

DR. ELOY RODRIGUEZ

Dr. Eloy Rodriguez (US Chicano/Mexican American) received his Ph.D. at the University of Texas, Austin in 1975 with Dr. Tom J. Mabry, and was a Canadian Medical postdoctoral fellow at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver with the late Dr. G.H.N. Towers. He was born and grew up with 60+ cousins in South Texas, of which 10 cousins received PHD and Masters degrees. As a young boy, he was migrant farm worker in Michigan and pursued undergraduate studies in Zoology and Chemistry at UT Austin. He was a full professor at the University of California, Irvine for 18 years and was recruited by Cornell University 1994 and has been the James A. Perkins endowed professor for 15 years. He is a Biological-Ecological Chemist and Natural Medicines Biochemist. He has published over 163 research publications, two books and is currently finishing his third book titled "The Genesis and Applicability of Modern Natural Medicines". He has presented over 500 invited lectures throughout the world and has received various awards. He was an NIH Research Career Development Awardee –(RCDA), AAAS Fellow, Martin de La Cruz Silver Medal from the Medicinal Plant Society of Mexico, NSF Educational Award and has received funding from the NSF, the NIH, Hughes Medical Institute and numerous private foundations.

He research focuses on the genesis, discovery and application of natural organic medicines for breast and pancreatic cancer and diabetes type 2. He also studies health disparities in poor Appalachian whites, Chicano/a, African Americans and American Indians. Dr. Rodriguez also created the KIDS program (Kids Investigating and Discovering Science) for k-8 minority children and has established and directed various science programs at UCI and Cornell that benefit undergraduate/graduate students (minority and majority). He has been invited to present hundreds of lectures to faculty, students, and the general public in the US, Europe, Latin America, Mexico, Bahrain, Thailand, China, the Caribbean and Thailand. Dr. Rodriguez is married to Professor Helena Maria Viramontes, a world-renown fiction writer and professor at Cornell University. Helena was born in East Los Angeles, California. Their children, Eloy Francisco, is pursuing a Ph.D. degree at Princeton and Pilar Viramontes, is studying at SUNY Purchase, New York.

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