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Headline News

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The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars 10th Anniversary Program Meeting** was held April 18-21, 2012 in Princeton, NJ. The annual meeting is a wonderful opportunity to bring the scholars of the program together with the National Advisory Committee members, training site directors and faculty, RWJF staff, and esteemed guests. The meeting also serves as an introduction of the newly selected tenth cohort who attended the event as part of their orientation.



UCSF-UCB site ~ Marriott Hotel, Princeton, NJ – April 20, 2012

Scholars

Meredith Barrett presented, “Environment: an essential foundation of human health” at a lecture for the UC Davis-UC Riverside joint One Health course *multi-campus course*

Mark Pachucki was recently invited to present at the “Crosstalk” lecture series at the National Cancer Institute’s Behavioral Research Program (BRP) in early 2013, and has been invited to spend part of the 2013-14 academic year at the Center for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science & Letters to collaborate on “The Ecology of Food Perception” regarding social determinants of health, social networks, and the food environment.

Featured Publications

Article by **Wizdom Powell Hammond**, et al. from *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*

“Coping styles, depressive symptoms and race during the transition to adulthood”

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Doug Jutte, **Margaret Sheridan** (HSSP Cohort 7– Harvard), and **Tom Boyce**, et al. from *PLoS ONE*

“The Impact of Social Disparity on Prefrontal Function in Childhood”

read article

Article by **Laura Schmidt**, **Robert Lustig**, and **Claire Brindis** from *Nature*

“The Toxic Truth About Sugar”

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Article by **Belinda Needham**, **Elissa Epel**, et al. from *Social Science and Medicine*

“Socioeconomic Status and Cell Aging in Children”

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Article by **Candyce Kroenke**, et al. from *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*

“Social networks, social support and burden in relationships, and mortality after breast cancer diagnosis”

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RWJF H&SSP Faculty

Elena Fuentes-Afflick has been appointed as **Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty Development**, effective April 1.

Mahasin Mujahid

“People in Neighborhoods With Health Features Have Better Heart Health”

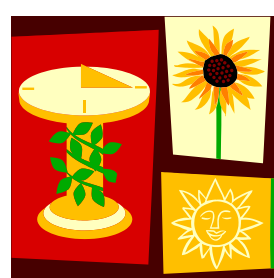
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Barbara Laraia and **Elissa Epel**’s episode entitled, “A Fast-Paced, Fast Food Life,” will air May 18th as part of the NEW UCTV PRIME YOUTUBE SERIES “THE SKINNY ON OBESITY”

view on UCTV

Hal Luft was awarded a grant through the RWJF Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization program entitled “Exploring potential gains and losses for providers in a system of episode-based payment in ambulatory care.”

Alumni Corner



Cassandra Okechukwu co-authored a study presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting in New Orleans. The Abstract is published in the *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*

read abstract

Candyce Kroenke will be presenting, “Stress, endogenous sex steroid hormones, and breast cancer risk in the Women’s Health Initiative (WHI)” as part of a Spotlight Session at the 45th Annual SER Meeting, scheduled to be held June 27-30, 2012 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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