

LCLI UPDATE 2019-DEC

This *Update* brings you the latest on the **LCLI Fellows gathering in El Paso** that will take place from 16-19 April, 2020 ... Who's coming, what to expect, and where you can find more information.

Who's coming?

We are expecting an astonishing 40 or so of our LCLI Fellows, a full two-thirds, meeting a long held hope to connect as many of us as possible. An inflection point. The generosity of some Fellows and the support some participants have been able to raise for themselves mean that we will have with us about a dozen Fellows from southern Africa, a couple from Europe, and Aziz Royesh from Afghanistan, while not a few US-based Fellows originate from elsewhere too. It's an exciting mix for an event that takes place in the midst of the diversity that El Paso also represents, on a border that signals for all of us, whatever our origin or home-place, one of the great challenges of our time— the fraught tension between exclusion and inclusion.



View from El Paso across the Rio Grande to Ciudad Juarez in Mexico

Our hosts in El Paso, whose work on 'positive deviancy' led by LCLI Fellow Arvind Singhal is the reason we are meeting there, add another potent and innovative dimension to our gathering. Our planning team have already met many of this impressive group of people. A rich environment for our own work and thinking is guaranteed. Also joining in are folks from Stakeholder Health and other interested parties. We expect a total of up to 95 participants.

What can you expect?

El Paso is a natural choice because of our hosts' work on 'positive deviancy', so clearly congruent with the 'leading causes of life' framework. That link is our focus. For those coming, this is not a typical 'academic' encounter but an *UnConference*. There *will* be discussion of both PD and LCL (especially on the first day) but it's really the encounter between all of us that is in the foreground. Using 'liberating structures' with which they are very familiar, our hosts will help us keep this encounter focused around the *practical and intellectual interests of everyone who is present*. The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) campus is in itself an adventure which we will explore. And we will visit Juarez across the border.



On the UTEP campus, designed along Butanese lines

More information ...

- ❑ If you are coming, please note that you will soon get full details for booking your *hotel room*. We assume that you will also soon be booking your *flights* if you have not done so already.
- ❑ In due course, you will also be getting more detail about the *program* for the four days we are together. This will include some material that we strongly encourage you to read beforehand.
- ❑ Please also see our updated LCLI website under "*El Paso Files*" for useful information and links:

[Click here for the 'El Paso Files'](#)