



UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

30th Anniversary Gala and Awards Dinner
November 13, 2024

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear friends and colleagues,

More than 30 years ago, a former community organizer leaned into the vision that talented, committed researchers could positively impact the health of all Californians through the production of rigorous policy analysis and high-quality, local level data. My dear friend and mentor Rick Brown shared his vision with colleagues at UCLA (pictured) and made it a reality. In three decades since the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research (CHPR) was launched by a small team, we are now 100 strong and still building a body of work widely used by policymakers, health care leaders, community groups, and advocates in California and across the country.

We continue the great work the founders started, advancing research and policy analysis, program evaluations, and data production that have made us a valuable resource. We remain committed to the philosophy that we must not only produce high-quality evidence, but also partner with communities to ensure they can access and utilize the information in their work to address inequities and improve health outcomes for all.

On behalf of the CHPR staff, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for joining us for this celebration. We welcome our alumni, our long-standing partners, and the community leaders and policymakers whose support has made the CHPR what it is today. Your presence makes the evening truly special,

and we are grateful for your support and generosity. Our work is not possible without you.

Tonight is first and foremost a celebration of those who have contributed to the Center in the last 30 years. That includes not only past and present staff, but also the funders who provide crucial support, the community partners who help to guide our priorities and amplify our work, and the health care and policy leaders who push us to innovate.

This community makes change in health possible.

Together, we celebrate our achievements and the incredible impact we can make as a community. Thank you for your contributions, enthusiasm, and for being a vital part of our mission.

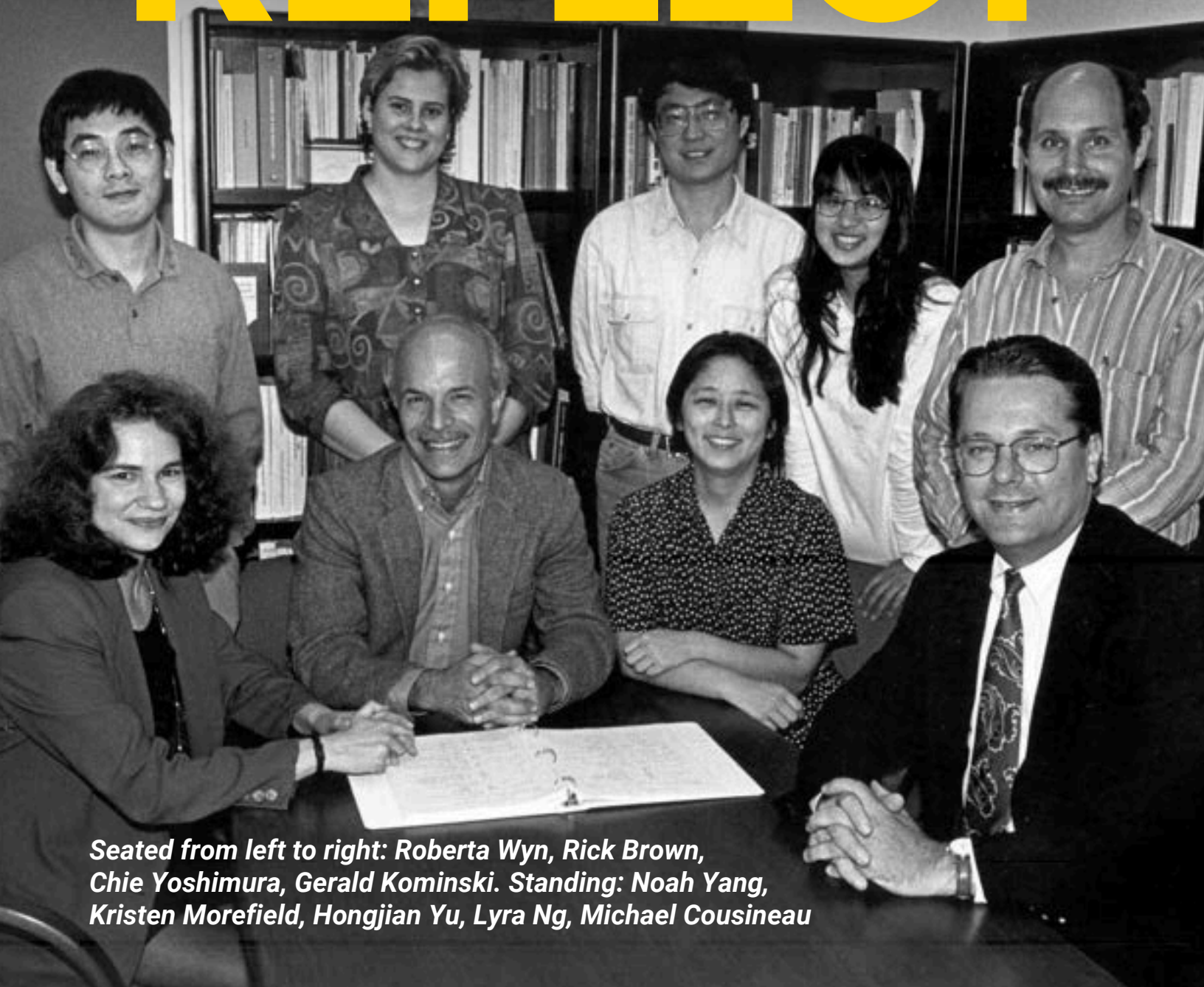
We look forward to continuing this journey together.

Warm regards,

Ninez A. Ponce

Ninez A. Ponce, PhD, MPP

WE REFLECT



Seated from left to right: Roberta Wyn, Rick Brown, Chie Yoshimura, Gerald Kominski. Standing: Noah Yang, Kristen Morefield, Hongjian Yu, Lyra Ng, Michael Cousineau

30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research turned 30 in 2024. Let's take a look at how we started and some of the key moments over the last three decades.

1994

The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research is founded by E. Richard "Rick" Brown, a professor at the UCLA (now Fielding) School of Public Health and a renowned health policy advocate.

1994

1996

The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and the UC Berkeley School of Public Health begin to produce an annual report card on the number of people insured in the state.

2009

UCLA CHPR's estimates of the number of Californians eligible for health insurance exchange subsidies and for expanded Medi-Cal under the proposed Affordable Care Act (ACA) are heavily relied upon by California's congressional legislators in the debate leading up to the bill's passage.

2015

Numerous organizations submit amicus briefs that cite "Same-Sex Legal Marriage and Psychological Well-Being: Findings from the California Health Interview Survey," a Williams Institute study based on CHIS LGB data, in support of same-sex marriage in *Obergefell v. Hodges*. The U.S. Supreme Court rule in favor of the petitioners in June.

2009

2011

Gov. Jerry Brown signs a law requiring the state's Area Agencies on Aging to use the CHPR's Elder Index in their strategic planning calculations of the true cost of living for low-income seniors.

2016

Senate committees cite CHIS data that 281,000 Medi-Cal patients had difficulty understanding their doctor because of language. AB 635, which increases funding for interpretation services for Medi-Cal patients, is signed into law.

2001

The first California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) is conducted with more than 50,000 California adults, teens, and children in six languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Khmer.

2001

2007

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger launches his new health reform effort at UCLA, citing the CHPR's SHIC report on the decline in employer-sponsored coverage as justification. CHIS data are subsequently used by the state's Legislative Analyst's Office and policymakers from both parties in debate about the proposed reform effort.

2007

2002

UCLA CHPR launches the first-ever "State of Health Insurance in California" (SHIC) report, a comprehensive report of health insurance status and trends.

"This research underscores everything we have been talking about. Coverage is eroding because costs are out of control for businesses and workers, making it harder for them to compete," said Schwarzenegger. "All this points out once again that we need comprehensive health care reform that insures everyone and guarantees all Californians have access to affordable and reliable care."

2018

U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, Rep. Nanette Barragán, CA Attorney General Xavier Becerra, and many other groups cite UCLA CHPR, UC Berkeley Labor Center, and California Food Policy Council analysis in official comments of "public charge" rule changes proposed by the Department of Homeland Security.

2022

UCLA CHPR launches a national Data Equity Center to provide technical assistance, expertise, and resources to increase representation in and access to data for marginalized populations.

2018

2020

2020

In response to the pandemic, UCLA CHPR added COVID-19 questions to CHIS, and for the first time in history, released preliminary estimates during the same year as data collection. Dashboards were made available to the public.

2023

2023

UCLA CHPR Director Ninez A. Ponce discusses data equity at the White House for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

WE CELEBRATE

A journalist committed to telling the real-life stories that represent the importance of data disaggregation.

An attorney general fighting for racial, economic, and environmental justice.

An endocrinologist advising lawmakers on the unique health needs of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

A state senator leading efforts to make food benefits accessible to every Californian, regardless of their immigration status.

Researchers, advocates, and community leaders striving to make health equity a reality.

Meet our 30 champions of change.



Our 30 honorees embody the spirit of change, using their platforms, expertise, and resilience to champion underrepresented communities and pave the way toward a healthier, more equitable future for everyone.



Mayra E. Alvarez

Mayra E. Alvarez is president of The Children's Partnership, a nonprofit advocacy organization working to advance child health equity through policy, research, and community engagement. Throughout her career, Alvarez has worked to improve the U.S. health care system, having served in various roles at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services during the Obama-Biden administration.



Tomás Aragón

Tomás Aragón, MD, DrPh, serves as director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the State Public Health Officer. In his role, Aragón works through partnerships to mobilize communities and institutions to transform policies and systems towards a culture of equity, antiracism, healing, and health for all people and our planet. Prior to CDPH, he was the health officer for the City and County of San Francisco and director of the public health division.



Karen Bass

Mayor Karen Bass, MSW, has dedicated her career to serving the city where she was born and raised. Bass has served Californians in the State Assembly, the U.S. House of Representatives, and as the first woman and second African American mayor of Los Angeles. Earlier in her career, she worked as a nurse and physician assistant, and founded the Community Coalition, a grassroots organization that pioneers strategies to address the root causes behind the challenges facing South LA.



Elaine Batchlor

Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH, is the CEO of MLK Community Healthcare, a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 5-star-rated hospital and health system that provides quality care to 1.3 million residents of the medically underserved community of South Los Angeles. Dr. Batchlor, who earned her master's degree in public health at UCLA, has devoted her career to reducing health disparities and expanding health care quality and access for the most vulnerable.



Rob Bonta

Rob Bonta, JD, is the 34th Attorney General of the State of California and the first person of Filipino descent and the second Asian American to occupy the position. As both a lawmaker and as attorney general, Bonta has led fights for racial, economic, and environmental justice. As an assemblymember, he used UCLA CHPR data when authoring AB 1726 to address the lack of disaggregated data for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities.



Nancy Breen

Nancy Breen, PhD, is an economist and former project officer at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), where she investigated how race, social class, gender, community factors, and health service diffusion — especially cancer screenings — shape cancer outcomes. At NCI, Breen helped launch the California Health Interview Survey, developing and improving measures, methods, and tools for analyzing access and utilization in cancer control services and cancer-related risk factors.



Shana Charles

Shana Charles, PhD, is an associate professor of public health at Cal State Fullerton and has more than 25 years of policy experience, from the White House to local community services agencies. In 2022, she was elected to the Fullerton City Council. A triple UCLA alumna, Charles began working at the CHPR as a master's student and later became the director of health insurance studies and co-authored 20 years of State of Health Insurance in California reports.



Susan DeMarois

Susan DeMarois is the director of the California Department of Aging. Appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to lead California's efforts for implementing the state's Master Plan for Aging, DeMarois and her team have led 46 new initiatives, including creating a "No Wrong Door" system to reduce challenges in navigating and accessing information and services for older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers.



Richard Figueroa

Richard Figueroa is a deputy cabinet secretary in Governor Gavin Newsom's office, where he works on health, human services, and veterans' issues. He has served three California governors on health-related issues and has a long track record of working to increase access to health insurance and lower the cost for Californians. Figueroa, who earned his MBA at UCLA in 1983, was previously director of prevention for The California Endowment.



Jody L. Herman

Jody L. Herman, PhD, is the Reid Rasmussen Senior Scholar of Public Policy at the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law. Her work on gender identity in survey research and the prevalence and impact of discrimination based on gender identity or expression has helped advance equity for LGBTQ people. She serves as co-chair of the CHIS Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Working Group for the 2023–2024 and 2025–2026 cycles.



Sandra R. Hernández

Sandra R. Hernández, MD, is president and CEO of the California Health Care Foundation (CHCF), an independent, nonprofit philanthropy that works to improve the health care system so that all Californians, especially those who have traditionally faced the greatest barriers to care, have the care they need. Prior to joining CHCF, she was CEO of The San Francisco Foundation and served as director of public health for the City and County of San Francisco.



Sherry M. Hirota

Sherry M. Hirota has dedicated her life to championing underserved communities. Hirota founded Asian Health Services (AHS) in 1974 and retired as CEO at the end of 2023. In 50 years, AHS has grown to provide high-quality care in 14 languages, serving more than 50,000 patients each year, and operating a \$65 million budget that supports 12 clinic sites; 11 clinical, advocacy, and educational programs; and a professional staff of nearly 500, 99% of whom are bilingual.



“The center was an important ally and resource. We could always get very detailed information about the population trends within our community and were able to respond more effectively to COVID-19, ‘public charge,’ and what universal health care can mean in our community.” – Sherry Hirota



Sue Holtby

Sue Holtby worked in public health for more than 35 years, including 28 years at the Public Health Institute, where she served as project director and oversaw a planning grant to inform content for the Center's first California Health Interview Survey. Holtby worked on CHIS for nearly two decades, helping develop questionnaires, overseeing translation and English simplification reviews, analyzing data, and writing up findings.



Melissa Hurtado

Melissa Hurtado is a California State Senator representing the Central Valley and working to ensure rural voices are heard at all levels of government. She is the youngest woman ever elected to the state senate. Using CHIS data on food insecurity, in collaboration with Nourish California and the California Immigrant Policy Center, Hurtado co-authored the Food4All bill, which expands access to food benefits for all Californians, regardless of their immigration status.



Sunghee Lee

Sunghee Lee, PhD, is a research associate professor and the director of the program in survey and data science at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. From 2005–2010, Lee was a survey methodologist for the California Health Interview Survey. Lee's research interests revolve around improving data quality through inclusivity, which has profound implications for equity in social programs and policy decisions.



Louise McCarthy

Louise McCarthy, MPP, is the president and CEO of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County, the largest regional coalition of nonprofit community health centers in California. McCarthy was instrumental in creating and implementing free public health care programs that have served hundreds of thousands of low-income, uninsured residents in Los Angeles County.



Usha Lee McFarling

Usha Lee McFarling is a national science correspondent at STAT, covering health disparities and the intersection of race with science and medicine. Her work on the diseased state of the world's oceans earned a Pulitzer Prize for explanatory journalism. Her coverage of health disparities earned an Edward R. Murrow award, as well as awards from the Association of Health Care Journalists and the Asian American Journalists Association.



Alex Ortega

Alex Ortega, PhD, MPH, is the dean and professor of public health at the Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. He is a nationally recognized public health and health care policy scholar whose work focuses on health equity. A UCLA Bruin, Ortega served as director and principal investigator for the UCLA Center for Population Health and Health Disparities and worked alongside the late Steve Wallace on the Latino Youth Health Study.



Jeffrey Reynoso

Jeffrey Reynoso, DrPH, serves as a regional director at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), where he advances the Biden-Harris Administration's health and human services priorities and is the key representative for U.S. HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra with state, local, territorial, tribal, and external partners in Region 9 (Southwest and Pacific Region). Before HHS, he served as the Executive Director of the Latino Coalition for a Healthy California.



Robert K. Ross

Robert K. Ross, MD, is the former president and chief executive officer for The California Endowment. Under his leadership, the endowment provided advocacy and funded efforts in support of "Health For All" across the state, expanding health coverage for undocumented residents, farmworkers, and dreamers; strengthening diversity in the health workforce, improving health advocacy for young people of color, and providing leadership for health-oriented criminal justice reform.



Raynald Samoa

Raynald Samoa, MD, is an endocrinologist and associate professor in the department of diabetes, endocrinology, and metabolism at City of Hope. Throughout his career, Dr. Samoa has championed health equity, in particular using evidence and data to advise lawmakers on the unique health needs of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. He has also taught gender-affirming care to other physicians and advocated for data disaggregation.



"The UCLA CHPR worked tirelessly to provide data and data trends that assisted the Pacific Islander COVID Response Team in advocating for the allocation for crucial resources to address the disproportionate burden experienced by NHPI communities during the pandemic. The COVID-19 dashboards were vital in obtaining the necessary resources to optimize vaccine dissemination to NHPI communities which was a key factor in their resilience during the pandemic." – Raynald Samoa, MD



Delight Satter

Delight Satter, MPH, is an elder and member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and a senior health scientist in the CDC's National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce. She has also served as co-author and implementation working group member for the White House Indigenous Knowledge Guidance. Prior to the CDC, Satter directed the American Indian Research Program at UCLA CHPR and remains a faculty associate.



Linette T. Scott

Linette T. Scott, MD, is the chief data officer and the deputy director of enterprise data and information management in the California Department of Health Care Services. In this role, she advances health equity through the intelligent application of data. Dr. Scott, who is alternate chair of the California Health Interview Survey advisory board, works to ensure that reliable data are used to drive improvements in population health.



Sandra Shewry

Sandra Shewry is a health policy expert with experience in public service and health philanthropy. Following a 20+ year career in California state government — including as director of the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health — Shewry spent 10+ years at the California Health Care Foundation, leading the state health policy office and external engagement teams. She currently serves as board chair of the CARESTAR Foundation.



Tia Shimada

Tia Shimada has 15 years of public policy experience, including nearly a decade as the director of programs for a statewide nonprofit advocating equitable access to food, resources, and opportunity for all Californians. Shimada has partnered with UCLA CHPR on various projects including fact sheets on how proposed changes to the “public charge” rule would impact Californians and experiences of food insecurity among immigrants who are documented.



Lisa Simpson

Lisa Simpson, MB, is a nationally recognized health policy researcher, pediatrician, and advocate for the translation of research into policy and practice. She was the president and CEO of AcademyHealth from 2011–2024. She is currently an Impact Fellow at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health, as well as an adjunct professor in the University of South Florida School of Public Health and the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University.



Alek Sripipatana

Alek Sripipatana, PhD, MPH, serves as the director for the Data and Evaluation unit at the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Primary Health Care in the Office of Quality Improvement. His unit oversees the Bureau's primary data collection strategies on all HRSA-supported health centers across the country, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands. He is a proud UCLA CHPR alumnus.



Efrain Talamantes

Efrain Talamantes, MD, MBA, MSc, is the chief operating officer of health services at AltaMed. He joined AltaMed as the inaugural medical director for the AltaMed Institute for Health Equity, leading health services and community-partnered research and training to advance health equity and medical education. A triple Bruin and recognized health equity advocate, Dr. Talamantes leads initiatives throughout the country to enhance diversity in the health care workforce.



Robert Otto Valdez

Robert Otto Valdez, PhD, is the director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the lead federal agency charged with improving the safety and quality of health care for all Americans. Valdez has dedicated his 40+ year career to public service, working as a professor and MBA/MPH program director at UCLA — and serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and special senior advisor to the Clinton White House on health care reform.



Maria-Elena De Trinidad Young

Maria-Elena De Trinidad Young, PhD, MPH, is an assistant professor of public health at UC Merced, who in her words “grew up” at the Center, where she was a graduate student researcher working with the late Steve Wallace. Young is currently a CHPR faculty associate and was project manager for the Research on Immigrant Health and State Policy (RIGHTS) Study, which sought to understand the impact of the U.S. immigration system on the well-being of immigrants and their families.



“I was so lucky to get to work with Steve [Wallace]. Steve was a mentor who created the conditions for people to flourish. He challenged me to take on new projects, always communicating trust in my abilities while being willing to ask hard questions and push me to be rigorous and thoughtful. He fostered my autonomy and voice as a thinker and researcher, supporting me to grow while knowing he always had my back.” — Maria-Elena Young

WE BUILD

For 30 years, the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research has been a trailblazer in building tools that empower communities, inform policymakers, and drive equity in health care. Through our commitment to building evidence, we have shaped policies and programs that affect the health of Californians and beyond. Our research spans across diverse populations and pressing health issues, delivering insights that drive progress and transformation. By producing robust, data-driven evidence, we help decision-makers understand the complexities of health disparities and guide actions that foster healthier communities.

AskCHIS™ Dashboard

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Likely has serious psychological distress

Not likely to have serious psychological distress



Research should not sit on the shelf.

— Dr. E. Richard “Rick” Brown

Since our humble, but mighty, beginnings in 1994, we at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research (CHPR) have been guided by the vital words of our founder, Dr. E. Richard “Rick” Brown.

Whether through our nationally recognized California Health Interview Survey or through our rapid-response policy analysis, timely and easy-to-understand publications, and user-friendly web tools, UCLA CHPR has pioneered ways to put objective data and evidence-based research into the hands of the public in ways that inform, educate, and result in grassroots-driven policy change that advances health equity.

Our renowned programs conduct in-depth analysis and research on health disparities, chronic diseases, health insurance, environmental health, mental health, and much more. UCLA CHPR is recognized for its work highlighting gaps in health status and access to care among historically underserved populations, including older adults, immigrants, LGBT people, and racial and ethnic groups.

California Health Interview Survey

Launched in 2001, the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) is the largest state-based population health survey in the nation and a leading source of credible and comprehensive data on the health and health care needs of California’s large and diverse population.

It serves as a national model for data collection on race and ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity, and immigrant health. CHIS spans a broad

range of health topics including: access to and use of health care, health insurance, health status, health conditions, health behaviors, public program participation, mental health, food insecurity, and other social drivers of health.

To improve its value, CHIS is constantly evolving its questions to address emerging public health concerns including: COVID-19, housing insecurity, gun violence and firearm safety, climate change, and hate incidents and discrimination.

Most importantly, CHIS has never wavered from its commitment to data democratization, making its publicly accessible tools, data dashboards, and online health query systems such as AskCHIS™ and AskCHIS™ Neighborhood Edition (NE) free to the public.

Health Economics and Evaluation Research Program

Policies written and adopted with good intentions are important for advancing health equity, but do they actually work for the people they’re intended to help? That question forms the foundation of the work of our Health Economics and Evaluation Research (HEER) program.

The HEER team examines the economic and financial impacts of federal programs, statewide demonstrations, local initiatives, environmental disasters, and state and legislative policies. HEER reports have been instrumental in subsequent changes in health care policy and care delivery to improve population health and reduce costs. Recent evaluations include: Whole Person Care, Public Hospital Redesign and

Incentives in Medi-Cal (PRIME), Housing for a Healthy California, and Parks After Dark. The HEER and CHPR staff are also part of the UCLA Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study, which is assessing short- and long-term health impacts of the 2015–2016 gas blowout, the largest uncontrolled release from an underground gas storage facility in U.S. history.

The California Simulation of Insurance Markets (CalSIM), a micro-simulation model developed by the CHPR and UC Berkeley Labor Center, has been used since 2012 to estimate the impact of various elements of the ACA.

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program

Chronic diseases and conditions, such as asthma, cancer, diabetes, and obesity, can take a huge toll on many aspects of people's lives. The Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program is a premier source of data and research on chronic diseases. Our research recognizes the role social drivers of health (such as education level, economic status, access to care, and neighborhood quality) can play in the onset of chronic diseases and how policy changes can help prevent them.

Researchers investigate the health, social, and economic consequences of chronic diseases. The program also conducts research on factors that both promote healthy living and prevent the development or exacerbation of chronic diseases.

Staff have published on topics ranging from the link between high numbers of neighborhood fast food restaurants and obesity, to the decline in emergency room visits among patients with asthma and COPD in high-traffic cargo areas after emission controls were enacted, to the impact of proposed "public charge" rule changes on low-income immigrant communities' use of food benefits.

Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Data Policy Lab

Working with scholars and advocates throughout the country, in August 2020, UCLA CHPR launched the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) Data Policy Lab to address striking gaps within data and research for the NHPI community.

The lab's formation was catalyzed by the need to increase the number of states reporting disaggregated NHPI COVID-19 cases and calling attention to the NHPI community experiencing the highest COVID-19 rates of any racial and ethnic group in various states across the country. Since its founding, the lab has expanded its portfolio beyond COVID-19 to provide accessible tools on the overall health and health needs of the NHPI community.

Working alongside community members and through funding from organizations such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health, the NHPI Data Policy Lab has created tools aimed at closing decades of data gaps that have perpetuated and exacerbated health inequities among NHPI communities.

"As a member of the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander community, being part of the NHPI Data Policy Lab has been a blessing and inspiring. We are committed to protecting our families, empowering our community with knowledge, and providing actionable data to advocate for the health needs of NHPIs."

— **Corina Penaia, MPH**
NHPI Data Policy Lab



WE INFORM

Our data have been cited and used as evidence in bills and bill analysis, amicus briefs on the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act, proposed rules, and in formulating policy including: the passing of historic health care reform legislation in California; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth District's opposition of the Department of Homeland Security's proposed "public charge" rule; the Food4All bill, making California the first state to provide food assistance benefits to adults who are undocumented; and much more!

UCLA CHPR staff also conduct economic and financial analyses for the California Health Benefits Review Program (CHBRP), which responds to requests from the state legislature to provide independent analysis of the medical, financial, and public health impacts of proposed health insurance benefit-related legislation.

WE ACHIEVE

As much as we celebrate with pride this year in recognition of three decades of increasing access to health care and advancing health equity, we also have been humbled and honored to be acknowledged by our peers and organizations we respect and admire.

In 2024, the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research received three awards recognizing our commitment to increasing the inclusion of underrepresented communities.

These achievements would not have been possible without you: our colleagues, supporters, alumni, collaborators, and friends.





Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award

UCLA CHPR Director Ninez A. Ponce, PhD, MPP, received the 2024 Elizabeth Fries Health Education Award from the CDC Foundation and the James F. and Sarah T. Fries Foundation for her decades-long dedication to health equity.

In her work, Ponce has helped ensure public health data collection goes beyond just including historically underrepresented communities; she has centered these communities to understand their unique needs and developed health programs and policies to address them.

“We’re thrilled to honor Ninez Ponce for her scholarship and policy advocacy for data equity and representativeness that has generated new and crucial understandings of racial and ethnic health disparities, particularly for Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander populations,” said Dr. Judy Monroe, president and CEO of the CDC Foundation.

Inclusive Voices Award

In recognition of more than two decades of work advancing data equity, the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) honored UCLA CHPR’s California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) with its Inclusive Voices Award.

The award recognizes the important data sets, research, and survey methods that have improved the ability to study complex social phenomena related to understudied populations.

CHIS has been a centerpiece project that fuels the CHPR’s efforts to make an impact on California’s policy landscape.

“For over 20 years, CHIS has served as a national model for best practices in collecting data on race and ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity, and immigration status ... AAPOR selected CHIS as the recipient of the Inclusive Voices Award for its commitment to design a general population survey to include the voices of those who are undercounted or underrepresented and its commitment to health equity via data equity.”

Narrative Change Award

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) chose UCLA CHPR’s Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Data Policy Lab as the inaugural recipient of its Narrative Change Award in recognition of its work to increase the inclusion of the voices of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities.

“APIAHF is honored to select the NHPI Data Policy Lab for the inaugural award based on the trailblazing work in lifting up the voice and visibility of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities by addressing critical gaps in data collection and public health research,” the organization said.

WE Remember

We remember and honor three remarkable leaders whose vision and commitment helped shape the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research: Rick Brown, Steve Wallace, and Ying-Ying Meng. Their legacy continues to shape our work, our values, and our commitment to advancing health equity. We remember them with deep gratitude and a shared responsibility to carry their vision forward.



**Dr. E. Richard
"Rick" Brown**

E. Richard "Rick" Brown, the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research's founding director, spent his career pioneering the collection and dissemination of health survey data in support of making health care services more accessible and more affordable for all Americans.

Brown was a tireless advocate for the uninsured, and he promoted the development of health data surveys to both dispel persistent myths about the uninsured and document the devastating consequences of the chronic lack of health insurance for millions of Americans.

He founded the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), which has served as an exemplar of equitable data collection and dissemination. CHIS embodies Brown's goal when he started the Center: to translate academic research into practical evidence that policy audiences and community health organizations could use in their work.



**Dr. Steven P.
Wallace**

Having served as associate director for 25 years, Steve Wallace's impact at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and as a scholar cannot be overstated. Wallace was an internationally acclaimed scholar on aging in communities of color and immigrant health and health policy.

In his work at the Center, Wallace developed new approaches to assessing the economic security of older adults through the California Elder Index, which was adopted into law in California and was used by the World Health Organization in its 2020 Decade of Healthy Aging report.

In 2022, the American Public Health Association renamed an award in his honor: The Steve Wallace Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an outstanding individual with a 20-year or longer career, and who has made a significant contribution to public service, scholarship, or science in the areas of geriatrics and gerontology.

Wallace was a passionate educator and dedicated mentor to countless students, researchers, and colleagues who are carrying on his legacy.



**Dr. Ying-Ying
Meng**

The former director of research at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, Ying-Ying Meng's work focused on the causes of and solutions to inequities in health and health care delivery from a holistic perspective. For more than two decades, Meng led studies ranging from inequities in California tobacco policies to the mental health benefits of parks and natural spaces in neighborhoods to air pollution exposure-associated health and economic cost. Her contributions helped make the Center a go-to source for policymakers, researchers, advocates, and journalists seeking insightful analysis of population-based data to understand the relationship between physical and social environments and chronic disease.

Beyond her influential scholarship, Meng was a beloved person at the Center, known for her ever-present smile and boundless generosity.



WE PARTNER

The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research was created 30 years ago with a mission to help transform objective data and evidence-based research into policies that increase health care access and advance health equity.

Accomplishing such lofty goals in the context of historical and systemic injustice, happens only if like-minded people and organizations collaborate with and support one another. For us that means producing evidence of disparities; sharing our data, research, and expertise; and fostering the next generation of health equity innovators and leaders.

Data Equity Center

Best practices — just like data — should never sit on the shelf. UCLA CHPR's newest initiative, the Data Equity Center, leverages our three decades of experience and the knowledge we've acquired and scales it to a national level.

The Data Equity Center, which launched in February 2024, provides free technical assistance and resources to organizations across the country to advance their data equity goals; inform, support, and promote data systems becoming more representative, inclusive, and collaborative with the communities they serve; and foster a shared vision of data equity.

To make progress toward health equity, policymakers, advocates, funders, and researchers need data to measure and track, not only the health of communities and individuals, but the barriers or disadvantages that limit the potential to attain health and wellness including socially driven circumstances.

Health Equity Challenge

The Health Equity Challenge, conducted by the UCLA CHPR in collaboration with MolinaCares and the California Health Care Foundation, has awarded nearly \$500,000 to community organizations through a unique program that turns UCLA graduate students' ideas to solve health inequities into full proposals and programs that will benefit Californians. Previously awarded projects include:

- Point-of-care ultrasound screenings for heart failure for people experiencing homelessness
- Peer specialist pilot for a jail diversion and housing program
- Mental health de-escalation toolkit for medical providers and students
- Trauma-informed yoga and mental health services for South Asian survivors of interpersonal violence
- Extreme heat preparedness and response training for caregivers
- Mobile health screening for vision-threatening conditions and eye safety training for jornaleros

Health Equity Program

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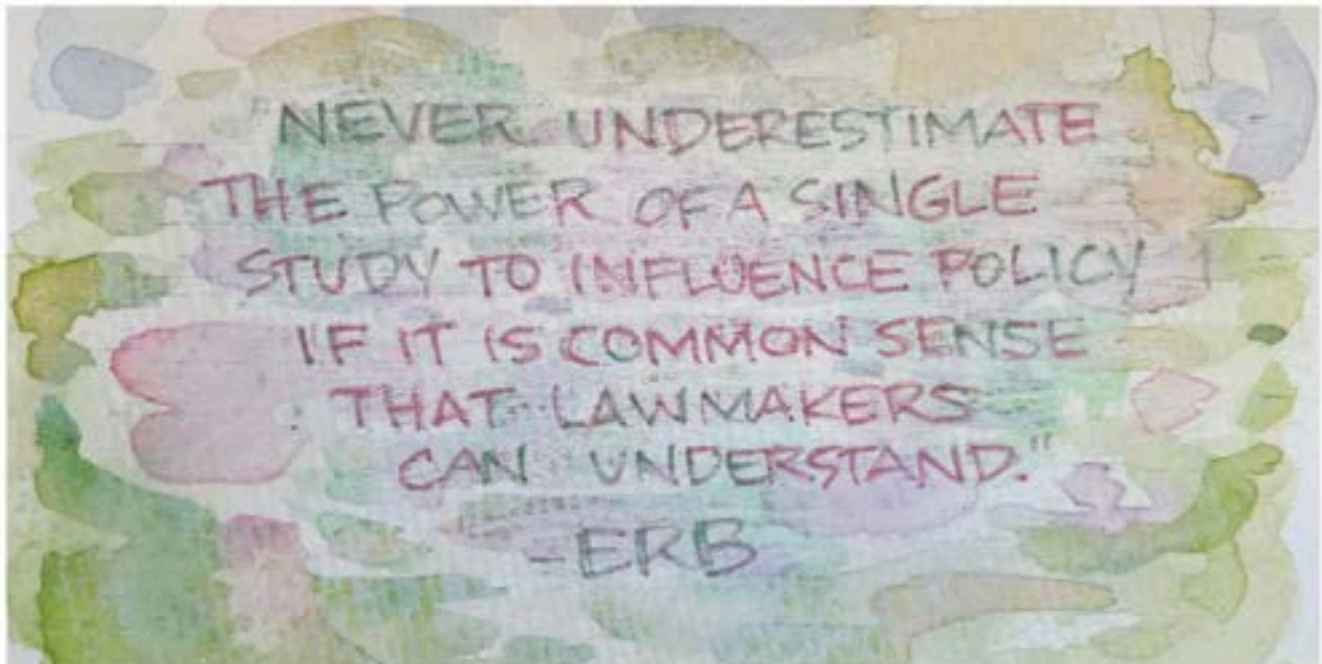


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FOR 30 YEARS OF ADVANCING
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As we reflect on these past 30 years, we are moved to see how the UCLA CHPR continues to honor Dr. Rick Brown's vision of health care for all. Warmest congratulations to the UCLA CHPR's dedicated team on their three decades of impactful health policy research, and for helping to empower communities to build a health care system that leaves no one behind!

Best wishes for your continued success!
Marianne Brown and family
Delia, Makeda, Marianne, Adrienne, and John





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The UCLA Department of Health Policy and Management congratulates CHPR on its 30th anniversary!

CHPR is a beacon of excellence in health policy research and a vital source of health information for California's diverse communities. The California Health Interview Survey exemplifies the Center's outstanding work and serves as a model nationwide.

We also recognize CHPR's immense contributions to training future public health practitioners, policymakers, and researchers.

We wish Dr. Ninez Ponce and the entire CHPR team the very best as they continue to make a positive and lasting impact on health policy and the health of Californians in the years to come.



Congratulations


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The Blue Shield of California Foundation is honored to celebrate three decades of health equity leadership by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.

The caliber of the evidence, insights, and technical assistance generated by CHPR's expert and dedicated leadership, faculty, and staff supports the Foundation's mission to promote health equity and prosperity for all Californians. Research and evaluation are critical to addressing the deeply rooted, systemic issues that give rise to health and economic disparities in our state and across the nation. We deeply appreciate and respect CHPR's commitment to improving equity for marginalized groups such as older adults, immigrants, sexual and gender minority groups, and racial and ethnic minority populations. We recognize the great value of CHPR's many accomplishments since 1994 and look forward to the continuation and expansion of its leadership in health equity over the coming decades.

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Congratulations

to the entire CHPR team for reaching a remarkable milestone!

A toast for being an incredible, dedicated partner (oh, all of those late nights!) in our collective quest to inform and support evidence-based policymaking. Your innovations in data, simulation, and survey research have immeasurably helped us and all Californians. And thanks for keeping us company in the club of organizations with very awkward acronyms!



AcademyHealth celebrates our health services research leaders!



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We are deeply inspired by the way CHPR
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Congratulations to CHPR and honorees for 30 years of innovation and achievements that have made California the state to emulate in health policy.



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achieve uncommon results.”**

*- Ifeanyi Enoch Onuoha
Nigerian Author and Educator*

**SSRS congratulates the California Health Interview Survey Team
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Thirty years later, the Center is a premier source of data and evidence that advances health equity to policymakers, health care providers, advocates, and the public in California and nationally.

I salute all the individuals who were and are members of the growing Center community and whose efforts have led us to today. Here is to another thirty years of advancing health equity!

*Nadereh Pourat, PhD
Associate Director, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research*

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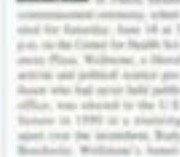




In collaboration with the UCLA School of Public Health's past and future contributors to the nation's health, a symposium, lecture and presentations by prominent public health leaders have been scheduled for Thursday, June 9 beginning at 8 a.m. at the UCLA Foster-McClellan Auditorium and guest, Dr. Philip R. Lee, assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will deliver the Lester B. Wood Lecture on the occasion.

¹The focus of the school is not science and it is not vocational.² See *Open Education*, p. 200.

Sen. Wollstone To Deliver Commencement Address



Let me appoint to President Clinton in May 1993 to head the U.S. Public Health Service, which includes eight federal agencies: the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Indian Health Service, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. In addition to overseeing these agencies and their efforts, you, officials, and me, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 26

primary disease, tobacco, as well as the President and First Lady, on health policies, and on all health-related activities of the Department.

Late arrived as someone concerned the health and economic affairs in the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson. In the first two years as assistant secretary from 1965 to 1967, Cingone assisted with health legislation that all previous Congresses combined. While in the second appointment, Lutz was director of health services in the Agency for International Development. He late arrived as director of the Institute of Health Policy Studies at the School of Medicine at UC-Berkeley for the next 21 years.

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can Health Security Act, which proposed a single-payer health-care system modeled after the Canadian approach, is among the health-care reforms being currently under congressional consideration.

Other commencement speakers will include Campus T. Morrison, N.S.P.R., representing the school's alumni association; Christine F. Edwards, N.S.P.R., for the student association; and Dean Dr. William A. Hill and Associate Dean James C. Swanson, who will give concluding addresses.

UCLA CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH
IS ESTABLISHED AT SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

A new center has been established at UCLA — based in the School of Public Health — to conduct research on health policy issues affecting Californians and the rest of the nation.

The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research will emphasize collaborative research by faculty to provide information on health policy issues to legislators and the community and private-sector leaders.

"California in particular has an urgent need for information and analysis on health policy issues, and UCLA's new center is designed to serve this need," says Dr. B. Richard Rosen, professor of community health sciences and health services at the UCLA School of Public Health and director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.

"California is a large state where policy and planning decisions have substantial consequences," says Baines, "and recognizing the health care issues of people and costing a great deal of money. And right now, the policy decisions are often made with incomplete information about the people and the institutions they would affect and the impact of the policies themselves," says Baines, a nationally known health policy expert who served on the White House Task Force on Health Care Reform last year and has advised a number of state and national hospitals and academic centers.

"We want to provide policy-makers with the best information that's available," Brown explains.



Valdez Appointed to Key NHS Positions



Public Health Service and director of emergency policy development in the HealthCare Financing Administration. It is the first joint appointment across the two major agencies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Yaltes, who in 1993 served on the White House Task Force on Health Care Reform as co-chair of the Benefits Working Group, is the author of numerous studies on children's health and health care finance, as well as research on California's changing demography and the effects of immigration on the state's economy and society.

**STUDENTS PLACE THIRD
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From UCLA School of Public Health students have captured first place in the 2000 Society's Grand Challenge for Innovation in Health Promotion/Prevention contest, a national competition among students in all health professional schools. The students—David Berger, Miriam Jakubiec, Erika Wylke and Susan Minkler—received the honor for a poster they completed for the Case Management Development course taught by Dr. Deborah Dick, assistant professor of community health sciences. The project was a brochure called "A Paper's Guide for When Your Sister Is Sick."

needed to assist the family
parents in dealing with various
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"A Parent's Guide for When Your Child Is Sick" is intended to assist low-literacy parents in dealing with common childhood illnesses.

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"It is essential that the design of the new workplace recognize the central role of the worker in the work process."

Articles have been published by the NIOSH Network of Public Health's Centers for Occupational and Environmental Health and NIOSH's Institute of Industrial Hygiene, about the effects of new occupational technologies on worker health.

Technological Change in the Workplace: Health Impact for Workers is co-edited by Margaret F. Kremen and George B. Tothman, president of environmental health sciences and director of the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health. The book stems from a scientific conference organized by the Center on the impact of changing workplace technologies on workers' health and safety. The book includes chapters from distinguished authors such as Dr. Frederick Aitken from M.C.T., Dr. Barbara Schwab from the State of Wash-

Imperial Department of Culture and Education, and Dr. Shiroo Shimada from the University of Tokyo.

But the United States has a long record of open and stable relations with China. Brown and Pridemore write in the book's introduction, "In the same time, it is essential that the design of the new workplace recognize the moral role of the worker in the work process, and that innovation techniques be developed and implemented to address that goal. We believe a productive process that integrates worker knowledge, skill, creativity, motivation, and freedom with quality and productivity will produce a more profitable and useful society than any other system, which is the aim of the United States, since competition is a challenging world economy."

DOCTORAL STUDENT WHO
WHO FIRST PAGE



Leslie Riedelguth, a research assistant in the U.S.A. School of Public Health's Division of Population and Family Health, was in 1991 competing on "Glands and Nipples: Overcoming the Challenges" organized by the Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, and Canada's International Training and Research Council. Her paper, entitled "Lymphatic Filariasis and the women of Bali," was based on field work she conducted in Bali in 1987.

For preparing the beautifully illustrated, Riedelguth's research cost \$2,000 (2 months). The paper was published in a WHO journal and distributed as a background paper at a discussion on lymphatic filariasis.

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