

## SPEAKER



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Dr. Francisco Sy is Professor and Chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Public Health. He is the Principal Investigator of the Mountain West Clinical & Translational Research Infrastructure Network (MW CTR-IN) which is funded by NIH/NIGMS. Dr. Sy is the Editor of *AIDS Education and Prevention- An Interdisciplinary Journal* since 1988. His research expertise and interests include infectious disease epidemiology, HIV/AIDS, COVID-19, emerging and neglected diseases, community-based participatory research, sexual and gender minorities health research, global health, health disparities research and implementation science. Dr. Sy worked at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for 12 years. He was promoted to the position of Director of Extramural Activities and Scientific Programs (DEASP) at NIMHD. When he retired from NIH in May 2016, the Federal Asian Pacific American Council created the *Francisco Sy Excellence in Mentorship Award*. It is an annual award given to an outstanding scientist who has excelled in mentoring junior scientists at HHS. At the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Dr. Sy was a Senior Health Scientist in the Program Evaluation Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention for 4 years. He was a member of the CDC SARS Outbreak Investigation Team in 2003. He led the CDC SARS Community Outreach Team in Asian communities in the U.S. to mitigate the fear and stigma associated with SARS. He was an Associate Professor of Epidemiology at University of South Carolina School of Public Health for 15 years. He earned his Doctor of Public Health degree in Immunology & Infectious Diseases from Johns Hopkins University in 1984, and his MS degree in Tropical Public Health from Harvard University in 1981. He obtained his MD degree in 1975 & BS in 1970 from the University of the Philippines.