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**the Center for  
Health and Community**  
at the University of California San Francisco

**Fall Welcome Event  
October 9, 2014**

**Meet Our New Affiliate Faculty, Students & Scholars**

**DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, HISTORY & SOCIAL MEDICINE**

Fellowship Program Contact: **Kathy Jackson**



**AIMEE MEDEIROS, PHD**

Associate Professor

PhD, History of Health Sciences

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

The history of pediatrics in the US;  
The history of the human growth hormone industry;  
Disability as a medical construct;  
The recording of patient data;  
The ways in which idealized notions of gender operate in medicine;  
Computational challenges in precision medicine.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

History of pediatrics  
Disability history  
Precision medicine



**MINDY MURPHY**

Graduate Student

BA, Anthropology  
UC Berkeley

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

HIV;  
Citizenship;  
War;  
Borders;  
NGOs;  
Humanitarian discourse;  
Gender;  
Violence;  
Biomedicalization of sexuality.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Uganda, and more broadly Sub-Saharan Africa, the United States, and Switzerland.



**MELINA SALVADOR**

Graduate Student

MA, Latino American Studies  
University of New Mexico

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Tribal home visiting;  
Early learning initiatives.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Mental health  
Substance abuse and recovery  
Prodromal psychosis  
Evidence based practice  
Risk allocation and early treatment  
Prognosis  
Health and healing narratives



**SHANNON SATTERWHITE**

Graduate Student

BA, Anthropology  
Willamette University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

My current research interest is in new primary care models aimed at increasing "efficiency" and the meaning of care in this context. I am also interested in role negotiation among providers in the setting.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

US Health Care Reform  
Reproductive health  
Interprofessional collaboration  
Group care models



**NAOMI SCHOENFELD, MS**  
Graduate Student

MS, Nursing  
UC San Francisco

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Influence of power and profit on the clinical encounter  
Healthcare reform  
Pharmaceutical treatment of chronic psychiatric and somatic suffering  
Migration  
Refugees  
Cultural and economic constructions of primary care  
Trans-national healthcare utilization  
Global pharmaceuticals



**KARINA VASILEVSKA-DAS, MSc**  
Graduate Student

MSc, Anthropology of Learning & Cognition  
London School of Economics & Political Science  
BA, German Studies  
Mount Holyoke College

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Chronic childhood diseases, obesity and pediatric cardiology in particular.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Global health, child health, and research methodology in childhood  
Body politics  
Childhood obesity  
Pharmaceuticalization of medicine  
Eastern Europe, Latvia in particular, and other post-soviet countries  
Africa

## CENTER FOR HEALTH & COMMUNITY

Fellowship Program Contact: Michael Da Luz



**JOAN CASEY, PHD**  
Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar

PhD, Environmental Health Sciences  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
MA, Applied Psychology  
Columbia University, Teachers College

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Associations between living near unconventional natural gas development (i.e., fracking) and pregnancy and birth outcomes; Environmental contributors to indoor radon levels; Antibiotic resistant infections and factory farms.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Environmental epidemiology  
Electronic health records  
Renewable energy  
Antibiotic use in livestock production  
Geographic information systems (GIS)  
Sustainability



**KARA RUDOLPH, PHD**  
Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar

PhD, Epidemiology  
MHS, Biostatistics  
MPH  
Johns Hopkins University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
My research interests are in applying causal inference methods to studying social and contextual influences on urban health. Current topics include: examining measurement error issues in propensity score methods; estimating the effects of Connecticut's permit-to-purchase law on homicides; examining the relationship between job strain and cortisol; and evaluating a home visiting program for low-income pregnant women in Philadelphia.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Causal inference  
Urban health  
Mental health and substance use  
Neighborhood influences on health



**JACQUELINE TORRES, PHD, MPH, MA**  
Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar

PhD, MPH, Community Health Sciences  
MA, Latin American Studies  
UC Los Angeles

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Cross-border social ties as risk and resiliency for the health of Latino immigrants in the US; Cross-border aging for older immigrants to the US; Health of immigrants who are undocumented in the US through a life-course perspective; Political and structural determinants of immigrants' health and access to care.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Immigrant health  
Aging  
Social and political determinants of health  
Life-course perspective  
Health disparities  
Latin America

# CENTER FOR TOBACCO CONTROL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Fellowship Program Contact: Kathleen Franklin



**NOAH GUBNER, PHD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Behavioral Neuroscience  
Oregon Health & Science University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
As a postdoctoral fellow at the UCSF CTCRE I plan to work with human clinical populations to study epidemiological, genetic, and pharmacological factors that contribute to the co-abuse of tobacco and alcohol.



**ANDREW KELLY, PHD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Political Science  
Northwestern University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Tobacco policy  
Public health policy  
Health policy  
Medicare

**AREAS OF GENERAL INTEREST:**  
American politics  
Public policy  
Health policy



**MARGARETE KULIK, PHD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Public Health, Erasmus University Rotterdam  
MA, Demography, UC Berkeley  
MSc, International Economics, Maastricht University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
My current research interests lie in the field of comparative studies of the effectiveness of different types of US state-level tobacco control policies and their potential to reduce morbidity, mortality, and inequality in outcomes related to smoking.

The work in my dissertation focused on the quantification of tobacco control policies and interventions in the European context showing their potential to improve smoking-related health outcomes and reduce inequalities.



**KATHRYN ROSS, PHD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Behavior, Cognition, & Neuroscience  
American University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Racial differences in nicotine metabolism  
Factors that affect nicotine and toxin exposure

**AREAS OF GENERAL INTEREST:**  
Mechanisms that drive nicotine dependence  
E-cigarettes



**JOHANNES THRUL, PHD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Psychology  
Friedrich-Alexander University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Online smoking cessation interventions (e.g., Facebook)  
Assessing smoking behavior in everyday life  
Social and environmental influence factors of smoking

**AREAS OF GENERAL INTEREST:**  
Tobacco research  
Addiction research  
Quantitative methods  
Ecological momentary assessment



**JULIE WANG, PHD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Health Behavior  
Joint Doctoral Program in Public Health, UC San Diego and San Diego State University  
MPH, Public Health (Global Health)  
George Washington University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Technology-based intervention modalities to promote health behaviors, including: SMS text messaging, web/mobile-based interventions, wearable sensors/devices, and other digital health applications.

**AREAS OF GENERAL INTEREST:**  
Public health  
Digital health  
Health behavior  
Objective measures  
Randomized controlled trials

## PHILIP R. LEE INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH POLICY STUDIES

Fellowship Program Contact: Ashli Butler



**MARISSA RAYMOND-FLESCH,  
MD, MPH**  
Fellow

MD, Cornell University  
MPH, Columbia University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Health care access for adolescent and young adult immigrants.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Latino health  
Immigrant health  
Health policy  
Reproductive health  
Adolescent and young adult health

## HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Fellowship Program Contact: Russell Heiman



**TOMMY CABEZA DE BACA, PHD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, MS, Family Studies and Human Development

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
My work specifically investigates how trade-offs in reproductive effort (i.e., mating vs. parenting) affect allocation of time and energy toward somatic maintenance and growth, and how these allocations impact physical and mental health over time. I attempt to integrate evolutionary models, and especially life history theory, with more traditional approaches to health-stress. My research also examines the impact of parental effort on child social, physical, and behavioral outcomes from an evolutionary-developmental and cross-cultural perspective - focusing on Latin American countries (e.g., Mexico, Costa Rica, Dominica, and US Latinos). Specifically, I'm interested in exploring the consequences of parenting on children's life history strategies and in examining how cultural and local ecology could influence both.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Physiological deterioration  
Early environment  
Parenting  
Individual differences  
Assortive mating  
Life history theory

# SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Fellowship Program Contact: Brandee Woleslagle-Blank



**JARED BUNDE, RN**

Graduate Student, MS

BS, Nursing  
Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing  
BS, Community Health

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Impact of homelessness and housing instability on health, with a focus on blood borne pathogens, overdose prevention and harm reduction for active injection drug users, and the interplay between the built environment and personal health.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Improving outcomes for vulnerable urban populations  
Social disparities of health  
Housing and health  
Harm reduction  
Health equity



**CHADWICK CAMPBELL**

Graduate Student, PhD

MPH, Health Education  
BA, Sociology  
San Francisco State University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Sexual partner selection  
The impact of HIV/AIDS on communities of color  
The socio-contextual influences of HIV and STD risk behaviors

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
HIV  
Race  
Poverty  
Stigma and discrimination



**MARISELLA CARRANZA, RN**

Graduate Student, MS

BSN, Nursing  
San Francisco State University

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Nursing policies  
Women's health  
International health



**ALEXIS CHETTIAR, RN, MSN, ACNP-BC**

Graduate Student, PhD

MS, Nursing  
Vanderbilt University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Payment systems for care of End Stage Renal Disease patients

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Providing efficient, rational, high value health care for patients with End Stage Renal Disease



**NORLISSA COOPER, RN, MSN**

Graduate Student, PhD

MSN, Nursing with an emphasis in Nursing Education  
Georgetown University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
I am interested in studying health policies and harm reduction strategies for the chronic alcoholic population.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Substance abuse



**JESSIE CORLITO, RN-BC MA**

Graduate Student, PhD

MA, American University  
BSN, Champlain College of Nursing

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Community Mental Health access and mental health laws in the US;  
Expanding utilization of advanced practice nurses for community mental health and incentive for psychotherapists by increasing Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement;  
Public health and violence prevention with the chronic mentally ill and those who are identified as high risk populations

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Drug and alcohol addiction and the problem of chronic underemployment, homelessness, and rising incarceration of the mentally ill;  
Design of new and innovative cost effective integrative care for public health



**KATHLEEN DE LEON**  
Graduate Student, MS

BSN, Nursing  
The Valley Foundation School of Nursing at San Jose State University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Global service learning.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Health reform  
Access to care  
Global health  
Global service learning in nursing education

**JESSICA HUNTER**  
Graduate Student, MS

BSN, Nursing  
San Diego State University

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Patient safety  
Nursing satisfaction



**NAINA KHANNA**  
Graduate Student, PhD

BS, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
University of Rochester

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Sexuality  
HIV

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Health policy  
Sexual and reproductive rights  
Women living with HIV  
Intersectionality  
Race/class/gender  
HIV policy



**KYUNG MI KIM, MS, RN, CNOR**  
Graduate Student, PhD

MS, Nursing  
UC San Francisco

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Nursing sensitive outcomes in the OR.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Nursing care efficiency and effectiveness measures in the OR  
Nursing care payment system



**DEBRA LAW, RN**  
Graduate Student, PhD

MS, Nursing  
San Jose State University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Exploring the barriers to organ donation in the African American communities of California.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Health policy in underrepresented populations



**ULRIKE MUENCH, PHD**  
Assistant Adjunct Professor

PhD, Nursing (Health Policy and Health Care Systems)  
Yale University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Prescribing practices of nurse practitioners and physicians  
Gender earnings differences in the nursing labor market

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Interdisciplinary health care services research at the intersection of nursing, health policy, medical sociology, and health care economics with a focus on the health care workforce. Beyond the health care workforce my interests are: health care labor market outcomes, quality of care, gender inequality in the workplace, comparative health care systems, and quantitative methods.



**HANNAH PATZKE, RN**

Graduate Student, PhD

MSN, Health Policy  
UC San Francisco  
BSN, California State University, Fullerton  
ADN, Cabrillo College

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Tobacco control and social media awareness.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Health policy  
Global health  
Tobacco control  
Waterpipe tobacco  
ENDS  
Supply trains  
HIV  
TB



**BEN SCRIBNER**

Graduate Student, MS

BS, Nursing  
Regis University  
BS, Business Administration  
University of the Pacific

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Health care reform  
Health care finance  
Critical care medicine



**MEREDITH VAN NATTA, MA**

Graduate Student, PhD

MA, Latin American Studies  
UC Berkeley  
BA, Latin American Studies/History  
University of Kansas

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Type 2 diabetes among undocumented immigrants  
Healthcare inequalities

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Medical sociology  
Science and technology studies  
Biomedicalization  
Human inequalities



**SHERRY YAMAMOTO, RN, MS**

Graduate Student, PhD

MSN, UC San Francisco  
BSN, University of Hawaii at Manoa

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Media influences on palliative care.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
End of life care  
Advance care planning

**OSHER CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE**

Fellowship Program Contact: Yvette Coulter



**ABIGAIL BATCHELDER, PHD**

Postdoctoral Scholar

PhD, Clinical Psychology (Health Emphasis)  
Yeshiva University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Risk and resilience, self-conscious emotions,  
psychobehavioral multicomponent intervention  
development, HIV/AIDS, and substance abuse.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Health psychology  
Public health  
Health disparities  
Syndemics



**EVE EKMAN, MSW, PHD**

Postdoctoral Fellow

MSW, PhD, UC Berkeley

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Stress  
Empathy  
Meaning in work  
Mindfulness practices of attention

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Applied interventions  
Workplace stress  
Well-being



**RHIANON LIU, MD**

Pre-doctoral Fellow

MD, Johns Hopkins University (in progress)  
MA, African Studies  
Stanford University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Integrative medicine for the underserved.



**MAYA MASCARENHAS, MPH**

Predocctoral Fellow

MPH, Epidemiology & Biostatistics  
UC Berkeley

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Physical activity  
Mindfulness  
Technology  
Adherence  
Maintenance

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Behavior change  
Life course analysis  
Adaptive trial designs  
Chronic disease  
Social support  
Disparities



**HELEN WENG, PHD**

Postdoctoral Fellow

PhD, Clinical Psychology  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Behavioral and neural outcomes of compassion  
meditation  
Impact of a mind-body intervention with depressed  
teenagers on neural processing of social rejection  
Psychological outcomes of a mindfulness-based eating  
intervention

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Neuroscience of mindfulness and compassion  
meditation  
Emotion regulation  
Prosocial behavior  
Mood disorders  
Relationship quality and functioning

## ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT MEDICINE

Fellowship Program Contact: [Twinkle Patel](#)



**JOSEPHINE LAU, MD, MPH**

Assistant Professor

MPH, Health Policy & Management  
Columbia University  
MD, Pediatric Residency  
UC Davis

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Impact of the 2010 Affordable Care Act on young  
adults' health care utilization of preventive and  
emergency care  
Quality improvement interventions to improve the  
uptake of mental health services among adolescents  
and young adults

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Management of common health disorders among  
adolescents, including anxiety, depression and  
ADHD  
Medical management and eating disorders



**VERONIKA MESHERIAKOVA,  
MD**

Fellow

Residency in Pediatrics, Yale New Haven Hospital  
MD, University of South Dakota

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**  
Adolescent sexual health and contraception.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**  
Adolescent attitudes toward healthy sexuality  
Long acting contraception use in adolescents  
Reduction in teen pregnancy  
Impact of school-based sex education  
Medical education pertaining to abortion provision  
Sexual exploitation and trafficking





**MEGEN VO, MD**

Fellow

MPH, Health Policy and Management  
Columbia University  
MD, Pediatric Residency  
UC Davis

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Impact of the 2010 Affordable Care Act on young adults' health care utilization of preventive and emergency care

Quality improvement interventions to improve the uptake of mental health services among adolescents and young adults

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Management of common health disorders among adolescents, including anxiety, depression, and ADHD  
Medical management of eating disorders

## DIVISION OF GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE

Fellowship Program Contact: Madeline Mann

**SACHIN GARG, MD**

Fellow

MD, Medicine, Emory University

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Radiographic adiposity and subclinical atherosclerosis in South Asians  
Economic assessment of new HCV medications  
Text messaging to improve healthcare in low income communities

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Metabolic syndrome, technology assessment, cardiovascular disease and prevention, and disruptive innovation.

**ANJANA SHARMA, MD**

Fellow

MD, Medicine, Harvard Medical School

**CURRENT RESEARCH:**

Patient engagement in primary care, patient advisory councils, practice transformation, health coaching, health disparities, and patient centered medical homes.

**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**

Partnering with patients to redesign primary care, patient engagement both on the individual and system-scale, primary care advocacy, women's health, underserved populations.