

sph designated a national center of excellence for influenza research

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) awarded the UCLA School of Public Health \$18.5 million to create the Center for Rapid Influenza Surveillance and Research (CRISAR), one of six Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Surveillance established by NIAID to expand its influenza surveillance program both internationally and in the United States. Dr. Scott Layne, professor of epidemiology, is principal investigator of this new effort.

The goal of the newly created centers is to provide the federal government with important information to inform public health strategies for controlling and lessening the impact of seasonal influenza as well as a potential influenza pandemic. A team of physicians, veterinarians, researchers and biologists has been assembled from across the United States to conduct research on influenza viruses with pandemic potential.

“UCLA’s School of Public Health has assembled many of our country’s leading influenza experts to monitor the path of influenza in the United States and abroad,” says Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean of the school. “CRISAR will be instrumental in early detection of the next influenza outbreak, providing a head start in preventing a pandemic.”

CRISAR will utilize the federally and state-funded UCLA High Speed, High Volume Laboratory Network for Infectious Diseases, created to quickly analyze and process large quantities of biological samples. Improving the global capacity to make rapid and critically important decisions to save lives, the lab will enhance animal and human surveillance and permit an up-to-date view of infectious disease outbreaks for effective decision-making and public health interventions.

DID YOU KNOW?

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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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, send your e-mail address with your name and current home and business addresses to publichealth@support.ucla.edu.



BRESLOW LECTURE — Dr. Larry Brilliant (l.), executive director of Google’s philanthropic enterprise Google.org, was the speaker at the 33rd Annual Lester Breslow Distinguished Lecture. Brilliant, who is spearheading Google’s initiatives to reduce global poverty, improve the health of the least advantaged, and halt or reverse the effects of the climate crisis, spoke on “Healing a Broken World.” With Brilliant is Dr. Lester Breslow.



MOVIE PREMIERE — Dean Linda Rosenstock with actor, producer and humanitarian Danny Glover at the Los Angeles premiere of *¡Salud!*, co-hosted by the school in May. Glover introduced the film, which depicts Cuba’s highly regarded health care system and highlights the work of the non-profit MEDICC (Medical Education in Cooperation with Cuba), with which the school has enjoyed a long relationship.



CONGRESSIONAL TOUR — Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-CA) visits the School of Public Health and tours the future UCLA High Speed, High Volume Laboratory Network for Infectious Diseases, a project that has received core federal support. With Lewis are Dean Linda Rosenstock (left) and Associate Dean for Research Roshan Bastani.

john sonogo joins sph leadership team



John Sonogo has joined the school as assistant dean for development and alumni relations. Sonogo brings a distinguished background in fundraising, marketing and communications. He worked most recently as an independent consultant after serving as director of programs and communications for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Previously, Sonogo served as vice president at the public relations agency Rogers & Associates and was director

of marketing and public relations for the Detroit Historical Museums.



CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE PROCLAMATION — Dean Linda Rosenstock signs a commitment by the school to “help identify, monitor and combat emerging infectious diseases at their genesis” as part of the Clinton Global Initiative. With Rosenstock are Cindy Horn (left) and Cynthia Sikes Yorkin, members of the school’s Dean’s Advisory Board and the Entertainment Industry Task Force, who, along with President Bill Clinton, also signed the proclamation.



DR. HILARY GODWIN has joined the faculty as chair of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences. Godwin comes to UCLA from Northwestern University where she served on the Department of Chemistry faculty, most recently as chair. Her research focuses on the basic chemical and biological mechanisms by which toxic metal ions affect neurological signaling and development. Lauded for her work, Godwin is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professor. Additional awards include receipt of the Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award, an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, a National Science Foundation CAREER Award, and the Burroughs Wellcome Fund Toxicology New Investigator Award. Godwin received her Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Stanford. She conducted postdoctoral research at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she was a National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow. For more on Godwin’s background and work, see page 12.



DR. NATHAN WOLFE has joined the faculty as professor in the Department of Epidemiology. Wolfe’s research combines methods from molecular virology, ecology, evolutionary biology, and anthropology to study the biology of viral emergence. The recipient of a Fulbright fellowship, Wolfe was awarded the highly prestigious NIH Director’s Pioneer Award in 2005 to work in regions of high biodiversity with subsistence hunters, who will collaborate in a sentinel surveillance system to monitor the spillover of novel viruses into the human species. He received his doctorate in Immunology and Infectious Diseases from Harvard University and most recently served on the faculty at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. For more on Wolfe’s work, see page 10.

ALSO JOINING THE FACULTY:

- ONYEBUCHI ARAH *Epidemiology*
- JOELLE BROWN *Epidemiology*
- MARJAN JAVANBAKHT *Epidemiology*
- RAJESH NANDY *Biostatistics*
- MARC SUCHARD *Biostatistics*

34 faculty honors

DR. THOMAS BELIN received the 2005/2006 Excellence in Mental Health Policy and Economics Research Award from the International Center on Mental Health Policy and Economics for his paper, "Geographic variation in alcohol, drug, and mental health services utilization: What are the sources of the variation?"

DR. DIANA BONTÁ is serving on the boards of the Health Professions Education Foundation, the Council of Education in Public Health, and Hollywood, Society and Health.

DR. LESTER BRESLOW received UCLA's Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award, which honors outstanding research, scholarly work, teaching and educational service to the university and the profession.

DR. FRED HAGIGI was the first School of Public Health recipient of UCLA's Distinguished Teaching Award.

DR. NEAL HALFON received the Ambulatory Pediatric Association's Annual Research Award for "lifetime contributions to the field of child health research."

DR. GAIL HARRISON was appointed to the Board of Directors of California Food Policy Advocates.

DR. ROBERT KAPLAN was named Fred W. and Pamela K. Wasserman Chair at the UCLA School of Public Health. He received the Astra-Zeneca 2006 prize for best original research article for his paper entitled "Estimating the risk of long-term erectile, urinary and bowel symptoms resulting from prostate cancer treatment."

DR. GANG LI was elected fellow of the American Institute of Mathematical Statistics.

DR. SIMIN LIU was named a member of Dietary Carbohydrates in Health and Diseases, a joint scientific committee of the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; and of the Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases B Subcommittee of the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

DR. LEO MORALES was elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation.

DR. CHARLOTTE NEUMANN received the 2007 Harvard School of Public Health Alumni Award of Merit, the highest honor bestowed by the school on its alumni in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of public health.

DR. LINDA ROSENSTOCK is serving as president of the Society of Medical Administrators, chair-elect of the Association of Schools of Public Health, board member of the Health Effects Institute and a member of the Health Sciences Policy board of the Institute of Medicine.

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

Atlas of Human Parasitology, 5th Edition,

by **Lawrence R. Ash** and Thomas C. Orihel. ASCP Press.

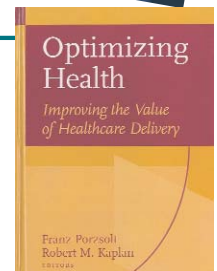
A comprehensive guide for the identification and diagnosis of human parasites.



Optimizing Health: Improving the Value of Healthcare Delivery,

edited by Franz Porzolt and **Robert M. Kaplan**. Springer.

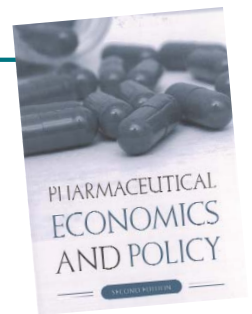
As health care costs soar, there is increasing interest in examining what society and, particularly, patients receive in return for these expenditures. This book brings together the best thinking from both sides of the Atlantic to examine these issues, employing disciplinary perspectives from economics, ethics, philosophy, psychology, clinical practice, and epidemiology to explore various ways that value for patients has and can be determined.



Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy, 2nd Edition,

by **Stuart O. Schweitzer**. Oxford University Press.

The pharmaceutical industry is praised as a world leader in high-technology innovation and the creator of products that increase both longevity and quality of life for people throughout the world. At the same time, the industry is also criticized for its marketing and pricing practices and for its apparent anticompetitive responses to generic competition. This book uses the tools of economic analysis to explore the conflicting priorities and aims of the pharmaceutical industry, from both an American and world-wide perspective.



Suffering in the Land of Sunshine: A Los Angeles Illness Narrative (Critical Issues in Health and Medicine),

by **Emily K. Abel**. Rutgers University Press.

The history of medicine is much more than the story of doctors, nurses, and hospitals. Seeking to understand the patient's perspective, historians scour the archives, searching for rare personal accounts. Bringing together a trove of more than 400 family letters by Charles Dwight Willard, this book provides a unique window into the experience of sickness.

