



**DR. PATRICIA GANZ**

received the UCLA Alumni Association's Professional Achievement Award at a May 22 ceremony honoring seven prominent individuals for their professional achievement and public, community and university service.

Ganz, who received her M.D. from UCLA in 1973, is professor of health services in the School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control Research, based in the school.

She is also a professor in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Ganz is considered a pioneer in the areas of quality of life for cancer survivors, quality of care for cancer patients and cancer prevention.

"If one were to ask anyone in the oncology area for a short-list of the top breast-cancer-survivorship or quality-of-life experts, Dr. Ganz's name would be among the first to be cited," says Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean of the UCLA School of Public Health.

"Dr. Ganz embodies the purpose of the award, fulfilling the highest levels of expectation for superior achievement in her field through a record of distinguished career accomplishments complemented by her outstanding contributions to the profession."

**DR. ROSHAN BASTANI** was appointed to the Scientific Advisory Committee of the UC Tobacco Related Diseases Research Program.

**DR. THOMAS BELIN** is serving as co-chair of the 2005 International Conference on Health Policy Research, to be held in Boston in October 2005 in conjunction with the American Statistical Association Health Policy Statistics Section.

**DR. WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM** was selected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation, an honor society of physician-scientists.

**DR. ROGER DETELS** served as an external examiner for the National University of Singapore Program on Public Health Medicine.

**DR. JONATHAN FIELDING** is serving on the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Board of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences.

**DR. DEBORAH GLIK** received the Mohan Singh Award for Use of Humor in Public Health Education from the American Public Health Association's Public Health and Health Promotion Section.

**DR. NEAL HALFON** is serving as an honorary professor of University College London, Institute of Child Health from 2003-08. He was the 2003 Creswick Professor of Early Childhood at the University of Melbourne and Royal Children's Hospital and the 2003 Croc Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University and Children's Hospital of New York.

**DR. DIANA HILBERMAN** is chair-elect of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration.

**DR. MICHAEL LU** received the Coalition for Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology's Young Professional Achievement Award.

**DR. BEATE RITZ** served as part of the expert working group on environmental health tracking in California, as established in 2001 by the California Legislature and signed by the governor.

**DR. RUTH ROEMER** received the 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Network of Women Against Tobacco.

**DR. MARK SCHUSTER** was the winner of the 2003 Nemours Child Health Services Research Award from AcademyHealth.

**DR. KIMBERLEY SHOAF** was appointed to represent disaster public health on the National Research Council's Committee on Disaster Research in the Social Sciences: Future Challenges and Opportunities.

**DR. SUSAN SORENSON** is serving on the Attorney General's Task Force on Law Enforcement Responses to Domestic Violence, established by the California Department of Justice.

**DR. STEVEN P. WALLACE** assumed the role of chair of the Gerontological Health Sections of the American Public Health Association.

**DR. ROBERT WEISS** was elected Fellow of the American Statistical Association.

**DR. ARTHUR WINER** received the Carl Moyer Award for Scientific Leadership and Technical Excellence from the Coalition for Clean Air.

## NEW FACULTY

**DR. LINWOOD PENDLETON**

joined the school's faculty this spring as an associate professor in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences.

Pendleton is an expert in the valuation of environmental improvements such as those that would flow from enhanced management of watersheds, coasts, and air basins.

He is a principal investigator on three projects that seek to better inform policy makers about coastal and marine non-market values, including a \$1 million effort to value the economic impacts of coastal water quality improvements in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Pendleton also directs the National Ocean Economic Project's Non-market Values Database, a program to collect, organize, and make available to policy makers environmental value data from the thousands of valuation studies that have been conducted for coastal and watershed resources and uses around the country.

## VISITING FACULTY INCLUDE:

**ADRIANA BABAN**

*Community Health Sciences*

**DONALD LIGHT**

*Health Services*

**MAI ZHOU**

*Biostatistics*

**PETER SCHNALL**

*Community Health Sciences*

## news briefs

## consortium looks at effects of air pollution on asthma



Amid growing concern about the link between air pollution and asthma, the UCLA School of Public Health has received a \$700,000 grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District to create the Asthma and Outdoor Air Quality Consortium. The consortium will conduct research to better understand how air pollution affects asthma and to guide the crafting of regulations intended to decrease the impact.

"We are pleased to be able to sponsor the creation of the Asthma and Outdoor Air Quality Consortium," says William Burke, chairman of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's governing board. "A better understanding of asthma and the air pollution impact

is central to reducing risks and protecting public health. This research will benefit efforts nationwide."

The first-year funding will allow consortium researchers at UCLA, UC Irvine, UC San Francisco, and USC to pursue six projects, including three studies involving traffic-related pollutants in the City of Los Angeles, east Los Angeles County, Riverside and Long Beach. Two other projects will investigate asthma at the cellular and subcellular levels, exploring the biology and chemistry of pollutants on airway inflammation processes. An additional project will develop a research tool for measuring air pollutants.

Dr. John Froines, professor of environmental health sciences at the UCLA School of Public Health, will direct consortium activities. Froines is also director of the school's Centers for Environmental Quality and Health. More information on the consortium can be found at [www.scpcs.ucla.edu](http://www.scpcs.ucla.edu).

## workbook helps preschools prepare for disasters

A disaster preparedness workbook recently released by the school's Center for Public Health and Disasters (CPHD) provides administrators of Head Start and other preschool programs with the resources they need to be prepared. The workbook is funded by Johnson & Johnson and is available free of charge on the center's Web site ([www.cphd.ucla.edu](http://www.cphd.ucla.edu)).

Until now, there has not been a disaster plan in place to aid the nearly 1 million children enrolled in the federal Head Start Program. "Our children spend 70 percent of waking hours in the school setting," says Dr. Kimberly Shoaf, CPHD assistant director. "Head Start has the responsibility for taking care of the youngest members of our school-aged population."



# new center focuses on eliminating health disparities

At a time when studies consistently show potentially preventable health disparities among population groups, the Center to Eliminate Health Disparities has been established at the UCLA School of Public Health to address the factors that lead to differences in the incidence, prevalence, mortality and burden of disease that occur based on such factors as gender, race and ethnicity, education level, income and place of residence. The center was started with seed money from Tom Epley and Linnae Anderson, Ralph and Shirley Shapiro, and The California Endowment.

The center, directed by Drs. Antronette K. Yancey and Roshan Bastani, will study and promote population-based intervention approaches to health promotion and disease prevention and control, targeting underserved groups. Center members will also explore the barriers preventing more effective collaboration with local health departments and other key partners engaged in the practice of public health. The center will take a collaborative approach, including members from academia, government, foundations and private/nonprofit organizations. With a focus on Los Angeles County, the center will facilitate community and academic partnerships in research, train new investigators in health disparities research and assist community partners in implementing effective programs to reduce disparities.

Three early initiatives include:

- Studying the pandemics of obesity and sedentariness, which contribute to most health disparities.
- Strengthening the university's linkage with local health departments, particularly the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, to assist in their core functions of assurance, assessment and policy development – including highlighting scientific evidence and evidentiary gaps, investigating promising intervention approaches, identifying relevant best practices and providing technical assistance in their implementation.
- Creating training opportunities to foster county and community-based organization leadership development, faculty development in community practice-based scholarship and student learning in applied research settings.



**Dr. Antronette K. Yancey**



**Dr. Roshan Bastani**

## PLEASE REMEMBER

You are a lifetime member of the UCLA School of Public Health Alumni Association if you are a graduate of the UCLA School of Public Health and its executive programs.

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**UCLA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2004**

6:30 - 8:00 pm

at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill

During the Annual Meeting  
of the American Public Health Association,  
November 6 - 10, 2004 in Washington, DC

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