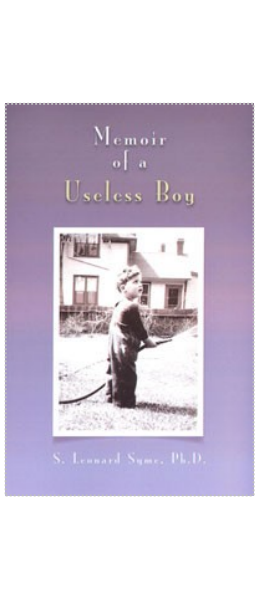


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Headline News



Len Syme has recently published a memoir, titled *Memoir of a Useless Boy*. The book describes how his difficult early years shaped an interest in social forces that eventually led to pioneering work in developing the new field of social epidemiology.

He also tells of the way in which his commitment to this radical way of thinking about health helped to train a whole new generation of young scholars to further develop these ideas.

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Scholar Spotlight

*Aric A. Prather, PhD
Cohort 8 Scholar*



We all know the feeling of a restless night sleep and the sluggish day that follows.

Sleep is a precious commodity in short supply for many Americans and an emerging predictor of poor physical health.

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Wizdom Powell has been appointed a 2011-2012 White House Fellow.

Congratulations Wizdom! [Read more](#)

Scholars

Emily Jacobs took part in the *Symposium – "Cognitive and behavioral dysfunction in aging: Role of sex hormones"* with Pauline Maki, PhD, Paul Newhouse, MD and Julie Dumas, PhD at the 11th Annual International College of Geriatric Psychopharmacology Meeting in Irvine, CA on November 3rd. Her talk was titled, **"Estrogen impact on dopamine-dependent cognitive function and markers of biological aging."**

She also presented a talk titled **"Pharmacoendocrinology and the brain: Why estrogen's influence on neurochemistry matters for women's health"** at the Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society meeting in Boston, MA, hosted by Mary Coakley-Welch, PhD, earlier this month.

Meredith Barrett has been busy giving talks as well. On October 5th she presented her talk titled **"Predicting the effects of environmental change on lemur health in Madagascar: Importance to conservation and public health"** at the One Health Intellectual Exchange, a monthly discussion series sponsored by the [North Carolina One Health Collaboration](#).

She also took part in the [Global Grand Rounds Discussion Panel: Challenges to Making Change in Global Health](#) at UC Davis School of Law on October 19th.

Mark Pachucki has recently published two articles. The first, **"Food pattern analysis over time: unhealthy eating trajectories predict obesity,"** appears in the *International Journal of Obesity*.

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The second, **"Social Network Concordance in Food Choice Among Spouses, Friends, and Siblings"** can be found in the *American Journal of Public Health*. [Read article](#)

Faculty

Robert Hiatt was interviewed on NPR regarding the veterans creating the world's largest medical database. [Read more](#)

Elissa Epel was featured on the KTVU news segment, **Local Bio-Chemist Finds Way to Turn Back Biological Clock**. [Watch news video](#)

Featured Publications

Article by **Nicki Bush**, Jelena Obradovic, **Nancy Adler**, and Thomas Boyce from *Development and Psychopathology*

"Kindergarten stressors and cumulative adrenocortical activation: The "first straws" of allostatic load?"

[read article](#)

Article by **Amani Nuru-Jeter**, Roland Thorpe Jr. and Esme Fuller-Thomson from *Public Health Reports*

"Black-White Differences in Self-Reported Disability Outcomes in the U.S.: Early Childhood to Older Adulthood"

[read article](#)

Article by **Candyce Kroenke**, **Elissa Epel**, **Nancy Adler**, **Nicki Bush**, Jelena Obradovic, Jue Lin, Elizabeth Blackburn, Juliet Lisa Stamperdahl, and W. Thomas Boyce from *Psychosomatic Medicine*

"Autonomic and Adrenocortical Reactivity and Buccal Cell Telomere Length in Kindergarten Children"

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Alumni Corner

Julian Jamison and **Anat Bracha** presented their paper titled, **"Shifting Confidence in Home Ownership: The Great Recession"** at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston 56th Economic Conference – Long-Term Effects of The Great Recession. [link to paper](#)

Their work was also highlighted on several media outlets, including the [Wall Street Journal econ blog](#), the [New York Times econ blog](#), and [Business Insider](#).

Doug Jutte (Cohort 1- UCSF/UCB), **Malo Hutson** (Cohort 4 - MICH) and **Kaja LeWinn** (Cohort 5 - UCSF/UCB), collaborated on an article released in the November 2011 issue of *Health Affairs*.

The article, **"Bringing Researchers And Community Developers Together To Revitalize A Public Housing Project And Improve Health,"** was a collaboration across three different cohorts and researchers of three different discipline backgrounds, medicine, urban planning and neuroscience.

The **Healthy Communities Conference: Building Systems to Integrate Community Development and Health**, a Federal Reserve Bank, RWJF and Pew Charitable Trust event was held on November 7th in Washington, DC. The topic was the intersection of community development & health and it is the culmination of more than a year of collaborative work **Doug Jutte** has been participating in with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and RWJF.

Doug is a member of the conference series steering committee and was a panel moderated for this past event. Several others from the HSSP and RWJF community participated in the conference as well. Nancy Alder was a panel moderator, both Risa Lavizzo-Mourey and Jim Marks from RWJF spoke at the conference, and David Kindig, HSSP site coordinator for Wisconsin, was a panelist.

Upcoming Events

CORE SEMINAR SCHEDULE

UC SAN FRANCISCO PROGRAM SITE

DECEMBER 1

Public Health Actions to Address Determinants of Health Inequity: Lessons from a Decade of Local Practice

Rajiv Bhatia, MD, MPH

DECEMBER 8

Discrimination and Health: Threat Contagion During Cross-Race Interactions

Wendy Berry Mendes, PhD

DECEMBER 15

Discussion of the seminar series

Location: UC San Francisco, Conference Room, 474

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm

[Map](#)

COAST SEMINAR SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 16

Early Life Growth Trajectories and Future Risk of Overweight

Jesse Jones-Smith, PhD, MPH, RD

Postdoctoral Scholar

Center for Health and Community, University of California, San Francisco

School of Public Health, University of California Berkeley

JANUARY 20

Childhood 'Americanized': Community Perspectives on Drugs, Gangs, and Obesity in Trinidad

Ian Whitmarsh, PhD

Assistant Professor

Department of Anthropology, History, and Social Medicine

University of California, San Francisco

Location: UCSF Laurel Heights Campus, Conference Room 474,

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm

CSDH HEALTH DISPARITIES SEMINAR

NOVEMBER 30

Juan E Garay, MD, MSc, MPH

Former Head of Global Health policy, European Union

Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley

DECEMBER 14

Barbara A. Laraia, PhD, MPH, RD

Associate Professor, Division of Prevention Sciences

Department of Medicine

Center for Health & Community, University of California, San Francisco

JANUARY 11

Kimberly TallBear, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management (ESPM)

University of California, Berkeley

JANUARY 25

Esteban González Burchard, MD, MPH

Associate Professor of Biopharmaceutical Sciences and Medicine

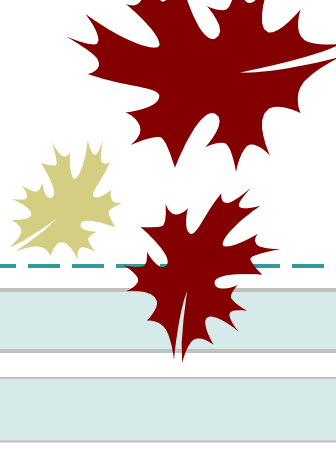
Pharmacogenomics and Genetic Epidemiology of Pulmonary Diseases

University of California, San Francisco

Location: Laurel Heights, Room 474

Time: 12:00 – 1:20 pm

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