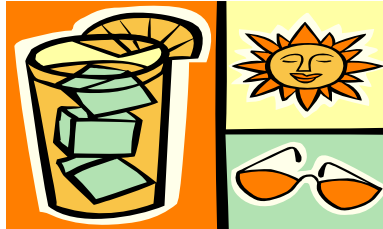




## Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program

### SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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### HEADLINE NEWS

Goodbye to our Graduating Scholars!



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### IN THE NEWS

- **COHORT 4 SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT**

**David Rehkopf, ScD**

*“Examining the links between social and economic exposures and cardiovascular risk factors”*

- **MEETING WITH RWJ PRESIDENT AND CEO**

**Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, MBA**

Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, MBA, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, delivered the Chancellor’s Health Policy Lecture on May 21, 2008 entitled [“Building a Social Movement to Reverse Childhood Obesity.”](#)

Our RWJ scholars, alumni, and leadership faculty had the privilege of an hour-long private meeting with Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey after the lecture. The discussion started with an overview of the scholars' work linking social, behavioral and biological pathways to health and developed into a spirited, engaged discussion. Jenna Nobles, current RWJ Scholar states, "It was a pleasure to meet Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey and to encounter an approach to understanding obesity that is so broad in scope - an approach that incorporates both biomedical and social science research while thinking seriously about navigating the realities of policy implementation."

- **ALUMNI**

- *Featured Publications*

American Academy of Pediatrics

[Sara Johnson, PhD, MPH, Constance Wang, PhD](#)

[\*"Why do adolescents say they are less healthy than their parents think they are? The importance of mental health varies by social class in a nationally representative sample"\*](#)



American Journal of Public Health

[Candyce Kroenke, ScD, MPH, et al.](#)

[\*"Change in Health-Related Quality of Life and Subsequent Mortality Among Middle-aged and Older Women"\*](#)



Maternal and Child Health Journal

[Amani Nuru-Jeter, PhD, MPH, et al.](#)

[\*"It's The Skin You're In": African-American Women Talk About Their Experiences of Racism. An Exploratory Study to Develop Measures of Racism for Birth Outcome Studies\*](#)



Alumnus shares experience as visiting scholar at the University of North Carolina

[\*\*Constance Wang, PhD\*\*](#)

Assistant Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, spent a month during the Fall 2008 semester as a visiting scholar at the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Public Health at the invitation of Jay Kaufman, an Associate Professor of epidemiology at UNC. Notably, Wang helped kick off the fall semester for the UNC School of Public Health Social Epidemiology/Built Environment Research-in-Progress Group by delivering a talk titled *"Bridging the Gap: Complex Descriptions to Advance Epidemiology."* She also led several discussion groups.

- **FACULTY**

**Harold S. Luft, PhD**

Faculty Associate Director to leave RWJ UCSF-UCB Joint Program

*[“Farewell and best wishes to our Associate Director, Hal Luft!”](#)*



**Barbara Laraia, PhD, MPH, RD**

joins the RWJ H&SS program leadership team

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**Robert A. Hiatt, MD, PhD**

to take on new role as Associate Director

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New Director of a new Medical Research Council Unit in Edinburgh, Scotland

**[John W. Frank, MD](#)**



**Eliseo Perez-Stable, MD** named winner of [SGIM’s 2008 Herbert Nicken’s Award](#)

and is this year’s faculty/academic recipient of the [UCSF Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award](#) (page 12)



Annual Review of Public Health

**Nancy E. Adler, PhD, David Rehkopf, ScD**

*[“U.S. Disparities in Health: Descriptions, Causes, and Mechanisms”](#)*



**Emily Ozer, PhD** recipient of a \$60,000 grant from the [William T. Grant Foundation](#)

American Journal of Community Psychology

[“The Diffusion of Youth-Led Participatory Research in Urban Schools: The Role of the Prevention Support System in Implementation and Sustainability”](#)

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**CORE SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

*Available fall 2008*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### [RWJ Health & Society Scholars Call for Applications 2008-2009](#)

The Online Application will be available **July 14, 2008**.



Alumnus [Janxin Leu, PhD](#) (Cohort 2) and [David Chae, ScD](#) (Cohort 5) will be presenting their work, supported by RWJ, at this year's [Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues \(SPSSI\) 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention](#)

For future CHC Affiliate Events, please visit:  
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