

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF MEDICINE

School of Medicine Faculty Accomplishments

It is my pleasure to announce that Kyriakos S. Markides, Ph.D., Professor, Departments of Preventive Medicine and Community Health and Internal Medicine, has received the 2009 UCLA Academic Geriatric Resource Center (AGRC) Distinguished Professor Award. The award honors an individual who has made considerable contributions in the field of aging. Dr. Markides recently presented a series of lectures at UCLA as part of this honor.



Dr. Markides is holder of the Annie and John Gnitzinger Research Distinguished Professorship and Director of the Division of Sociomedical Sciences in the Department of PMCH. He also serves as Associate Director for Research for the UTMB WHO/PAHO Collaborating Center on Aging and Health.

Dr. Markides has a national and international reputation in the field of gerontology, and is an advocate for improving the health of minorities and the medically underserved. He has conducted research on the health of older Mexican Americans, and made great strides in addressing their health and health care needs. Dr. Markides is a distinguished scientist, with nearly 30 years of continuous NIH funding for his research. Highly sought for his depth of knowledge, he has been an invited lecturer at national and international scientific conferences. He has authored or co-authored numerous publications, the majority of which are on aging and health issues in the Mexican American population as well as minority aging issues in general. Dr. Markides serves in many editorial and advisory capacities. He is the founding and current editor of the *Journal of Aging and Health* and also the editor of the *Encyclopedia of Health and Aging*. The Institute for Scientific Information has listed Dr. Markides to be among the most cited social scientists in the world.

Dr. Markides is highly respected as a teacher. He is the 2006 recipient of the Distinguished Mentorship in Gerontology Award of the Gerontological Society of America, Behavioral and Social Sciences section. This honor is given to individuals "who have not only fostered excellence in the field, but have made a major impact by virtue of their mentoring, and whose inspiration is sought by students and colleagues."

Dr. Markides earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from Louisiana State University in 1976. He joined the UTMB faculty in 1982.

Dr. Markides' contributions in the field of gerontology are substantial. Please join me in congratulating him on this well-deserved honor as the 2009 UCLA Academic Geriatric Resource Center Distinguished Professor.

Sincerely,

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