Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program
SUMMER NEWSLETTER
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Headline News

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

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 Permanente. 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”
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).

Cohort 5 Alum, Kaja LeWinn, PhD, accepted a Research Fellow position in the Clinical Services Research Training Program here at the UCSF Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute.

Annaliese Beery, PhD and Irving Zucker, PhD on the third piece of three on gender bias in biomedicine:

“Males still dominate animal studies.”

RWJ H&SS Faculty, Hilary K Seligman, MD and Dean Schillinger, MD:

“Hunger and Socioeconomic Disparities in Chronic Disease”

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&SS Faculty, Ray Catalano, PhD, Cohort 5 Alum, Kaja LeWinn, PhD et al.:

“An exploration of secondary sex ratios among women diagnosed with anxiety disorders.”

Mark Your Calendars

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

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 7th this year and we invite all CHC affiliated faculty, postdocs, and graduate students to attend.
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
Abstract due date: **Wednesday, September 8, 2010** at 5:00 pm

Questions: Contact Eliseo Perez-Stable, Victor Y. Fujimoto, or Barbara Gerbert

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