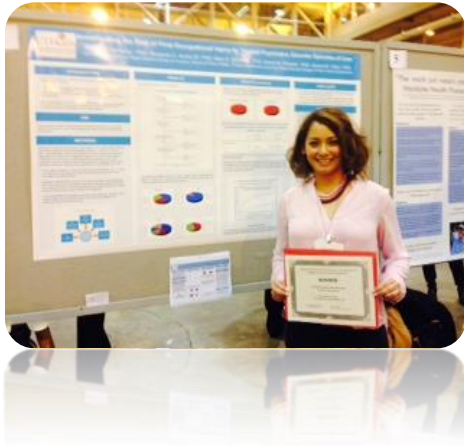


Cecilia Montano, former Occupational Injury Prevention Trainee, wins the Students and New Researchers Poster Competition of the Occupational Health and Safety Section at the APHA Conference



Dr. Cecilia Montano, a recent UTHealth School of Public Health graduate and former NIOSH-funded Occupational Injury Prevention Trainee, won the Students and New Researchers Poster Competition at the Occupational Health and Safety Section of APHA conference in New Orleans, held November 15-19, 2014. Dr. Montano presented one of her dissertation papers titled “Investigating the Risk of First Occupational Injury by Treated Psychiatric Disorder Episodes of Care”. Participants were given three minutes to present their poster and two minutes to answer questions from two judges. Judges scored posters on the following criteria:

1. Poster’s layout and visual appearance
2. The scientific relevance and impact of findings
3. Clarity and conciseness during the 3-minute oral presentation
4. Response to questions
5. Other comments (optional)

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