

## **Gladys E. Maestre, M.D., Ph.D.**

### Bio Sketch

Gladys E. Maestre graduated from medical school at the University of Zulia, Venezuela, and, following a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, USA, completed her PhD in the Department of Pathology at Columbia University. She currently holds the positions of Associate Professor of Neuroscience at the University of Zulia, and Research Associate at Columbia University Sergievsky Center, where she coordinates a research training program for Venezuelans. Her research projects focus on gene-environment interactions affecting cognition, particularly related to aging. She leads the Maracaibo Aging Study and coordinates diverse activities related to capacity building for brain research in Venezuela and the Caribbean region.