THE CENTER
FOR HEALTH
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
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NEW FACULTY, FELLOWS AND STUDENTS
FALL 2021
Agus Surachman, PhD
Postdoctoral Scholar
Social determinants of health; Life course socioeconomic status; Accelerated aging; Health disparities

Matilda Allen MSc Public Health, Msc Philosophy and Public Policy
Postdoctoral Scholar
Social determinants of health; Health inequalities; Anchor institutions

Darwin A. Guevarra, PhD
Postdoctoral Scholar
Emotional well-being; Affect regulation; Stress; Coping; Health
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR: BRANDEE WOLESLAGLE

Thais Forneret, MA
Sociology Graduate Student
Social inequalities; Race/class/gender; Ethnography; Theory

Keridwyn Spiller, BA
Sociology Graduate Student
Maternal health care; Patient experience; Sex and gender; Intersectionality; Feminist theory; Sexual and reproductive health; Social inequalities in health

Zoe Samson, BSN
Nursing Graduate Student
Home health; Community health

Kate LaForge, MPH
Sociology Graduate Student
Opioids; Chronic pain; Peer Support; Housing; Social Determinants of Health
Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment

Fellowship Coordinator: Annemarie Charlesworth

Nadia Gaber, PhD
Postdoctoral Scholar
Chemical Industry Documents Library; Politics of urban health and safety; Biopolitics of race, economics and environment

Osher Center for Integrative Medicine

Fellowship Coordinator: Yvette Coulter

Chelsea Siwik, PhD
Postdoctoral Scholar
Health psychology; Integrative behavioral medicine; Stress; Psychoneurobiology; Cell aging; Mind-body interventions
Rachel Radin, PhD
Faculty
Dysregulated eating; Stress; Metabolic health; Integrative interventions

David Newman, PhD
Postdoctoral Scholar
Social and personality psychology; Well-being
Bri Matusovsky
Graduate Student
Disability studies and activism; Animal rights and welfare; Non-human others; Systems of oppression; Queer feminist approaches to anthropology; Collective liberation; Systemic violence; Scientific research; Clinical trials; Bioethics

Rebecca Newmark
Medical/Graduate Student
Embodiment; Affect theory; Disgust; Liminality; Feminist anthropologies

Tiffany Taylor, MPH
Graduate Student
Citizenship; Im/migration; Humanitarianism; Mass surveillance; and Health disparities
PHILIP R. LEE INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH POLICY STUDIES

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR: BETH THEW

Elizabeth Dzeng, MD, PhD, MPH
Faculty
Medical sociology; Medical ethics; End of life care; Palliative care; Moral distress; Burdensome or overly aggressive care; Neoliberalism; Social justice; Human-centered design; Ecosystem design

Suni Kaiser, MD, MSc
Faculty
Pediatrics; Health services research; Quality improvement; Health disparities

Sarah Garrett, PhD, MA
Fellow
Maternal health; Person-centered research; Qualitative methods; Mixed methods

Christina Keny, RN, BSN, MS
Doctoral Student
Non-Opioid Mult-modal pain management in Geriatric patient population
Jayme Congdon, MD, MS
Faculty
Social and structural determinants of health; Health equity and justice; Family-centered care in pediatrics; Newborn medicine; Birth outcomes; Family planning and reproductive health equity; Public health policy; Legislative advocacy

Amanda Downey, MD
Faculty
Eating disorders; Behavioral health

Efrat Lelkes, MD
Faculty
Pediatrics; Wellbeing; Moral distress; Social justice; Palliative care; End of life
Matthew Meyers, MD, MPH
Faculty
Adolescent medicine; LGBTQ health; Substance use

Alexis Richards, MD, MSc
Clinical Fellow
Sexual and Reproductive Health
Poonam Rao, MD, MBBS
Postdoctoral Scholar

Tobacco and Cannabis-related research studies; Cardiovascular effects of exposure to cigarettes, marijuana and aerosol from e-cigarettes
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