

# faculty honors

DR. THOMAS BELIN received the 2005 Gertrude M. Cox Award from the Washington Statistical Society, the Washington, D.C., chapter of the American Statistical Association.

DR. JONATHAN FIELDING was chosen for the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Harvard School of Public Health.

DR. PATRICIA GANZ served on an Institute of Medicine committee that prepared a report released in November 2005 on adult cancer survivors, "From Cancer Patient to Cancer Survivor: Lost in Transition."

DR. SANDER GREENLAND was elected chair of the American Statistical Association's Section on Statistics in Epidemiology.

DR. NEAL HALFON received the annual research award from the Ambulatory Pediatric Association at the Pediatric Academic Societies meeting.

DR. GANG LI served on the Scientific Committee for the International Conference on Statistics, held in Hong Kong in June.

DR. JACK NEEDLEMAN was a winner of the first Health Services Research Impact Award given by AcademyHealth, for his research establishing a relationship between hospital nurse staffing and adverse patient outcomes.

DRS. CHARLOTTE NEUMANN and JOEL KOPPLE were named fellows of the American Society for Nutrition.

DR. THOMAS RICE assumed the role of chair of the board for AcademyHealth.

DR. MARK SCHUSTER is serving as chair of the Child Health Services Research Steering Committee. He also chairs the Health and Nutrition Committee of the L.A. City Commission on Children, Youth, and their Families.

DR. LINDA ROSENSTOCK was appointed to the UC Advisory Council on Future Growth in the Health Professions. She also was the Annie Lee Shuster Alumni Speaker for the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program.

DR. ARTHUR WINER received a 2006 Haagen-Smit Clean Air Award from the California Air Resources Board.

# new faculty

KERI GARDNER *Health Services*

DENA HERMAN *Community Health Sciences*

ADRIANA SMARANDA BABAN  
*Community Health Sciences*

# bookshelf

...recent books by UCLA School of Public Health authors

## *Contemporary Multivariate Analysis and Design of Experiments,*

edited by Jianqing Fan and Gang Li.  
World Scientific Publishing Company

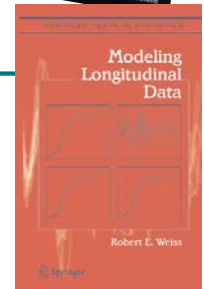
Explores new developments in experimental designs, multivariate analysis, biostatistics, model selection and related subjects, with articles contributed by prominent and active figures in their fields.



## *Modeling Longitudinal Data,*

by Robert E. Weiss. Springer Texts in Statistics.

Longitudinal data – which come from assessing the same measure repeatedly over time on the subjects in a study – are ubiquitous across medicine, public health, public policy, psychology, political science, biology, sociology and education – yet, many longitudinal data sets remain improperly analyzed. This book teaches the art and statistical science of modern longitudinal data analysis.



## *Monitoring Rocky Shores,*

by Steven N. Murray, Richard F. Ambrose, and Megan N. Dethier. UC Press.

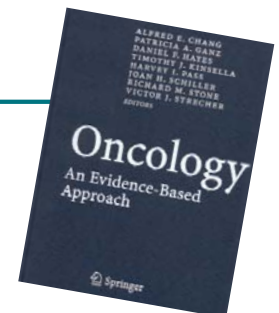
As we advance into an era of global climate change, monitoring changes in the intertidal zone of rocky shores – the sensitive habitat at the interface of land and ocean – has never been more crucial. This handbook describes effective methods and procedures for monitoring the ecological and environmental status of these areas, and provides critical discussions and evaluation of the various sampling techniques and field procedures for studies of intertidal macroinvertebrates, seaweeds, and seagrasses.



## *Oncology: An Evidence-Based Approach,*

edited by Alfred E. Chang, Patricia A. Ganz, Daniel F. Hayes, Timothy J. Kinsella, Harvey I. Pass, Joan H. Schiller, Richard M. Stone, and Victor J. Strecher. Springer.

Covers the principles and current practice of oncology, with contributors from the fields of medical, surgical, and radiation oncology. The textbook incorporates an evidence-based clinical approach, enabling the reader to make decisions on the basis of concrete data. Includes in-depth sections on cancer prevention and control, cancer survivorship, the economics of cancer care, and cancer informatics, as well as an innovative section on survivorship.





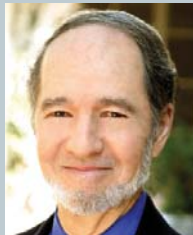
## INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE (IOM) HONORS DR. ROBERT BROOK

**DR. ROBERT BROOK**, professor in the UCLA schools of medicine and public health, received the Institute of Medicine's prestigious Gustav O. Lienhard Award for the advancement of personal health services. The award honors Brook for his dedication and commitment to improving the effectiveness of health care services and shaping the discourse on health care policy.

An internationally renowned expert on health quality issues, Brook is credited as the individual who, more than any other, developed the science of measuring the quality of medical care and focused U.S. policy-makers' attention on quality-of-care issues and their implications for the nation's health. He established the scientific basis for determining whether medical and surgical procedures are being used appropriately and has led teams that have developed quality measures used today by government agencies, physicians, and others to determine the benefits of new health care technologies and the effectiveness of changes in health policy.

Brook is the 20th recipient of the Lienhard Award, which includes a medal and a \$25,000 prize. Given annually, the award recognizes outstanding national achievement in improving personal health care services in the United States.

## NEW IOM MEMBERS



**DRS. ROBERT KAPLAN** and **JARED DIAMOND** were honored with election to the Institute of Medicine for their contributions to health.

Kaplan, who chairs the school's Department of Health Services, is an internationally renowned scholar known for his ground-breaking work in quality of life and health outcomes assessment. His interest in measuring functional and quality of life outcomes has led to an increased focus in recent years in issues of cost-effectiveness and resource allocation – particularly questions of how to optimize the use of health care dollars to manage the health of populations (see the article on page 18).

Diamond, a professor of geography at UCLA with joint appointments in the schools of public health and medicine, is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*. Most recently, in *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, a *New York Times* best seller, Diamond examined the fall of great civilizations of the past and the lessons modern societies can draw from their fates. Widely recognized as a founder of conservation biology, Diamond was the recipient of the National Medal of Science in 1999, among many other awards.

The Institute of Medicine was established in 1970 by the National Academy of Sciences to honor professional achievement in the health sciences and to serve as a national resource for independent analysis and recommendations on issues related to medicine, biomedical sciences and health. Seven of the school's other faculty members have been elected to the IOM: Drs. Ronald Andersen, Lester Breslow, Robert Brook, Thomas Coates, Jonathan Fielding, Gail Harrison, and Linda Rosenstock.

# news briefs

## lab network will improve response to emerging threats



**SPEARHEADING THE EFFORT** (l. to r.) — Dean's Advisory Board member Cindy Harrell Horn, Dean Linda Rosenstock and Dr. Scott Layne, faculty leader of the new high-speed, high-volume laboratory network.

A new high-speed, high-volume laboratory network based in the UCLA School of Public Health will be capable of quickly analyzing and processing high quantities of biological samples, improving the nation's ability to respond to an avian flu outbreak, bioterrorist attack, or other rapidly emerging public health threats.

The new lab, spearheaded by Dr. Scott Layne, associate professor of epidemiology, will enable public health experts to track diseases in near real-time and dramatically shorten the time needed to produce effective vaccines. Additionally, the laboratory will train public health and laboratory experts in infectious disease management, addressing a well-documented need for skilled personnel in bio-emergency situations. Initial funding of \$6 million was secured in the FY 06 Department of Defense appropriations bill and efforts are currently underway to secure additional federal funding as well as funding from the State of California and private supporters.

**STEM CELL SYMPOSIUM** — Dean Linda Rosenstock moderated a session featuring two UCLA School of Public Health faculty members at "Stem Cells: Promise and Peril in Regenerative Medicine," a research conference and public symposium held at UCLA in February. In addition to Rosenstock, Drs. Gerald F. Kominski ("Issues of Cost, Quality and Access") and Simin Liu ("Implications for Prevention and Chronic Disease") presented.



# cindy harrell horn receives dean's award



Cindy Harrell Horn was selected to receive the Dean's Award for sustained and generous support. A tireless advocate for the school and its new effort to combat emerging infectious diseases, Horn has volunteered hundreds of

hours and traveled thousands of miles to help secure funding and support for the school's new high-speed, high-volume laboratory network (see the article on opposite page).

Horn is well known locally and throughout the nation as an advocate for improving education, health and the environment. Following a successful career as an actress and model, she co-founded the Environmental Media Association (EMA) in 1989 to mobilize the entertainment industry to increase public awareness of environmental problems. In addition to her continued involvement with EMA, she serves on boards of numerous organizations, including the UCLA School of Public Health Dean's Advisory Board.



**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD** — Dr. Michael Prelip (center), assistant professor and head of the school's Field Studies Program, received the Ann C. Rosenfield Distinguished Community Partnership Prize from the UCLA Center for Community Partnerships, in recognition of Prelip's collaboration with the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition to serve the homeless population of Hollywood and West Hollywood. The \$25,000 award recognizes partnerships that have enhanced the quality of life in Southern California.

# survivorship center for cancer established

UCLA's Jonsson Cancer Center has been named as one of five Survivorship Centers of Excellence by the Lance Armstrong Foundation. A five-year, \$1.7 million grant from the foundation establishes the Jonsson Cancer Center Survivorship Program. The new program will build on two decades of survivorship research and put into place important clinical programs to help cancer survivors transition into their disease-free lives. The program will be directed by Dr. Patricia Ganz, professor in the schools of public health and medicine and head of the cancer center's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control Research, based in the School of Public Health.



**BRESLOW LECTURE** — Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg, president of the Institute of Medicine, spoke at the 32nd Annual Lester Breslow Lecture in April. In his talk, "Why Prevention Is a Hard Sell," Fineberg outlined some of the reasons: There is no drama in prevention; non-events are not counted; statistical lives don't have immediacy; prevention is not profitable; prevention often runs against commercial interests; it may conflict with personal preferences or religious beliefs; and there is declining trust in leaders and institutions, challenging people's willingness to follow guidelines.

## 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.

If you would like more information about the activities of the Public Health Alumni Association, please call (310) 825-6464 or e-mail [phaa@support.ucla.edu](mailto:phaa@support.ucla.edu).

If you are not already receiving and would like to receive the SPH ALUMNI e-NEWS that brings information on events and people of special interest to alumni three times a year, please provide this information at [publichealth@support.ucla.edu](mailto:publichealth@support.ucla.edu).

## SAVE THE DATE

UCLA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH ALUMNI AND FRIENDS RECEPTION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006

6:30 - 8:00 pm

at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 104A

During the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, November 4 - 8, in Boston

Check the APHA schedule or stop by the UCLA School of Public Health booth for location information.