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Fall Welcome Event  
October 7, 2010  
Meet Our New Affiliate Faculty, Students & Scholars

## DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, HISTORY & SOCIAL MEDICINE

Fellowship Program Contact: Kim Bissell



**NISHANT BAGADIA, PHD**

**CANDIDATE**

Graduate Student

MS, Sociology, London School of Economics

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Influence of Capitalism, Neo-liberalism and new ways of governing in International Healthcare; The Transnational Movement of Bodies, Patients or Medical Resources, Medical Tourism and Procedure Specific Medical Travel (CCSVI, Stem Cell therapy), and/or Impact on Personhood; Geographic Areas of Interest: U.S./ Latin America Relations (Cuba, Panama, Colombia) or India



**DANA GREENFIELD, PHD**

**CANDIDATE**

Graduate Student

BA, Anthropology and Biology, Barnard College Columbia University  
Fulbright Post Graduate, Gender Studies, American Studies, Christchurch, New Zealand

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Gender; Sexuality; Sex hormones and Normalizing Technologies; Intersex studies; Queer theories/studies; Social studies of Science and Technology (or STS) disability studies; Identity politics; Social movements and medicine, endocrinology and Pediatric medicine



**FRANCESCA NICOSIA, PHD**

**CANDIDATE**

Graduate Student

MA, Anthropology, University of Colorado Denver  
BA, Sociology and Anthropology; Conflict Studies

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Death and dying; Hospice and Palliative care; Anthropology of the body; Subjectivity; Pain and suffering; Globalization and neo-liberalism; Medical education/ Medical humanities



**MARYANI RASIDJAN, PHD**

**CANDIDATE**

Graduate Student

BA, Anthropology, Columbia University

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Gender and reproductive Health; Post-colonial studies; Global health; Intersections of social formations; Power; Health; Communities of color; Health disparities; Indonesia

# CENTER FOR HEALTH & COMMUNITY

Fellowship Program Contact: [Michael Da Luz](#)



## ELISSA EPEL, PHD

Assistant Director, Center for Health and Community

BA, Psychology, Stanford University  
PhD, Psychology, Yale University

### CURRENT RESEARCH:

Psychological and biological impact of care giving stress; Health disparities and cell aging in NHANES; Pregnancy and transmission of obesity and stress vulnerability

### GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:

Health disparities; Stress; Cell aging; Obesity; Interventions



## JESSICA JONES-SMITH, PHD

Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for Health and Community

PhD, Nutrition Epidemiology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
MPH, University of California, Berkeley

### CURRENT RESEARCH:

Social and contextual determinants of nutrition-related chronic diseases and health disparities; Neighborhoods and health; Socioeconomic disadvantage and child health and cognitive development

### GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:

Health disparities; Socioeconomic status; Consequences of obesity; Income inequality; Child development; Developmental origins of disease



## EMILY C. JACOBS, PHD

Postdoctoral Scholar  
Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar

PhD, Neuroscience, University of California, Berkeley  
BA, Neuroscience, Smith College

### GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:

Neuroscience; Cognitive genomics; Women's health; Psychopharmacology



## MARK A. PACHUCKI, PHD

Postdoctoral Scholar  
Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar

PhD Sociology, Harvard University  
AM Sociology, Harvard University  
BA Sociology, Columbia University

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship: Health Behaviors and Social Networks  
NIA Translational Research in Aging T32 Fellowship

### GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:

Culture; Social networks; Diet & nutrition; Exercise and aging



## ARIC PRATHER, PHD

Postdoctoral Scholar  
Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar

PhD, Clinical and Biological & Health Psychology, University of Pittsburgh  
Clinical Psychology Internship (Track: Behavioral Medicine), Duke University Medical Center  
MS, Psychology, University of Pittsburgh  
BA, Psychology, University of California, Berkeley

### CURRENT RESEARCH:

Identifying and understanding the psychological, behavioral, and physiologic correlates of immune function, with particular emphasis on restorative processes (e.g. sleep) that may buffer the deleterious effects of stress on health

### GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:

Psychoneuroimmunology; Sleep medicine; Stress reactivity; Social determinants of health across the lifespan

# CENTER FOR TOBACCO CONTROL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Fellowship Program Contact: [Aria Yow](#)



**RACHEL GRANA, PHD, MPH**

Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Health Behavior Research, University of Southern California  
MPH, Biostatistics and Epidemiology, University of Southern California  
BS, Public Health, University of Arizona

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Multiple tobacco product use and novel nicotine/tobacco product use among young adults; Smoking cessation strategies for adolescents and young adults

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Innovation smoking cessation strategies for hard-to-reach populations, particularly adolescents, young adults and recalcitrant smokers; Cultural identity formation and its relationship to tobacco and other substance use; Public health and tobacco control policy implications of next-generation nicotine and tobacco products



**YOUN OK LEE, PHD**

Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Researching social identity and smoking behavior among young adults in bars and clubs

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Socio-cultural contexts in tobacco use; Health disparities; Health promotion; Adolescent health; Social determinants of tobacco use



**ARNAB MUKHERJEA, DRPH**

Postdoctoral Fellow

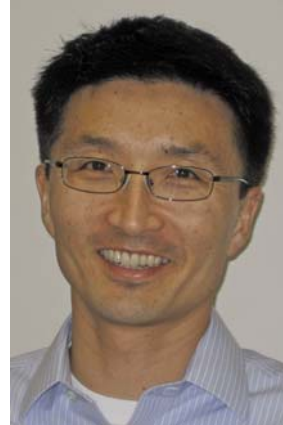
PhD, Applied Health Disparities, University of California, Berkeley  
MPH, Health & Social Behavior, University of California, Berkeley  
BA, Molecular & Cell Biology, University of California, Berkeley

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Enhancement of the validity of a culturally-specific survey module to generate accurate and representative depiction of rates and correlates of tobacco use among South Asians in the United States

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Social determinants of health; Nexus of culture and behavior influencing adverse health outcomes;  
Community-based research; Design and implementation of multilevel intervention strategies in small and understudied populations



**SAM OH, PHD**

Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Epidemiology, University of California, Los Angeles  
MPH, Health Promotion, San Diego State University  
BS, Animal Physiology and Neuroscience, University of California, San Diego

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Investigation of the association between tobacco-related genes and asthma, and how the associations may be modified by genetic ancestry

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Gene-environment interactions; Cancer; Inflammation



**TINGTING YAO, PHD**

Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Health Economics, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China  
BA, Public Health, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Estimating the economic cost associated with exposure to secondhand smoke

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Tobacco control policy; Intervention for pregnant women on passive smoking; Economic impact of tobacco on health and healthcare expenditures

## DIVISION OF GENERAL PEDIATRICS

Fellowship Program Contacts: Marcela Cazares and Twinkle Patel



**NATALIE BURMAN, DO**

Pediatric Fellow

DO, Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine  
BA, Chemistry, University of San Diego

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Pediatric Obesity

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Pediatric obesity; Medical education; Community health



**LAUREN HARTMAN, MD**

Clinical Fellow

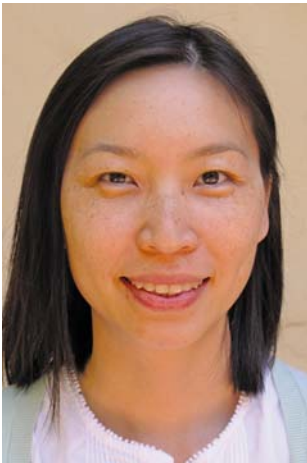
MD, University of Virginia, School of Medicine  
Pediatrics Residency, Brown University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Cross-sectional survey to determine an association between an adolescent girl's method of contraception and the parent's acceptability of confidential reproductive health services in an ethnically and economically diverse population

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Reproductive health; Prevention of pregnancy and STIs



**JOSEPHINE LAU, MD**

Clinical Fellow

MD, University of California, Davis  
MPH, Health Policy and Management, Columbia University, New York  
MA, Endocrinology, University of California, Berkeley

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

To look at how often recommended preventative interventions (e.g. nutrition counseling and mental health screening) are being given to young adults and adolescents in the primary care setting using the 2005 and 2007 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Young adults; Adolescents; Mental health screening; Health care access and utilization; Health policy



**NOOSHIN RAZANI, MD**

General Pediatrics Fellow

MD, University of California, San Francisco  
MPH, Harvard School of Public Health, Family & Community Health

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Secondary data analysis of neighborhood characteristics (built & social) & Pediatric mental health outcomes

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Urbanization; Pediatric well being; Built environment; Children & nature; Green space; Mental health, and Pediatric environmental health



**HILARY WOLF, MD**

Clinical Fellow

MD, Pediatrics, School of Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine  
BA, Washington University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Sexual behavior; Contraception; Global health

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Art; World culture; Travel; Hiking; Historical sites

## HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Fellowship Program Contact: Russell Heiman



**WENDY BERRY MENDES, PHD**

Sarlo/Ekman Associate Professor of Emotion  
Department of Psychiatry

PhD, Psychology, University of California, Santa  
Barbara

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Embodiment; Stress; Emotion and decision-making;  
Stigma and discrimination; Psychophysiology

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Social and biological psychology; Emotions



**MICHAEL KRAUS, PHD**

Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Psychology, University of California, Berkeley

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Social class; Hierarchy and emotion; Touch and Pro-  
social behavior

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Hierarchy; Group dynamics; Close relationships;  
Emotions



**MELANIE THOMAS, MD, MS**

Postdoctoral Fellow

UCSF Psychiatry Residency  
MD, UCB-UCSF Joint Medical Program  
BS, Biology, English, Emory University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Stress Response; Psychoneuroimmunology; The  
Lifecourse, and the example of HIV-affected children

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Psychology; Sociology; Anthropology and Women's  
studies

## PHILIP R. LEE INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH POLICY STUDIES

Fellowship Program Contact: Ernestine Florence

**PAULETTE M.  
KAMENECKA, PHD**

PRL-IHPS Postdoctoral Scholar

**EMILY FINLAYSON, MD, MS**

Assistant Professor in Residence

**GRACE LIN, MD, MAS**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

**STEVEN TAKEMOTO, PHD**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

**TRACY WOODRUFF,  
PHD, MPH**

Research Scientist

## SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Fellowship Program Contact: Linda Tracy



**STACEY J. ANDERSON, PHD, MA**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

PhD, Social Psychology, University of California, Davis

MA, Social Psychology, University of California, Davis

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Role of the tobacco industry in people's cognitive and affective experiences of being a smoker, particularly through tobacco industry efforts to target specific sub-populations of people with socially and emotionally engaging marketing

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

The social bases of public health problems; Industry influence over public health policy; Health and identity



**COLINE MCCONNELL, PHD**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

PhD, Sociology, University of California, San Francisco  
MA, Social Psychology, University of California, Berkeley

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Dissertation – An Examination of Two Young Female Cohorts' Sexual Behaviors and HIV Status in a Changing HIV Services Environment: Kisumu, Kenya 1997-2006

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

HIV; Theories of globalization; Patient experience



**OSAGIE OBASOGIE, JD, PHD**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

PhD, Sociology, University of California, Berkeley  
JD, Law, Columbia Law School

BA, Sociology and Political Science, Yale University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

The re-emergence of race as a biological category in scientific research and its social, ethical, and legal implications; The ethics of human subject research with vulnerable populations

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Race; Genetics; Social and Health disparities; Bioethics; Law and Public Policy



**DAVID PHILOXENE, MED**

Predocctoral Scholar

Med, Urban Education, University of California, Los Angeles  
BA, Sociology, African American Studies, University of California, Berkeley

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

The impact of violence on urban and school-based populations, trauma affecting African-American youth, and effective school approaches to student trauma and community solutions addressing social toxins; Intersections of race and health; Critical pedagogies, and Holistic and Alternative healing approaches



**TRACY WEITZ, PHD, MPA**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

PhD, Sociology, University of California, San Francisco

MPA, Public Administration, Missouri State University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Innovative strategies to expand abortion provision in the U.S.; Evaluate the provision of early abortion by nurse practitioners, nurse midwives and physician assistants

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Abortion; Women's health; Stigma and Health policy



**MARCIA WERTZ, PHD, MS**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

PhD, Nursing, University of California, San Francisco  
MS, Nursing, University of California, San Francisco  
BS, Nursing, University of San Francisco

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Phenomenological research into adolescent obesity; Tobacco industry documents research; Clinical research in immunological treatments for Type 1 Diabetes

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Health promotion through health policy; Nutrition; Pediatric obesity



**NICOLE WOLFE, PHD**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

PhD, Sociology, University of California, San Francisco

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

I am examining the promotion and marketing of the Gardasil vaccine as well as the social construction of HPV and cervical cancer as a problem

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Corporate influence in Health care; The Pharmaceutical industry; Pharmaceutical marketing/promotion; Women's health; Social construction of disease; Social control



**SEAN ARAYASIRKUL, MS**

Graduate Student

MS, Public Health, University of California, Los Angeles  
BA, Asian American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Role of social networks and social support on health, social and cultural capital, and resilience as a result of individual, group and community-level exposure to discrimination, violence and multiple minority stress; Transgressive pedagogy and the relationship between masculinities, power and intimate partner violence and prevention, especially among same-sex pairings

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Social justice; LGBT activism and HIV/AIDS prevention, care and research; Praxis of social theory to design, test and implement meaningful, community-based, behavioral and structural interventions to improve community health



**SONIA RAB-ALAM, MPH**

Graduate Student

MPH, Social Science Research, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University  
BA, Sociology, Gender and Women Studies, Bowdoin College

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Gendering the HPV Vaccine Discourse; Literature review of care coordination and transitional care for the elderly

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Health systems and pharmaceutical technologies are implicating in the construction of masculinities in health practice and marketing; Gender involvement in pharmaceutical marketing and how these technologies reproduces a gendered organization of health



**YVONNE CHAN, RN, MSN**

Graduate Student

MSN, Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Education, Dominican University, California  
BSN, Nursing, University of San Francisco

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Geriatric policy issues related to registered nurses and heart failure in nursing homes





**SUSAN FORSYTH, RN, MS**

Graduate Student

MS, Health Policy, University of California, San Francisco

BSN, Nursing, University of San Francisco  
BA, United States History, Mills College

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Environmental and social justice and corporate influences on health status, particularly in vulnerable communities

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Tobacco industry and methods they employ to manipulate health for profit as a prototype of corporate influence



**QUINN GRUNDY, RN**

Graduate Student

BSN, Nursing, University of Alberta, Edmonton  
RN, Nursing, University of Alberta, Edmonton

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Corporate influence on the health policy process



**JENNIFER JAMES, MS**

Graduate Student

MS, Social Work, Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania

BA, Political Science, Yale University

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Health care on a policy level



**JAEHYUNG KIM, MA**

Graduate Student

MA, Sociology, Seoul National University, South Korea  
BA, Sociology, Chonnam National University

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Patients' collective actions, including activities of people affected by Hansen's disease; Hemophiliacs and people with AIDS/HIV; Health related discrimination; Health policy; Impact of globalization

## CENTER ON SOCIAL DISPARITIES IN HEALTH

Fellowship Program Contact: Karen Simpkins



### REBECCA HASSON, PHD, MS

Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Kinesiology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
MS, Exercise Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
BS, Exercise Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

#### CURRENT RESEARCH:

Assessing ethnic differences in cancer-related metabolic risk factors and the role that strength training plays in improving these metabolic risk factors in African American and Latino youth

#### GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:

Examine the social determinants of health and the physiological mechanisms that contribute to health inequalities in underserved populations

## OSHER CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

Fellowship Program Contact: Leslie Murchy

Osher Center for  
Integrative  
Medicine

### VICKIE CHANG, PHD

Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Clinical Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles  
MA, Clinical Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles

#### CURRENT RESEARCH:

Positive psychology; Mindfulness; Prevention; School-based intervention; Adolescents

#### GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:

Depression prevention



### BLAKE GURFEIN, PHD

Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Neuroscience, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York  
BS, Neuroscience, Brown University

#### CURRENT RESEARCH:

Murine model of stress reduction; Underlying mechanisms of acupuncture; Neuro-immune relationship

## DIVISION OF GENERAL AND INTERNAL MEDICINE

Fellowship Program Contact: [Lauren Davidson](#)

### **CHRISTINE WELLES, MD**

Postdoctoral Fellow

MD, University of Kansas

BA, Chemistry, University of Kansas

### Division of General Internal Medicine

#### **CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Risk prediction; Atrial fibrillation

#### **GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Cardiovascular outcomes

## DIVISION OF GERIATRICS

Fellowship Program Contact: [Elaine Chow](#)



### **JOHN NEWMAN, PHD, MD**

Clinical Fellow

MD, University of Washington

PhD, Biochemistry, University of Washington

MS, Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Yale  
University

BS, Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Yale  
University

#### **CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Basic science of aging

#### **GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Geriatrics; Geriatric cardiology; Mechanics of aging;

Premature aging syndrome

## INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND AGING

Fellowship Program Contact: [marieChristine Yue](#)



**CLAUDIA CHAUFAN, MD, PHD**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

MD, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina  
DPhil, Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

California Birth Defects Monitoring Project; California Obesity Prevention Initiative; A pilot study to assess environment and socioeconomic barriers to healthy nutrition and active lifestyles in a low-income Latino neighborhood

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Political economy of health and health care (emphasis on diabetes and obesity); Comparative health care systems; The sociology of human genetic research (emphasis on gene-environment interaction); Health and human rights; History, Philosophy and sociology of science; Sociology of power; Sociological theory, and the Scholarship of teaching and learning



**YOSHIMI FUKUOKA, PHD, RN**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

PhD, Nursing, University of California, San Francisco  
MS, Nursing, University of California, San Francisco

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Test the efficacy of a mobile phone-based physical activity intervention among sedentary women on increasing physical activity as compared to a control group; Pilot project to study the feasibility and acceptability of a tailored education and counseling e-health intervention for women with a history of ischemic heart disease; Care-seeking patterns and physical and psychological recovery patterns in patients with acute coronary syndrome

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Primary and secondary prevention of heart disease in adults, particularly in women and ethnic/racial minorities; Developing and testing innovative applications of information and communication technologies (ICTs)/e-health (e.g. mobile phone, interactive voice Response, and web-based survey) to reduce risks of heart disease and promote self-care management skills in patients with heart disease



**BROOKE HOLLISTER, PHD**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

DPhil, Sociology, University of California, San Francisco

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

California Disability and Health Surveillance Project; Cancer Detection Program, Every Woman Counts; The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Medical sociology of aging, Social movements and Social movement organizations; Political economy of aging; Critical social theory; Public sociology, and Feminist theory



**JULENE JOHNSON, PHD**

Associate Professor

PhD, Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Texas, Dallas  
BA, Music, Southern Methodist University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

The importance of music for successful aging and transmission of culture in Finland; Isolated executive impairment and cognitive decline; California non-AD diagnostic reliability consortium

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Studies older adults with mild cognitive impairment and is particularly interested in changes in executive function and the frontal cortex; Non memory cognitive decline as a risk for dementia; Music abilities in dementia



**NANCY OLIVA, PHD**

Research Specialist

PhD, Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences, University of California, San Francisco  
MHA, Health Services Management, University of Missouri  
MPA, Public Administration-Finance, University of Missouri  
MS, Counseling, Psychology, Dominican University  
BSN, Nursing, Creighton University  
BA, Health Education, Sociology, San Francisco State University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Reporting quality data on aspects of hospital care that impact patient outcomes; Development of peer group comparisons of acute hospital performance

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Quality of acute and long-term health care for older adults; Analyzing the uptake, nature and outcome(s) of acute and long-term care organizations' evidence based transitional care interventions; Design and evaluation (including cost-effectiveness) of chronic care case management interventions at the patient, healthcare team, organizational, and health system levels; Application of information technology to support care management; Healthcare language access; Basic literacy and health literacy barriers and facilitators of quality healthcare delivery



**BETTY TAYLOR, EDD, RN**

Visiting Research Professor

MeD, EdD, Cognition & Learning/ Education, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey  
MeD, Child Development/ Elementary Education, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey  
BA, Bs, RN, Health Education, Nursing, Jersey City State College, New Jersey

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Study of the interrelated components of mind, body and heart of the aging self through narrative dialogue that interact with underlying internal and external transitional spaces and events

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Human development along the life span; Emotional intelligence; Aging and transitions, and Quality of life; Aging among multicultural populations; Aging and relationships, mind, body and spirit

# DEPARTMENT OF PREVENTIVE & RESTORATIVE DENTAL SCIENCES

Contact: Jane Weintraub

**JING CHENG, PHD**

Assistant Adjunct Professor

PhD, Biostatistics, University of Pennsylvania  
MS, Nutrition, Cornell University  
BM, MD, Preventive Medicine, West China University of Medical Sciences

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Statistical methods for randomized trials with intermediate variables ( e.g. noncompliance, biomarkers, etc. ) ; Longitudinal data; Observational studies with measured and unmeasured confounding, genetics studies

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:** Biomedicine (aging, psychiatry, pediatrics, pharmacogenetics); Public health; Health policy and Health economics outcomes



**ANN LAZAR, PHD**

Assistant Professor in Residence

Ruth L. Kirschstein Fellowship, Biostatistics, Harvard School of Public Health  
PhD, Biostatistics, University of Colorado  
MS, Biostatistics, University of Michigan  
BS, Bioresource Science, University of California, Berkeley

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Statistical methods for oral health disparities research; Subgroup analysis within randomized clinical trials

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Biostatistical methods

## Department of Preventive & Restorative Dental Sciences

## ELIZABETH MERTZ, PHD, MA

Assistant Professor



PhD, Medical Sociology, University of California, San Francisco  
MA, Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

### CURRENT RESEARCH:

Role of health professions in the changing health care environment and the implications for access to high quality, affordable health care; Access to dental services and related professional and delivery system issues with dentistry

### GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:

Health policy; Health care workforce; Medical sociology; Health professions education and regulation; Leadership development; Access to care; Health care disparities, quantitative analysis, and qualitative analysis

# OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY AND REPRODUCTIVE SCIENCES

Fellowship Program Contacts: Jesse Loesberg, Lily Loew, and Caitlin Quinlivan



## NERYS BENFIELD, MD

Clinical Fellow, Family Planning

MD, University of California, San Francisco  
MPH, (in progress) – University of California, Berkeley

### CURRENT RESEARCH:

Impact of contraception counseling in genital fistula patients in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo; Use of new health technologies in a low-resource setting – ICT and bedside ultrasound in eastern DRC; Increasing contraceptive counseling in sub-specialty medicine clinics with a comprehensive chart prompt

### GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:

Integrating contraceptive counseling, access, and distribution into other medical interactions both domestically and internationally; Health technologies and clinical training in international low resource settings



## OKEOMA MMEJE, MD, MPH

Clinical Fellow

MD, University of Michigan, Medical School  
MPH, University of Michigan, School of Public Health  
BS, Microbiology & Molecular Genetics, Women's Studies, University of California, Los Angeles

### CURRENT RESEARCH:

Expedited partner therapy in pregnancy; Reproductive options for HIV discordant couples

### GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:

Reproductive infectious diseases; Women's health (domestic & international); Disparities in healthcare; Community health services; Healthcare policy



**JESSICA MORSE, MD, MPH**

Clinical Fellow, Family Planning

MD, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
MPH, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
BA, Political Science, Stanford University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

CLARC, EC, Maternal mortality; Global women's health

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Patient and provider knowledge and attitudes about IUD in Uganda; A clinical intervention to increase LARC use; A survey of international training opportunities for OB/GYN residents



**SERA YOUNG, PHD**

Postdoctoral Scholar

PhD, International Nutrition, Cornell University  
MA, Medical Anthropology, University of Amsterdam  
BA, Anthropology, University of Michigan

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Infant feeding and MTCT; Breast milk pasteurization; Food security and HIV transmission and disease progression; Pica (non-food cravings); Micronutrient supplementation during pregnancy; Aversions during pregnancy

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Nutrition; Anthropology; HIV; Infant feeding