

# THE CENTER FOR HEALTH & COMMUNITY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,  
SAN FRANCISCO



NEW FACULTY, FELLOWS AND STUDENTS  
FALL 2021

# CENTER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITY

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR: SHAREE RIVERA

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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 WOLESAGLE

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Erin McCauley, PhD, MeD  
Faculty

Mass incarceration; Parental  
incarceration; Health; Education;  
Inequality



Abou Ibrahim-Biangoro  
Sociology Graduate Student

Immigration; Second-generation identity;  
Mental health; Race; Public health



Natalie Keller  
Sociology Graduate Student

Health inequalities; Incarceration; Race/  
ethnicity; Public health

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Selena Chan, DO  
Faculty

Integrative psychiatry; Mind-body therapies; Creative arts; Expressive therapies; Psychotherapy; Patient education; Psychosomatic medicine; AAPI and cross-cultural psychiatry; Interprofessional health care



Meital Mashash, PhD  
Postdoctoral Scholar

Stress and health; Risk and resilience; Biological embedding of early life experiences; Stress physiology; Health disparities; Mind-body interventions; Developmental Psychobiology; Psychoneuroimmunology; Developmental Psychopathology



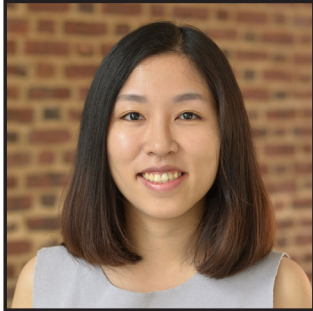
Chanda Williams, MA, BS  
Graduate Student

Health equity; Integrative health; Integrative medicine; Yoga therapy; Interoceptive awareness; Mindfulness

# HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR: RUSSELL HEIMAN

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Hio Wa Mak, PhD  
Postdoctoral Scholar

Lifespan development; Social and emotional dynamics; Psychophysiology; Mental health; Research methods



Brian Don, PhD, MA  
Postdoctoral Scholar

Close relationships; Affect; Motivation; Mindfulness

# DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR: KATHY JACKSON

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Jeremy D. Lowe, PhD  
Graduate Student

HIV/AIDS; Critical Race Theory, Black  
Queer Theory; Black Geographies; Public  
health; Modern medicine



Alexzandria Simon, MA, BA  
Graduate Student

Queer and Medical History



Joelynn Lee, MA, BA  
Graduate Student

Reproductive health history of women  
served by the Department of Defense  
military health system



John Elia, PhD, MA, BA  
Graduate Student

History of Medicine and Public Health,  
United States, 19th and 20th Centuries

# PHILIP R. LEE INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH POLICY STUDIES

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR: BETH THEW

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Sanket Dhruva, MD, MHS  
Faculty

Medical devices; High-value care



Rachel Odes, MD  
Fellow

Workplace violence; Mental health policy



Elan Guterman, MD, MAS

Neurohospitalist; Status epilepticus;  
Dementia; Emergency Medical Services;  
Health Services Research



# FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE

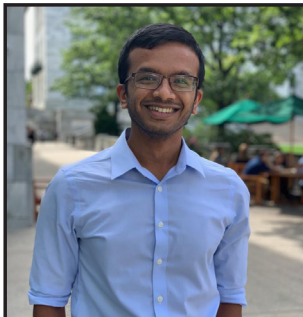
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Ariana Thompson-Lastad, PhD  
Faculty  
Affiliations: Osher Center for Integrative Health, BIRCWH

Health equity; Integrative healthcare;  
Primary care; Perinatal health;  
Qualitative methods



Aayush Khadka, PhD  
Postdoctoral Scholar

Eating disorders; Behavioral health



Sean McClellan, MD  
Scholar

Cancer; Early diagnosis; Health disparities; Global health; Mexico  
Qualitative methods



# CENTER FOR TOBACCO CONTROL RESEARCH AND CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE

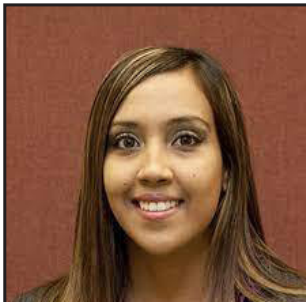
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Eileen Han, PhD  
Postdoctoral Scholar

How major social media platforms about new tobacco products and personal experiences could inform policymaking and regulation



Karla Llanes, PhD  
Postdoctoral Scholar

Investigating predictors of drug use;  
Drug use initiation and cessation



Dian Gu, PhD  
Postdoctoral Scholar

Integrating both cancer and tobacco research; Particularly regarding economic impact



J. Alton Croker, PhD  
Postdoctoral Scholar

Adverse health effects of cannabis use

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Sheiphal Gandhi, MD  
Postdoctoral Scholar

Investigate the environmental  
and occupational risk factors for  
mesothelioma



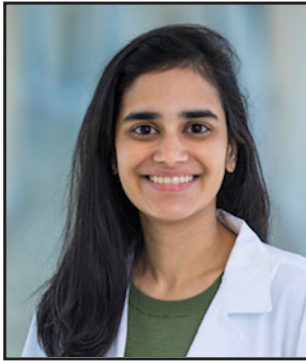
Vira Pravosud, PhD  
Postdoctoral Scholar

Assessing health impacts of novel  
tobacco products (e-cigarettes and  
heated tobacco products)

# PEDIATRICS AND ADOLESCENT MEDICINE

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR: TWINKLE PATEL

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Anita Chaphekar, DO  
Clinical Fellow

Eating disorders; LGBTQ+ health

# CLINICAL INFORMATICS AND IMPROVEMENT

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATOR: ANJALI GARG

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Bradley Iott, PhD, MPH  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Affiliations: Social Interventions Research  
and Evaluation Network

Informatics; Health Equity; Social  
Determinants of Health



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