



Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program

FALL NEWSLETTER

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HEADLINE NEWS

[Meet our new scholars!](#)

Annaliese Beery
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SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



David H. Chae, ScD Cohort 5 Scholar

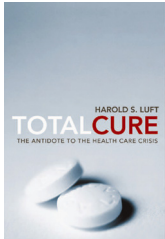
**Does discrimination increase the risk of disease?
A socio-psychobiological approach to addressing
health disparities.**

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FEATURED PUBLICATION

Former RWJ Health & Society Scholars, [Amani Nuru-Jeter](#) (Cohort 1 UCSF-UCB), Chyvette Williams (Cohort 2 UPenn), and Dr. Thomas LaVeist from the RWJF National Advisory Committee have released a new article in the Stress and Health Journal. [Read More](#)

FACULTY



[Hal Luft](#), Director of Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institute, Professor of Health Policy and Health Economics at UCSF, and former Associate Director of the RWJ Health and Society Scholars Program at UCSF, has released a new book about the U.S. Healthcare system entitled, "Total Cure: The Antidote to the Health Care Crisis." The RWJ Health Policy scholars at UC Berkeley, along with our Health and Society scholars, are very fortunate to have an opportunity to meet with Prof. Luft for a book dialogue on **Tuesday, November 18**.

[Richard Scheffler](#), Professor of Health Economics and Public Policy at UC Berkeley, and affiliate faculty of the RWJ Health & Society Scholars Program, has released a new book entitled, "Is There A Doctor In The House? Market Signals and Tomorrow's Supply of Doctors." [Read More](#)



[Rachel Morello-Frosch](#), RWJ Health & Society Scholars Program faculty affiliate has received a NSF grant for \$366,000 over three years. Her work entitled, "**Toxic Ignorance and the New Right-to-Know**," helps to understand how bio-monitoring technology is driving stakeholder struggles over the future of U.S. and European chemical regulation. Collaborators include Alastair Iles (UC Berkeley), Phil Brown (Brown University), and Julia Brody (Silent Spring Institute).

ALUMNI

Cohort 3 Alumni, [June Tester](#), receives the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [Active Living Research Rapid-Response Grant](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Colloquium:

Universal What?: Racial Inequalities in Health Status and Use of Health/Social Services

Susan Ivey, MD, Professor, UCB-UCSF Joint Medical Program
Julian Chow, PhD, Professor, School of Social Welfare, UC Berkeley

Thursday, November 6

4 - 5:30 pm

691 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley

<http://crg.berkeley.edu/events/events.html>

Lecture:

Development, Implementation and Evaluation of a Community-based Program to Reduce Risk of Type 2 Diabetes in Overweight, Inner-city, African American Children

Sharon E. Fleming, PhD,
Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences and Toxicology, UC Berkeley

Wednesday, November 12

4:10 - 5:00 pm

114 Morgan Hall, UC Berkeley

<http://nst.berkeley.edu/gradseminars.html?news>

Lecture:

Measurements of Stress, Cortisol, and Food Insecurity

Elissa Epel, PhD
Associate Professor, Psychology, Co-Director, COAST, UCSF
Barbara Laraia, PhD, MPH, RD
Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Co-Director, COAST, UCSF

Friday, November 21

12:00 - 1:30 pm

UCSF Laurel Heights Campus, 3333 California Street, Room 474

<http://chc.ucsf.edu/COAST/events.htm>

CORE SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 30

Scholar Session (open to all)

Correlating the blood with the brain: plans for initial RWJ studies

Annaliese Beery, PhD

New Data Set

Jenna Nobles, PhD

UC San Francisco, Laurel Heights Campus

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Thursday, November 6

Metropolitan fragmentation and health disparities: is there a link?

Malo Andre Hutson, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley

UC Berkeley, University Hall, 714C

12:00 - 2:00 pm.

[View Complete Seminar Schedule](#)

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