

Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program
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Best wishes to our Cohort 8 RWJ Health & Society Scholars !

Emily, Mark and Aric
Recent Graduation Luncheon**Scholars**

[Emily Jacobs](#) will be a Stuart T. Hauser NIMH Fellow, Harvard Medical School and Brigham & Women's joint appointment in the Departments of Psychiatry and Medicine, Division of Women's Health.

[Aric Prather](#) will be an Assistant Professor with the Department of Psychiatry at UCSF.

Featured Publications

Article by Meredith A. Barrett, Laura M. Gottlieb, Paula A. Braveman Robert A. Hiatt and Nancy E. Adler from *Science*

"Health is more than health care: Pre-med curricula should incorporate the social determinants of health" [Read more](#)

Article by John Frank and Sally Haw from *Millbank Quarterly*

"Best Practice Guidelines for Monitoring Socioeconomic Inequalities in Health Status: Lessons from Scotland" [Read more](#)

Book by Ron Lee and Andrew Mason titled:

Population Aging and the Generational Economy: A Global Perspective

[Read book](#)

Article by Laura Gottlieb, Jonathan Fielding and Paula Braveman from *Public Health Rep*

"Health impact assessment: necessary but not sufficient for healthy public policy"

[Read more](#)

Article by Paula Braveman from *Soc Sci Med*, 2012 Mar;74(5):665-7.

"Health inequalities by class and race in the US: what can we learn from the patterns?"

[Read more](#)

RWJ H&SS Faculty

[Aric Prather](#) and [Elissa Epel](#) recently received a NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award (R21) from the National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute to investigate the bidirectional associations of sleep, psychological stress, and indices of impaired allostasis in a longitudinal cohort of chronically stressed parents caring for a child with Autism, who will be compared to parents caring for a typically developing child (i.e., low stress controls).

This study will provide important insights into the complex interactions between daily stress processes and sleep behavior, and the inclusion of both mothers and fathers in this study represents a unique opportunity to test potential sex differences as well as couple factors previously unexplored.

[Naralou Roos'](#) Canadian Institute for Health research grant on working with the media to make evidence and experts on high profile health policy topics easily available has been approved for another 3 years. The project has published more than 70 OpEds in the last year in over 180 newspapers.

[Hal Luft](#) received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Changes in Health Care Financing and organization program for a 12 month project titled **"Towards Episode-Based Payment in Ambulatory Care"**. This project will explore potential gains and losses for providers in a system of episode-based payment in ambulatory care.

Alumni Corner

[Julian Jamison](#) will be starting a new position this fall as a Senior Economist within the research department at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington, DC.

Congratulations Julian!

[Sara Johnson](#) co-edited a special issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health (with Robert Blum) that focuses on the social context of adolescent brain development in a life course context. The issue is called **"Stress and the Brain: How Experiences and Exposures Across the Life Span Shape Health, Development, and Learning in Adolescence"**.

This volume, due August 1st, traces the impact of various adversities from the fetal period to early adulthood, describing how both common and uncommon challenges shape the developing brain.

Upcoming Events

September 5-6, 2012
Cohort 10 Orientation

October 4, 2012
CHC Fall Welcome Event



Friday, October 12, 2012

Health Disparities Research Symposium VI 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 22, 2012 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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