

# 2014 CICATS PREK SCHOLAR AWARDEES

Through a competitive process, CICATS awarded six PreK Scholar awards to the following faculty that represent UConn Health, UConn-Storrs and Connecticut Children's Medical Center:



**William L. Baker, Pharm.D., FCCP, BCPS-AQ Cardiology** - Assistant Clinical Professor, UConn Storrs  
Research Interest: *Magnesium and Arrhythmias*  
Dr. Baker's research focuses on the safe and effective use of magnesium with patients with arrhythmias (abnormal heart rhythms).



**Angela Bermúdez-Millán, Ph.D., MPH** - Instructor, UConn Health,  
Research Interest: *Social Determinants of Health: Food Insecurity in Low Income Populations*  
She has focused her work in the area of community nutrition with a strong interest on maternal and child health among low-income minority groups.



**Alicia G. Dugan, Ph.D.** - Assistant Professor, UConn Health,  
Research Interest: *Surviving at Work: Cancer Survivors' Work Experiences and Workplace-based Supports*  
Dr. Dugan's research focuses on workplace interventions and improving quality of life for cancer survivors.



**Damion J. Grasso, Ph.D.** - Assistant Professor, UConn Health,  
Research Interest: *Autonomic and Genetic Risk of Trauma-Related Psychopathology in Young Children*  
Dr. Grasso's research focuses on early childhood development, stress-related genetic risk, and the nervous system in the context of stress.



**Miranda Lynch, Ph.D.** - Assistant Professor, UConn Health,  
Research Interest: *Examine Role of Iron Metabolism in Ovarian Cancer Survival*  
Dr. Lynch's research provides a link between the genetic and molecular information available on an individual, and that patient's health and survival outcomes.



**Melissa Santos, Ph.D.** - Clinical Director, Connecticut Children's Medical Center,  
Research Interest: *Pain and Weight Treatment for Those Inflicted with Chronic Pain and Obesity*  
The overarching focus of Dr. Santos' research is to improve treatment outcomes for children and adolescents with obesity.