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Headline News

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Doug Jutte was the Health Content Leader for the international Social Capital Markets (SOCAP) conference in San Francisco in September. This is the world's largest gathering of socially-motivated innovators and investors, and this was the first time that health was made a prominent theme. Doug organized 27 hours of health-related panels over the 3-day meeting aiming to make health promotion at the individual, community and global level an explicit focus for entrepreneurial activity and investment.

[view Doug's presentation](#)

Featured Publications

Article by **Julian Jamison**, et al from the *Information Technologies & International Development Journal*

"Mixed-Method Evaluation of a Passive mHealth Sexual Information Texting Service in Uganda" [read more](#)

Article by **Meredith Barrett, Olivier Humblet, Robert Hiatt and Nancy Adler** from the *Journal of Big Data*

"Big Data and Disease Prevention: From Quantified Self to Quantified Communities" [read more](#)

Article by **Aric Prather, Eli Puterman, Elissa Epel, et al** from *Brain, Behavior, and Immunity*

"Poor sleep quality potentiates stress-induced cytokine reactivity in postmenopausal women with high visceral abdominal adiposity" [read more](#)

Article by **David Rehkopf, Doug Jutte, Len Syme, Nancy Adler, et al** from the *American Journal of Public Health*

"Social Isolation: A Predictor of Mortality Comparable to Traditional Clinical Risk Factors" [read more](#)

Faculty

Congratulations to **Nancy Adler** on being appointed to the **Health and Safety Advisory Committee for the Ad Council**.

The Ad Council is the nation's largest producer of public service communications, rallying the pro bono resources of the advertising and media communities to deliver critical messages to the American public. Creating campaigns on behalf of nonprofits organizations and government agencies, the Ad Council tackle issues relating to health, education and community well-being.

The prestigious Advisory Committee, chaired by Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey (President and CEO of the RWJ Foundation), advises the Ad Council on the nation's most pressing social issues of the day. Often referred to as "the soul" of the Ad Council, the Committee identifies, prioritizes and evaluates significant public issues as potential new campaigns. The Committee is comprised of esteemed experts who represent the fields of research, academia, philanthropy, business, or public policy.

Nancy also served on the program planning committee for the recent Institute of Medicine (IOM) annual meeting which focused on "*The Science of Violence: Causation, Mitigation, and Prevention*" and chaired the meeting.

Jennifer Ahern was awarded a grant through the National Institutes of Health Director's New Innovator Award Program titled, *A rigorous system to determine the health impacts of policies and programs*. Jennifer's research will establish a new system to determine the health and disparities impacts of policies and programs, and apply this system to assess the effects of criminal justice policies and programs in California.

Alumni Corner

Congratulations to **Janet Tomiyama** (Cohort 7) on being awarded the [Society of Behavioral Medicine Early Career Investigator Award](#) and the [Association for Psychological Science Rising Star](#).

Annaliese Berry (Cohort 6) was recently awarded a National Science Foundation (NFS) grant on the neurobiology of sociality.

Nicole Bush (Cohort 7) was awarded a 5-year grant, from NHLBI, to study the prenatal programming effects of maternal stress and gestational weight gain on offspring stress physiology and weight trajectories. The study also examines whether a mindfulness-based prenatal intervention to reduce stress and prevent excessive weight gain has positive benefits on birth outcomes and the developmental trajectories of the offspring, in comparison to offspring from the control group. HSSP colleagues Nancy Adler, Barbara Laraia, and Elissa Epel are Co-PIs on the grant.

Upcoming Events

CORE SEMINAR SCHEDULE

UC BERKELEY
NOVEMBER 14

Wandering in the Woods: Insights, Plans, and Questions

Parissa Ballard, PhD, RWJF HSSP Scholar

Lindsay Hoyt, PhD, RWJF HSSP Scholar

Keely Muscatell, PhD, RWJF HSSP Scholar

Location: UC Berkeley, Room 590L

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm, [Map](#)

NOVEMBER 21

Food Insecurity and the Development of Health Behaviors

Ezequiel Galarce, PhD, RWJF HSSP Scholar

Happiness and Health in Everyday Life

Matthew Killingsworth, PhD, RWJF HSSP Scholar

Location: UC Berkeley, Room 714C

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm, [Map](#)

UC SAN FRANCISCO
DECEMBER 5

Pregnancy as a "Window of Opportunity" for Intervention: Obesity, Stress and Perinatal Outcomes

Jeanette R. Ickovics, PhD

Location: UC San Francisco, Conference Room, 474

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm, [Map](#)

CSDH HEALTH DISPARITIES SEMINAR

NOVEMBER 20

"A Place at the table" Film Screening and Discussion

Hilary Seligman, MD, MAS

Website: [CSDH](#)

Location: Laurel Heights, Room 474

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm



The **Institute of Medicine** (of the National Academy of Science) has established a Committee on Social and Behavioral Domains and Measures for Electronic Health Records.

The committee will be holding a meeting open to the public on **November 25** from 8:30-11:30 am on the campus of UCSF in the Laurel Heights auditorium (3333 California Street, S1-24 Auditorium) to provide an opportunity for input. Please check for the latest [version](#) of the agenda as revisions may occur close to the date. The website has the committee's statement of task and committee membership.

Conference on Complex Systems, Health Disparities & Population Health: Building Bridges - February 24-25, 2014 --NIH Natcher Conference Center - Bethesda, MD

Improving population health and eliminating health disparities is a critical task, yet our efforts are stymied by the complexity of the task, involving as it does causes of poor health that range from public policy to the nature of our neighborhoods to how we behave to biology. [more info](#)

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