



**DR. RICHARD JACKSON**, a public health leader whose work, especially in environmental health, has been lauded nationally and internationally, has joined the school as the new chair of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences.

Before coming to UCLA, Jackson was director of the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute at the University of Michigan and an adjunct professor at UC Berkeley. He held many leadership positions in the California Health Department, including state health officer. Jackson's work led to the establishment of the California Birth Defects Monitoring Program, and pushed for state and national laws that eliminated a series of dangerous pesticides.

For nine years, Jackson was director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Environmental Health in Atlanta. There, he was the CDC leader in establishing the U.S. National Pharmaceutical Stockpile, which was activated on September 11, 2001 to prepare for terrorism and other disasters. He also established the national asthma epidemiology and control program and oversaw the childhood lead poisoning prevention program.

He is the co-author of *Urban Sprawl and Public Health: Designing, Planning, and Building for Healthy Communities*, which examines the impacts of the built environment on human health and well-being, and discusses the prospects for improving public health through alternative approaches to design, land use, and transportation.

Jackson, a board-certified pediatrician, has a medical degree from UC San Francisco, and a master's in epidemiology from UC Berkeley.

## contracts & grants 2007-08

This section includes new contracts and grants awarded in fiscal year 2007-2008. Due to space limitations, only funds of \$50,000 or more are listed, by principal investigator.

### DEBORAH ACKERMAN

*Patient-Reported Outcomes from Complementary, Alternative, & Integrative Medicine (PROCAIM)* (Samueli Institute for Information Biology, \$80,000)

### RONALD M. ANDERSEN

*Dental Pipeline, Profession, & Practice: Evaluation Monograph* (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$164,909)

### CAROL ANESHENSEL

*Neighborhood SES and Emotional Distress in Old Age* (NIH/National Institute on Aging, \$1,477,188 for 3 years)

### SUSAN BABEY

*Soda Consumption by County, City and Legislative Districts* (California Center for Public Health Advocacy, \$66,100)

### E. RICHARD BROWN

*The California Health Interview Survey* (California Children and Families Commission, \$1,500,000; Kaiser Foundation Research Institute, \$371,913 for 2 years; Kaiser Foundation Hospital, \$371,913 for 2 years; NIH/National Cancer Institute, \$1,330,146; California Department of Public Health, \$1,855,000; Centers for Disease Control, \$50,000; County of San Diego, \$230,865 for 1.5 years; California Department of Mental Health, \$1,000,000 for 2 years; National Cancer Foundation – OBRSS, \$150,000); *Health Care Reform Publications* (The California Endowment, \$103,060); *Evaluation of 12-month Continuous Eligibility in Medicaid in California* (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$117,398)

### JOELLE BROWN

*Women's Attitudes Towards Microbicides* (UC Universitywide AIDS Research Program, \$95,995 for 2 years)

### JONATHAN E. FIELDING

*Population Health Forecasting: Supporting Hospitals and Other Community Organizations in Assessing Current and Future Characteristics and Needs of Local Communities* (UniHealth Foundation, \$748,745 for 3 years); *Developing a Population Health Forecasting Model to Support Effective Public Health Practice* (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$446,749 for 2 years); *Expanding the Application of Health Forecasting to Quantify the Community Health Burdens Related to Air Pollution Using Placer County Data and Risk Factors* (The California Endowment & Placer County, \$149,812)

### PATRICIA A. GANZ

*A Model Clinical/Translational Research Program for Breast Cancer Survivors* (The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, \$250,000)

### WILLIAM HINDS

*Preparing Small Business Workplaces for Influenza Pandemic* (U.S. DOL/Occupational Safety & Health Administration, \$259,795)

### LEEKA I. KHEIFETS

*Feasibility of Trafexpo Study* (Electric Power Research Institute, \$252,545 for 2 years)

### GERALD KOMINSKI

*Acute Care Access Study* (Children's Hospital of Los Angeles [UniHealth], \$100,000); *Health Care Coverage Initiative Evaluation*



**DR. ARTURO VARGAS-BUSTAMANTE**, an expert in cross-border health care and Latino health, has joined the faculty as assistant professor in the Department of Health Services. Vargas-Bustamante's work considers the ways in which international migration and immigrant integration affect access to health care in host countries, particularly in the United States. As part of his professional experience, he worked as a consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank and for the California Program on Access to Care, where he was responsible for the cross-border health insurance project. Vargas-Bustamante started his professional career in the Health Financing Administration of the Mexican Ministry of Health. In 2002, he became the youngest recipient of the National Award of Public Administration Research in Mexico. He received his Ph.D. in Public Policy from UC Berkeley in 2008, where he specialized in program evaluation and contingent valuation.



**DR. CHANDRA FORD** has joined the faculty as assistant professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, specializing in social determinants of HIV/AIDS disparities and in the health of sexual minority populations. After earning her Ph.D. in Health Behavior and Health Education from the University of North Carolina, Ford completed a postdoctoral fellowship in social medicine at the University of North

Carolina and a second postdoctoral fellowship in epidemiology at Columbia University, where she was a W. K. Kellogg Foundation Kellogg Health Scholar. Ford has received several competitive awards, including the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Services Award (an individual dissertation grant) from the National Institutes of Health and a North Carolina Impact Award for her research contributions to North Carolinians.



**DR. MAY-CHOO WANG** has joined the faculty as associate professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences. A former co-director of the Dr. Robert C. & Veronica Atkins Center for Weight and Health at UC Berkeley, Wang addresses disparities in diet-related health behaviors and conditions among different ethnic and socioeconomic groups in the United States. Her research focuses on the effects of diet in early life on obesity development and bone health, neighborhood environments and their effects on dietary behavior, diet-related behaviors and chronic health conditions of immigrants, and evaluations of school-based nutrition programs. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Established Investigator Award from the American Heart Association and Excellence in Education Award from the California Dietetic Association. Wang received her master's and doctorate degrees in public health nutrition from UC Berkeley.

(Department of Health Care Services, \$2,495,702 for 5 years); *Developing a Rapid Assessment of Performance Systems for Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI)* (The California Endowment, \$350,086 for 2 years)

#### **SUNGHEE LEE**

*Responsive Design for Random Digit Dial Surveys Using Auxiliary Survey Process Data & Contextual Data* (National Science Foundation, \$90,000 for 2 years)

#### **YING-YING MENG**

*Development of Exposure & Health Outcome Indicators for Those with Asthma or Other Respiratory Problems* (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, \$500,000 for 3 years); *Is Disparity in Asthma Among Californians Due to Higher Pollution Exposures, Greater Susceptibility, or Both?* (CA/EPA Air Resources Board, \$299,794 for 2 years)

#### **ANNE R. PEBLEY**

*Neighborhood Effects on Children's Health & Access to Care* (DHHS/Health Resources & Services Administration, \$754,443 for 3 years)

#### **MICHAEL L. PRELIP**

*LAUSD Nutrition Network Impact Evaluation* (Los Angeles Unified School District, \$690,806 for 3 years)

#### **ANNE W. RIMONIN**

*Emergence of Human Monkeypox in Central Africa* (NIH/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, \$608,850 for 5 years)

#### **DYLAN ROBY**

*HMO Profile Report & African American HMO Enrollee Brief* (Office of the Patient Advocate, \$259,965)

#### **KIMBERLEY SHOAF**

*L.A. County Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) & Joint Bioterrorism Investigation* (DHHS/Centers for Disease Control [Including CDC Foundation] & County of Los Angeles/Department of Health Services, \$250,000); *Community Outreach for Public Health Preparedness* (CA/HHS/Department of Public Health, \$149,500)

#### **ANNETTE L. STANTON**

*Cancer-related Cognitive Processing in the Genetic Testing Context* (The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, \$237,304)

#### **STEVEN WALLACE**

*Evaluation Place Based Projects* (The California Endowment, \$110,105); *Data & Democracy* (The California Endowment, \$506,251 for 2 years); *Politics & Policy in California Health Reform: Lessons for California, Other States, & the Federal Government* (The California Endowment, \$57,500); *Datos y Democracia: New Train the Trainer Certificate Course* (California Wellness Foundation, \$110,000 for 2 years); *Chronic Health Conditions in California* (California Healthcare Foundations, \$84,332)

#### **PHYLLIS B. WEISS**

*Urban Networks to Increase Thriving Youth Through Violence Prevention (UNITY)* (DHHS/Centers for Disease Control [Including CDC Foundation] & Prevention Institute, \$85,000)

#### **ANTRONETTE YANCEY**

*Community Action to Address Health Disparities* (DHHS/Centers for Disease Control [Including CDC Foundation], \$4,250,000 for 5 years)