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Headline News

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Best wishes to our Cohort 6 RWJ Health & Society Scholars  
and CHC Postdoc Osagie Obasogie!



[Recent Graduation Luncheon](#)



Scholar Spotlight

*Nicki Bush, PhD*  
*Cohort 7 Scholar*

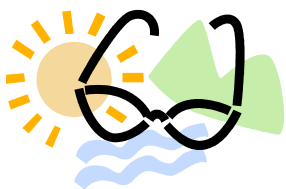
“Examinations of the Environment-  
Biology interplay across Early  
Development”

[more on Nicki](#)

Scholars

Our Cohort 6 scholar, [Annaliese Berry, PhD](#) talks about her experience as a RWJ Health & Society Scholar. [Read Annaliese's statement](#)

**Annaliese** will be a faculty member in the Neuroscience/Psychology Departments at Smith College. **Julie** will be a staff scientist with the Division of Research at Kaiser Permanent. **Cassandra** will be an assistant professor in the Department of Society, Human Development and Health at Harvard's School of Public Health.



Cohort 8 scholar, [Emily Jacobs, PhD](#) gives a talk with Google's Mike Goard:

“The Neural Circuitry of Perception & Genetic and Hormonal  
Influences on Cognition” [View Video](#)

Featured Publications

[Derek D. Satre, PhD](#), et al. published the following article based on their RWJF funded project:

“[Ethnic Disparities in Accessing Treatment for Depression and Substance Use Disorders in an Integrated Health Plan](#)”

UCSF study by [Eli Puterman, PhD](#), [Nancy Adler, PhD](#), [Elissa Epel, PhD](#), et al. show that exercise can buffer the effects of stress-induced cell aging:

“[The Power of Exercise: Buffering the Effect of Chronic Stress on Telomere Length](#)”

Article by Cohort 1 Alumni's [Amani Nuru-Jeter, PhD](#) and [Douglas Jutte, PhD](#), and RWJF H&SSP International faculty, [Tom Boyce, MD](#), et al.:

[“Socioeconomic predictors of health and development in middle childhood: Variations by socioeconomic status measures and race”](#)

RWJF H&SSP Co-Director at UCSF-UCB, [Ray Catalano, PhD](#), Cohort 5 Alum, [Kaja LeWinn, PhD](#) et al.:

[“An exploration of secondary sex ratios among women diagnosed with anxiety disorders.”](#)

Cohort 6 Alumni, [Annaliese Beery, PhD](#) and UCB's [Irving Zucker, PhD](#) on the third piece of three on gender bias in biomedicine:

[“Males still dominate animal studies.”](#)

RWJF H&SSP Faculty, [Hilary K Seligman, MD](#) and [Dean Schillinger, MD](#):

[“Hunger and Socioeconomic Disparities in Chronic Disease”](#)

## RWJ H&SS Faculty

Congratulations to RWJF H&SS Co-Director at UCSF-UCB, [Nancy E. Adler, PhD](#) for being selected to receive the 2010 CSES Award for Distinguished Leadership by the Committee on Socioeconomic Status (CSES).



Nancy E. Adler, PhD

## Alumni Corner

Congratulations to Cohort 5 Alum, [Kaja LeWinn, PHD](#), who recently accepted a Research Fellow position in the *Clinical Services Research Training Program* here at the [UCSF Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute](#).

## Upcoming Events

**UC Berkeley**  
September 16, 23, 30  
November 4, 11, 18

*~Mark Your Calendars~*

### CORE SEMINAR SCHEDULE

More information available  
Fall 2010

**UC San Francisco**  
October 7, 12, 14, 21, 28  
December 2, 9

### September 14, 2010

Alcohol Research Group, Postdoctoral Research Seminar, Emeryville, CA

### October 7, 2010

2010 Fall Welcome Event

The [Center for Health and Community](#) hosts an annual Fall Welcome Event for CHC affiliated faculty, postdocs and graduate students. The event is on October 7<sup>th</sup> this year and we invite all CHC affiliated faculty, postdocs, and graduate students to attend.

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**October 22, 2010**

Health Disparities Research Symposium 4 at UCSF

**Focus:** Scientific presentations will highlight health care disparities at UCSF

**Health Disparities** refers to gaps in the quality of health and health care, differences in biological and behavioral aspects of health and disease, and clinical and population studies by racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. The definition of health disparities includes differences in the presence of disease, health outcomes, and quality of and/or access to health care. We welcome research from the diversity of disciplines at UCSF, from translational, clinical and population scientists, and both quantitative and qualitative work. We welcome studies based outside the US if these studies address disparities by race and ethnicity or social class.

Time: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: UCSF Laurel Heights Campus, Conference Center

RSVP: To [Andrelyn.rivera@ucsf.edu](mailto:Andrelyn.rivera@ucsf.edu)

Abstract due date: **Wednesday, September 8, 2010** at 5:00 pm

Questions: Contact [Eliseo Perez-Stable](#), [Victor Y. Fujimoto](#), or [Barbara Gerbert](#)

The 2010-2011 Call for Applications for the  
*Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars* program

Deadline: **October 1st, 2010** [more](#)



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