



fielding awarded UCLA medal

Dr. Jonathan Fielding, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, county health officer and professor at the UCLA School of Public Health, was awarded the UCLA Medal, the university's highest honor, for his work as an innovator, leader and public health visionary at the 35th annual Lester Breslow Distinguished Lecture and Dinner.

Fielding is responsible for providing public health services to more than 10 million people, including residents of the eighth largest city in the world, and is credited with implementing the letter-grading system in Los Angeles County restaurants, which has reduced restaurant-related food-borne illness outbreaks and hospitalizations by up to 20 percent. He chairs two major national health committees, Healthy People 2020 and the Task Force on Community Preventive Services.

"Dr. Fielding's professional excellence and unwavering dedication to our city and to the next generation of public health leaders is exemplary of the contributions to society that we strive for our students to make with their UCLA degree," said UCLA Chancellor Gene Block in presenting the award.

Fielding joins heads of state; renowned scientists, artists and scholars; peacemakers; social reformers; and visionaries in the realm of commercial enterprise in receiving UCLA's highest honor.



DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR LECTURE

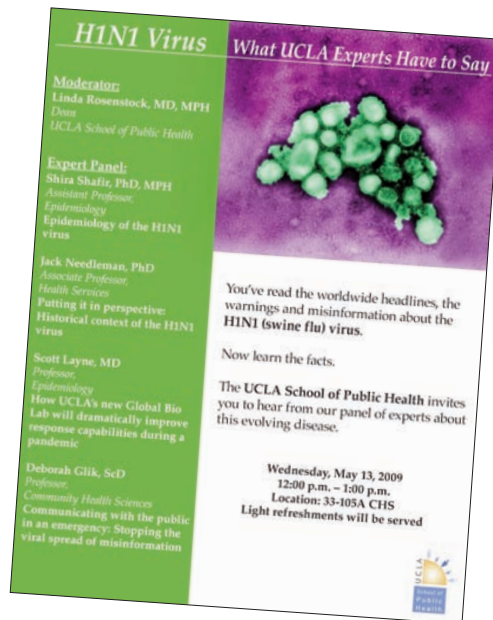
Dr. Patricia Ganz was selected to deliver the school's Dean's Distinguished Scholar Lecture, part of a series created to highlight the work of distinguished faculty. Ganz, a professor of health services and medicine and expert in quality of life after breast cancer, has conducted ground-breaking research that has altered the way the medical field views post-treatment health problems faced by millions of cancer survivors.

SPH hosts expert panel on H1N1 virus

The H1N1 (swine flu) virus, which raised worldwide fears of a pandemic, prompting many countries, including the U.S., to declare a public health emergency, was the topic of a gathering of UCLA public health and infectious disease experts hosted by the school.

The panel, moderated by Dean Linda Rosenstock, featured Dr. Shira Shafir, assistant professor of epidemiology; Dr. Jack Needleman, associate professor in the Department of Health Services; Dr. Scott Layne, professor in the Department of Epidemiology; and Dr. Deborah Glik, professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences.

The well-attended presentation was also available remotely via a live webcast accessible through the school's website. To view streaming video of the discussion, visit www.ph.ucla.edu/H1N1forum.



DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Dr. Ninez Ponce, associate professor of health services, was the recipient of this year's Dean's Distinguished Teaching Award, created to recognize the best of the school's faculty and presented at the school's 2009 Honors and Awards Reception. Said one student: "I can't say enough good things about Ninez. She is one of the best instructors I have ever had."

weiss honored for violence prevention efforts

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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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Billie Weiss, an epidemiologist who has worked more than 20 years to reduce violence against youth, was one of three recipients of the 16th annual California Peace Prize from The California Wellness Foundation for her efforts to prevent violence and promote peace. The honor comes with a \$25,000 cash award.

Weiss, associate director of the school's Southern California Injury Prevention Research Center, has been a pioneer in public health

research to assist community-based organizations in becoming more effective in preventing violence. A tireless advocate for reducing gang violence and violence against intimate partners, she is the founder and executive director emeritus of the Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles, which brings together anti-violence advocates, school representatives, police departments, anti-gun groups, private foundations and civil rights agencies.

"Things are not changing fast enough," Weiss says. "We need everybody we can muster. I keep looking to build that critical mass of people that can tip this epidemic so that we really look at prevention and community building as opposed to locking youth up."



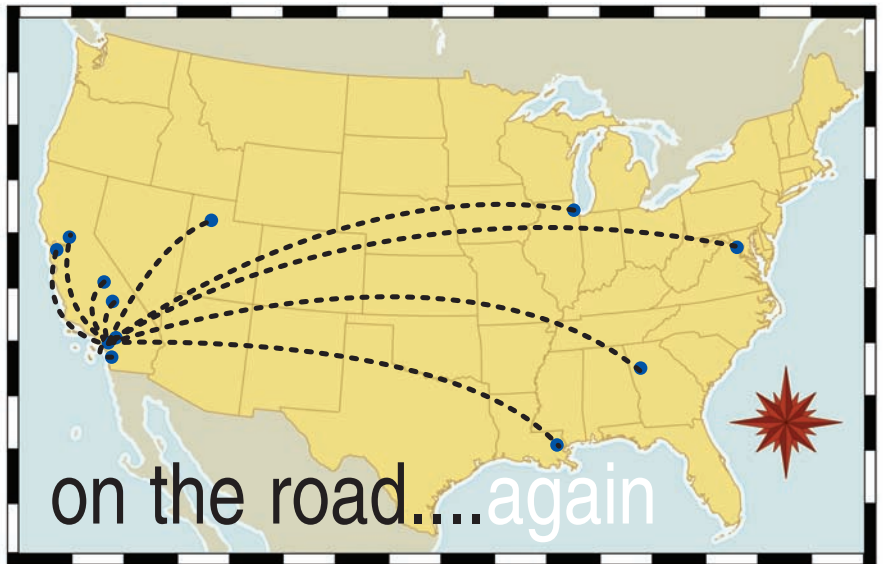
NEW CHAIR — Dr. Martin Iguchi, professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, has been named department chair effective July 1, 2009. The current chair, Dr. Anne Pebley, returns to the school's faculty, where she holds the Bixby Chair of Population Health.



BRESLOW LECTURE — Dr. Jonathan Fielding (center, with Dr. Lester Breslow, professor and dean emeritus; and Dean Linda Rosenstock) was the keynote speaker at the 35th Annual Lester Breslow Distinguished Lecture in April. Fielding, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, county health officer and professor at the school, outlined challenges for the future of public health in a speech titled "Is the Past Our Future?"

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You can learn about happenings at the school, participate in discussions on public health topics of the day or reconnect with former classmates and favorite faculty members through the school's Facebook group. In addition, alumni are invited to join the UCLA School of Public Health Alumni Network on the professional networking site LinkedIn.



From the moment Dave Clark came to the UCLA School of Public Health as dean for student affairs a little more than a year ago, he has made it his business to break through the clutter in order to attract more students to the school. "My goal is not just to recruit students to UCLA, but to generate interest in public health itself," says Clark.

Armed with newly redesigned brochures, booth displays and presentation materials, Clark has logged 22,000 miles crisscrossing the country while attending more than 70 events, distributing nearly 3,000 brochures and sending more than 2,500 emails to prospective students at schools in California and out of state as he delivers his message about the importance of public health and the benefits of a UCLA degree.

The approach has paid off: The school has seen an 18 percent increase in applications over the last year. The way Clark sees it, the more public health professionals, the better off everyone will be.