate in Community Health from the University of Oregon. She completed the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at Harvard and the HERS Program for Women's Leadership in Higher Education at Bryn Mawr.