

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program**  
**FALL NEWSLETTER**  
**November 2010**

**Headline News**



Len Syme, PhD, was awarded the **Wade Hampton Frost Lectureship** at this year's Annual American Public Health Association Meeting & Expo for opening a new field of research dealing with social determinants of disease and for training a new generation of scholars who are now working on this issue.

Dr. Syme also gave a lecture during the event titled: *Casual Models in Epidemiology: The need for Some New Thinking.*"



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**Scholar Spotlight**

*Laura M. Gottlieb, MD,  
MPH*

*Cohort 7 Scholar*



This year, over one third of US high school students will drop out of school, putting them at risk of a lifetime of social, economic, and health disadvantage.

Disproportionately high numbers of these students are racial and ethnic minorities. When we seek answers to the health disparities that puzzle health services researchers, our school systems should not be overlooked.

[More on Laura](#)

**Scholars**

Laura Gottlieb, MD, MPH, *Funding healthy society helps cure health*, was featured in the San Francisco Chronicle. [Read More](#)

Article by Nicki R. Bush, PhD, Liliana J. Lengua, PhD and Craig R. Colder, PhD

*"Temperament as a moderator of the relation between neighborhood and children's adjustment"*

**Featured Publications**

Article by Catherine Cubbin PhD, Claire D. Brindis Dr.PH, Sonia Jain Dr.PH, John Santelli MD, MPH and Paula Braveman MD, MPH

*"Neighborhood Poverty, Aspirations and Expectations, and Initiation of Sex"*

Article by June M. Tester, MD, MPH, Stephanie A. Stevens, JD, Irene H. Yen, PhD, MPH, and Barbara A. Laraia, PhD, MPH, RD

*"An Analysis of Public Health Policy and Legal Issues Relevant to Mobile Food Vending"*

## RWJ H&SS Faculty

[Nancy Adler, PhD](#), was honored by the **Institute of Medicine** for her outstanding service to the institution. Dr. Adler was presented the David Rall Medal, which is given to an IOM member who has demonstrated particularly distinguished leadership as chair of a study committee or other such activity, showing commitment above and beyond the usual responsibilities of the position.

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## Alumni Corner

[Janxin Leu, PhD](#) was awarded a University of Washington Royalty Research Fund grant for her research on moral reasoning and stress among immigrant youth.

She presented her paper, “*Acculturation in an ecological development model: Individual differences, gender, and social context influences on immigrant mental health,*” at this year’s Annual American Public Health Association as part of an invited symposium on Asian Americans, Public Health, and Social Justice.

## Upcoming Events

### CORE SEMINAR SCHEDULE

#### UC BERKELEY PROGRAM SITE

##### **NOVEMBER 18**

##### **Anthony Iton, MD, JD, MPH**

Senior Vice President, Health Communities  
The California Endowment

##### **DECEMBER 2**

##### **Alonzo Plough, PhD, MPH**

Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Program  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Location: UC Berkeley, University Hall, 714C

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm

[Map](#)

## UC SAN FRANCISCO PROGRAM SITE

**DECEMBER 9**

**Scholars and Core Faculty Only**

*Discussion of semester and suggestions for the Spring semester*

Location: UC San Francisco, Laurel Heights Campus, Conference Room 474

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm

[Map](#)



## COAST SEMINAR SCHEDULE

**Friday, November 19, 2010**

*“Endocrine Effects of Bariatric Surgery and Their Potential Role in Improved Glucose and Lipid Metabolism”*

**Peter Havel, PhD**

Professor, Department of Nutrition

Professor, Department of Molecular Biosciences, School of Veterinary Medicine

University California Davis

Time and Location: 12:00-1:00 pm, UCSF Laurel Heights campus, Conference Room 474

## CSDH HEALTH DISPARITIES SEMINAR

**Wednesday, December 8, 2010**

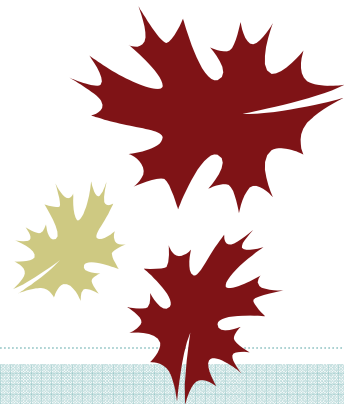
*“What are health disparities? Concepts and measurement”*

**Paula Braveman, MD, MPH**

Time: 12:00 – 1:20 pm

Location: Laurel Heights, Room 474

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