

The University of Hong Kong  
Department of Psychology

*Departmental Seminar*

**Traumatic brain injury:  
Outcomes from multi-center studies**

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Venue: Room 624, Knowles Building

***Abstract:***

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is one of the leading causes of disabilities in the United States. Each year, approximately 1.7 million people experience TBI, 50,000 die, 235,000 are hospitalized, and another 1.1 million are treated and released from the emergency room. Currently, 5.3 million individuals (2% of the population) are living with a disability as a result of a brain injury. Despite the decrease in the mortality rate of individuals with TBI over the past three decades, people living with TBI still experience various difficulties which can affect their quality of life and psychological well being. In this presentation, we will introduce the Traumatic Brain Injury National Model System of Care in the U.S and the results of several longitudinal multi-center studies. These studies examine the course of recovery and outcomes following the delivery of a coordinated system of acute neurotrauma and inpatient rehabilitation.

***Speaker's Biography:***

Dr. Juan Carlos Arango is currently a tenure associate professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Virginia Commonwealth University. A neuropsychologist by training, Dr. Arango's areas of expertise are neuropsychology, traumatic brain injury and rehabilitation. He has been instrumental in securing over \$5 million dollars in grant funds as PI and co-PI, primarily focusing on research with culturally diverse populations. He has received national recognition for his work in the area of brain injury and rehabilitation, including early career/emerging professional awards from the American Psychological Association's Division 22 Rehabilitation Psychology and Division 45 (Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues) and the 2011 National Academic of Neuropsychology Early Career Award. Dr. Arango has published more than 100 articles and book chapters. He is well-known both in the US and abroad in his areas of expertise, and has been a guest editor of eight special issues in prominent rehabilitation journals. He currently serves on the editorial boards of 20 journals and is a reviewer for an additional 25 journals around the world.