

contracts & grants 2004-05

This section includes new contracts and grants awarded in fiscal year 2004-05. Due to space limitations, only funds of \$50,000 or more are listed, by principal investigator.

ROSHAN BASTANI

UCLA Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network (DHHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$1,500,000 for 5 years)

E. RICHARD BROWN

The 2005 California Health Interview Survey (California Department of Health Services, \$3,710,000 for 2 years; California Department of Mental Health, \$375,151; NIH/National Cancer Institute, \$2,660,292 for 20 months; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$698,035 for 18 months; The California Endowment, \$3,383,088 for 2 years; UC Davis, \$151,200); *Disability Questions on the 2005 California Health Interview Survey* (California Department of Health Services, \$62,000); *Epilepsy Questions on the 2005 California Health Interview Survey* (DHHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$74,154)

ROGER DETELS

China Multidisciplinary AIDS Prevention Training Program (NIH/Fogarty International Center, \$1,250,367 for 5 years)

JONATHAN FIELDING

Using Health Impact Assessment for Policy Analysis to Support the California Endowment's "Healthy Eating, Active Communities" Initiative (The California Endowment, \$325,000 for 2 years)

JOHN FROINES

Monitoring and Modeling of Ultrafine Particles and Black Carbon at the Los Angeles International Airport (California Air

Resources Board, \$117,986 for 14 months); *Determination of Reactive Oxygen Species Activity in PM and Enhanced Exposures Assessment for the NIH/NIEHS Study* (UC Irvine, \$119,779 for 3 years)

PATRICIA A. GANZ

Does Blocking Proinflammatory Cytokines Diminish Cancer-Related Fatigue? (The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, \$248,761); *Enhancing Patient Outcomes Across the Cancer Control Continuum* (American Cancer Society, \$300,000 for 5 years)

DEBORAH GLIK

California Statewide Training in Outreach for Immunization and Bioterrorism (California Department of Health Services, \$55,440)

MICHAEL GOLDSTEIN

CHIS CAM Supplemental Analysis of Support Groups (NIH/National Cancer Institute, \$98,813)

GAIL HARRISON

Energy Balance and 5-a-Day Promotion (UC Davis, \$101,803)

WILLIAM HINDS

Health Effects of Fine and Ultrafine Particles During Freeway Travel (California Air Resources Board, \$580,205 for 2 years)

ROBERT KAPLAN

Norms and Performance Comparisons for 5 Health Indexes (University of Wisconsin, \$64,969); *Web-based Evaluation of Tools for Shared PSA Decisions* (University of San Diego, \$140,418)

new faculty



DR. SIMIN LIU has joined the faculty as professor of epidemiology and director of the Program on Genomics and Nutrition. His current research is at the interface of nutrition and genetics/genomics and focuses on how dietary, biochemical, and genetic

factors influence the development of many degenerative disorders in human populations. Liu's research in nutrition and health has been translated into public policy such as the Healthy People 2010 and the 2005 Dietary Guidelines. His pioneering work in carbohydrate nutrition ultimately served as the scientific evidence in establishing regulatory and labeling

guidelines for the FDA's whole grains and heart disease health claims. Liu is an elected fellow of the American College of Nutrition and of the Council of Epidemiology and Prevention of the American Heart Association, and currently serves as a standing member of the Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases Study Section of the National Institutes of Health, as well as co-chair of the Endocrine Council of the American College of Nutrition. Previously, he was a fellow in preventive medicine and public health with the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He earned his medical degree from Jinan University Medical School in China and his master of public health and doctoral degrees in epidemiology and nutrition from Harvard University.

LEEKA KHEIFETS

Risk Assessment and the Development of the Environmental Health Criteria (World Health Organization, \$166,636)

GERALD KOMINSKI

California Health Benefits Program (University of California Office of the President, \$92,284); *California's Managed Care Enrollees: A New Health Plan Report Card Based On Findings From the 2003 California Health Interview Survey* (Department Of Managed Health Care, \$214,121)

CLIFFORD KO

Analysis of Ovarian Cancer Surgeries Using State Hospital Discharge Data (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$174,999)

ANNETTE MAXWELL

Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening Among Filipino Americans (American Cancer Society, \$997,000 for 4 years)

WILLIAM MCCARTHY

Ethnicity and School-level Effects on California Student Tobacco Use (UC Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program, \$383,120 for 3 years)

JACK NEEDLEMAN

Evaluation of Transforming Care at the Bedside (TCAB) Phase II (The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$550,000 for 2 years)

ANNE PEBLEY

Los Angeles Family and Neighborhood Survey Wave 2 (NIH/ National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, \$3,145,704 for 4 years)

MICHAEL PRELIP

LAUSD Nutrition Network 2004-2007 Evaluation (Los Angeles Unified School District, \$411,972 for 2 years); *Pacific Public*

Health Training Center (Health Services Resource Administration, \$1,825,000 for 5 years)

NINEZ PONCE

Do Socio-Ecological Variables Influence Cancer Screening Behaviors? (NIH/National Cancer Institute, \$635,850 for 5 years)

BEATE RITZ

Aggregate Exposure Assessment: Longitudinal Surveys of Human Exposure-Related Behavior (UC Davis, \$310,886)

MAREN SCHEUNER

Risk Algorithms/Matrices Supporting Family Healthcare (Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide for CDC, \$80,250)

KIMBERLY SHOAF

Public Health Preparedness Education and Training (DHHS/ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$165,992)

JUDITH SIEGEL

Obesity in School Staff: Participatory Environmental Model (DHHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$1,367,313 for 3 years)

DAWN UPCHURCH

Training and Research in Acupuncture and Menopause (NIH/ National Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine, \$216,000 for 2 years)

ANTRONETTE YANCEY

Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Program Evaluation Phase 2 (Samuels and Associates, \$299,500 for 4 years); *Health Impact Assessment on Policies Supporting Physical Activity in Low Income Communities* (Public Health Institute, \$119,912); *Media Content Analysis* (Public Health Institute, \$114,007)



DR. LEO S. MORALES has joined the faculty as an associate professor of health services. He is also an associate professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research at the UCLA School of Medicine and a natural scientist

at The RAND Corporation. Morales recently received a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Investigator Award to study the effects of acculturation to the United States on the health of Mexican immigrants. His principal areas of research are Latino health, health care disparities and outcomes research for Spanish-speaking populations. Morales received a medical degree from the University of Washington and a doctorate in philosophy from the RAND Graduate School of Policy Studies. He completed an internship

and residency in primary care internal medicine at UC San Francisco/San Francisco General Hospital and is board certified in internal medicine. In addition to his research activities, Morales sees patients and supervises medical residents at the UCLA Internal Medicine Clinic and Medical Center.

Also joining the faculty:

LIN CAI Epidemiology

ALINA DORIAN Community Health Sciences

KERI GARDNER Health Services

DENA HERMAN Community Health Sciences

NOLA KENNEDY Environmental Health Sciences

MIRIAM LAUGESSEN Health Services

JIAN YU RAO Epidemiology

ANDREA VODERMAIER Health Services

KENNETH B. WELLS Health Services

YIFANG ZHU Environmental Health Sciences



RUTH J. ROEMER, 1916-2005

Ruth Roemer, a pioneer in public health law and advocacy and a stalwart member of the UCLA School of Public Health faculty for more than four decades, died August 1 at age 89.

In a career spanning more than 50 years, Roemer made lasting contributions in areas that included reproductive health services, environmental health, tobacco control and health services organization. She remained an influential figure in public health well into her 80s, initiating what later became the International Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, adopted by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2003.

Born Ruth Joy Rosenbaum in Hartford, Conn., Roemer graduated from Cornell Law School and began her career as a labor lawyer. She switched to health law in the 1960s after participating in a landmark study of the laws governing admission to mental hospitals in the State of New York.

With her husband Milton, himself a giant in the field of public health who died in 2001, Roemer joined the UCLA School of Public Health faculty in 1962, and promptly became the principal organizer and vice president of the California Committee on Therapeutic Abortion, formed to provide public education and leadership in reform of California's century-old abortion law. The group spearheaded abortion law reform in California in 1967, six years before the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

In ensuing years she would make her mark with analyses of the functions, education and regulation of health personnel; as an ardent campaigner for fluoridation of public water supplies in California and worldwide; with an early-'70s study examining the gap between the advanced technology available to roll back pollution and the application of this technology to protect people's health and living conditions; and with seminal work in tobacco control that started with a world review of tobacco control legislation, carried out for the WHO and first published in 1982. She went on to present at international tobacco control conferences on five continents, and to help prepare a document that led to WHO's first international convention on tobacco control and the treaty adopted in 2003.

Roemer, who taught health law, ethics and policy at UCLA, was preparing for her fall courses at the time of her death. Last spring, she was honored with the Dean's Award for her sustained and generous support of the school.

At the family's request, contributions in Ruth Roemer's memory can be made to the Ruth Roemer Fellowship Award Fund, c/o UCLA School of Public Health, Box 951772, Los Angeles, CA 90095.

news briefs

symposium addresses lessons from katrina



The school's newly established Center to Eliminate Health Disparities sponsored a symposium in October to discuss the continuing role of race and poverty in health status and health outcomes – a problem that was underscored in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

At “Lessons from Hurricane Katrina: Poverty, Race and Health in America,” held at UCLA's Covel Commons, faculty from the school as well as from other parts of the UCLA campus and from UC Berkeley addressed these issues and speculated on the implications the disaster could have for Los Angeles.

The Center to Eliminate Health Disparities identifies, investigates, and addresses differences among various population groups in health status and disease burden, with a heavy focus on community-based intervention research to mitigate observed disparities.



jones' one-woman show celebrates launch of center

To celebrate the launch of the school's Center to Eliminate Health Disparities, Obie award-winning playwright, actor and poet Sarah Jones presented "A Right to Care," her one-woman show, on the UCLA campus in October.

Jones' performance piece explored the ways in which economic, racial and ethnic disparities affect people's daily lives. Using voices of modern America, she illuminated key public health topics.

The Center to Eliminate Health Disparities aims to advance understanding of health disparities across the lifespan and foster multidisciplinary research, particularly in Los Angeles County, to improve the health of underserved communities.

southern california particle center renewed for five years

The Southern California Particle Center (SCPC), directed by Dr. John Froines, professor of environmental health sciences at the UCLA School of Public Health, has been renewed with five years of funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The center brings together outstanding scientists from leading universities in Southern California to conduct high-priority research on the underlying basis for health effects associated with exposure to airborne particulate matter, toward the goal of ensuring protection of the public's health.



APPOINTED – Dr. Mark Schuster, professor of pediatrics and health services at the UCLA schools of medicine and public health, was appointed to the Los Angeles Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

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PRESIDENTIAL AWARD – Raymond D. Goodman, M.D., M.P.H. '72, who was instrumental in establishing the Medical Reserve Corps of Los Angeles and has been its volunteer medical director since its inception, received the President's Volunteer Service Award in October. Developed under the supervision of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, the Medical Reserve Corps of Los Angeles provides the established health care community with teams of trained and experienced health professionals, most of them retired, who are prepared to respond to major community disasters.