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Headline News

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Best wishes to our Cohort 7 RWJ Health & Society Scholars !



[Recent Graduation Luncheon](#)

Scholars

Nicole Bush will be an Assistant Professor with the *Department of Psychiatry* at [UCSF](#). As faculty in the Department of Psychiatry, Nicole intends to integrate her background in clinical and community intervention with her more recent expertise in biological embedding of stress during early development. In addition to continuing her existing research, she is excited about opportunities to collaborate with faculty on translational research that will demonstrate clinical intervention effects and illuminate the biological mechanisms of environmental influences on developing psychopathology and wellness.

Janet Tomiyama will be an Assistant Professor with the *Department of Psychology* and the *Department of Nutrition* at [Rutgers University](#).

Laura Gottlieb will be an Assistant Clinical Professor with the *Department of Family and Community Medicine* at [UCSF](#).

Emily Jacobs was interviewed by [The Daily Californian](#) and UC Berkeley's [California Magazine](#) for her research in estrogen and the issue of male bias in animal-based research.

Featured Publications

Article by [Barbara Laraia, PhD, MPH, RD](#), [Nancy Adler, PhD](#), [Irene Yen, PhD, MPH](#), et al, from the American Journal of Preventative Medicine,

["The Influence of Neighborhood Food Stores on Change in Young Girls' Body Mass Index"](#)

Article by [Irene Yen, PhD, MPH](#), et al, from the Journal of Aging Research, ["Ensuring Mobility-Supporting Environments for an Aging Population: Critical Actors and Collaborations"](#)

RWJ H&SS Faculty

HSSP Co-Director [Nancy Adler, PhD](#), HSSP Affiliate Faculty member Claire Brindis, DrPH and Nancy Milliken, MD made headline news on UCSF's webpage for their historic efforts in improving women's health care [Read article](#)

Alumni Corner

[Wizdom Powell Hammond, PhD, MPH](#) was recognized in an *American Psychological Association* cover story for her research on African-American masculinity and health - [read story](#)

[Amani Nuru-Jeter, PhD](#) and Sarah Roberts from the *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & research*, ["Universal Screening for Alcohol and Drug Use and racial Disparities in Child Protective Services Reporting"](#)

Upcoming Events

UC Berkeley
September 8, 15, 29
November 3, 10, 17

~Mark Your Calendars~
CORE SEMINAR SCHEDULE
More information available
Fall 2011

UC San Francisco
October 6, 13, 20, 27
December 1, 8, 15

September 1-2, 2011
Cohort 9 Orientation

October 7, 2011
Health Disparities Research Symposium V at UCSF
A Showcase Presentation during UCSF's Annual Diversity Celebration

We look forward to an exciting scientific program and a showcase of UCSF's stellar disparities research and researchers. UCSF has a multitude of researchers with national and international reputations in disparities research and this symposium will provide a forum to showcase the breadth and depth of this work. We invite you to attend this innovative symposium, which will include oral presentations and poster sessions. Food and drink will be provided. Given the initial level of interest regarding this event and to help us plan, we are requesting an **RSVP. Space is limited.**

For this call, health disparities refer 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.

The due date for abstract submissions is Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Time: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Location: UCSF Laurel Heights Campus, Conference Center
RSVP: To Andrelyn.rivera@ucsf.edu

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