DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, HISTORY & SOCIAL MEDICINE
Fellowship Program Contact: Kathy Jackson

AIMEE MEDEIROS, PhD
Associate Professor
PhD, History of Health Sciences

CURRENT RESEARCH:
The history of pediatrics in the US;
The history of the human growth hormone industry;
Disability as a medical construct;
The recording of patient data;
The ways in which idealized notions of gender operate in medicine;
Computational challenges in precision medicine.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
History of pediatrics
Disability history
Precision medicine

MINDY MURPHY
Graduate Student
RA, Anthropology
UC Berkeley

CURRENT RESEARCH:
HIV;
Citizenship;
War;
Borders;
NGOs;
Humanitarian discourse;
Gender;
Violence;
Biomedicalization of sexuality.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Uganda, and more broadly Sub-Saharan Africa, the United States, and Switzerland.

MELINA SALVADOR
Graduate Student
MA, Latino American Studies
University of New Mexico

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Tribal home visiting;
Early learning initiatives.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Mental health
Substance abuse and recovery
Prodromal psychosis
Evidence based practice
Risk allocation and early treatment
Prognosis
Health and healing narratives

SHANNON SATTERWHITE
Graduate Student
RA, Anthropology
Willamette University

CURRENT RESEARCH:
My current research interest is in new primary care models aimed at increasing “efficiency” and the meaning of care in this context. I am also interested in role negotiation among providers in the setting.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
US Health Care Reform
Reproductive health
Interprofessional collaboration
Group care models
NAOMI SCHOENFELD, MS
Graduate Student
MS, Nursing
UC San Francisco

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Influence of power and profit on the clinical encounter
Healthcare reform
Pharmaceutical treatment of chronic psychiatric and somatic suffering
Migration
Refugees
Cultural and economic constructions of primary care
Trans-national healthcare utilization
Global pharmaceuticals

KARINA VASILEVSKA-DAS, MSc
Graduate Student
MSc, Anthropology of Learning & Cognition
London School of Economics & Political Science
BA, German Studies
Mount Holyoke College

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Chronic childhood diseases, obesity and pediatric cardiology in particular.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Global health, child health, and research methodology in childhood
Body politics
Childhood obesity
Pharmaceuticalization of medicine
Eastern Europe, Latvia in particular, and other post-soviet countries
Africa

CENTER FOR HEALTH & COMMUNITY
Fellowship Program Contact: Michael Da Luz

JOAN CASEY, PHD
Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar
PhD, Environmental Health Sciences
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
MA, Applied Psychology
Columbia University, Teachers College

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Associations between living near unconventional natural gas development (i.e., fracking) and pregnancy and birth outcomes; Environmental contributors to indoor radon levels; Antibiotic resistant infections and factory farms.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Environmental epidemiology
Electronic health records
Renewable energy
Antibiotic use in livestock production
Geographic information systems (GIS)
Sustainability

KARA RUDOLPH, PHD
Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar
PhD, Epidemiology
MHS, Biostatistics
MPH
Johns Hopkins University

CURRENT RESEARCH:
My research interests are in applying causal inference methods to studying social and contextual influences on urban health. Current topics include: examining measurement error issues in propensity score methods; estimating the effects of Connecticut’s permit-to-purchase law on homicides; examining the relationship between job strain and cortisol; and evaluating a home visiting program for low-income pregnant women in Philadelphia.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Causal inference
Urban health
Mental health and substance use
Neighborhood influences on health

JACQUELINE TORRES, PHD, MPH, MA
Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar
PhD, MPH, Community Health Sciences
MA, Latin American Studies
UC Los Angeles

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Cross-border social ties as risk and resiliency for the health of Latino immigrants in the US; Cross-border aging for older immigrants to the US; Health of immigrants who are undocumented in the US through a life-course perspective; Political and structural determinants of immigrants’ health and access to care.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Immigrant health
Aging
Social and political determinants of health
Life-course perspective
Health disparities
Latin America
**Noah Gubner, PhD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
PhD, Behavioral Neuroscience  
Oregon Health & Science University  

**Current Research:**  
As a postdoctoral fellow at the UCSF CTCRE I plan to work with human clinical populations to study epidemiological, genetic, and pharmacological factors that contribute to the co-abuse of tobacco and alcohol.

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**Andrew Kelly, PhD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
PhD, Political Science  
Northwestern University  

**Current Research:**  
Tobacco policy  
Public health policy  
Health policy  
Medicare  

**Areas of General Interest:**  
American politics  
Public policy  
Health policy

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**Margarete Kulik, PhD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
PhD, Public Health, Erasmus University Rotterdam  
MA, Demography, UC Berkeley  
MSc, International Economics, Maastricht University  

**Current Research:**  
My current research interests lie in the field of comparative studies of the effectiveness of different types of US state-level tobacco control policies and their potential to reduce morbidity, mortality, and inequality in outcomes related to smoking.  
The work in my dissertation focused on the quantification of tobacco control policies and interventions in the European context showing their potential to improve smoking-related health outcomes and reduce inequalities.

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**Johannes Thrul, PhD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
PhD, Psychology  
Friedrich-Alexander University  

**Current Research:**  
Online smoking cessation interventions (e.g., Facebook)  
Assessing smoking behavior in everyday life  
Social and environmental influence factors of smoking  

**Areas of General Interest:**  
Tobacco research  
Addiction research  
Quantitative methods  
Ecological momentary assessment

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**Kathryn Ross, PhD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
PhD, Behavior, Cognition, & Neuroscience  
American University  

**Current Research:**  
Racial differences in nicotine metabolism  
Factors that affect nicotine and toxin exposure  

**Areas of General Interest:**  
Mechanisms that drive nicotine dependence  
E-cigarettes

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**Julie Wang, PhD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
PhD, Health Behavior  
Joint Doctoral Program in Public Health, UC San Diego and San Diego State University  
MPH, Public Health (Global Health)  
George Washington University  

**Current Research:**  
Technology-based intervention modalities to promote health behaviors, including: SMS text messaging, web/mobile-based interventions, wearable sensors/devices, and other digital health applications.  

**Areas of General Interest:**  
Public health  
Digital health  
Health behavior  
Objective measures  
Randomized controlled trials
MARISSA RAYMOND-FLESCH, MD, MPH
Fellow
MD, Cornell University
MPH, Columbia University

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Health care access for adolescent and young adult immigrants.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Latino health
Immigrant health
Health policy
Reproductive health
Adolescent and young adult health

HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
Fellowship Program Contact: Russell Heiman

TOMMY CABEZA DE BACA, PHD
Postdoctoral Fellow
PhD, MS, Family Studies and Human Development

CURRENT RESEARCH:
My work specifically investigates how trade-offs in reproductive effort (i.e., mating vs. parenting) affect allocation of time and energy toward somatic maintenance and growth, and how these allocations impact physical and mental health over time. I attempt to integrate evolutionary models, and especially life history theory, with more traditional approaches to health stress. My research also examines the impact of parental effort on child social, physical, and behavioral outcomes from an evolutionary-developmental and cross-cultural perspective—focusing on Latin American countries (e.g., Mexico, Costa Rica, Dominica, and US Latinos). Specifically, I’m interested in exploring the consequences of parenting on children’s life history strategies and in examining how cultural and local ecology could influence both.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Physiological deterioration
Early environment
Parenting
Individual differences
Assortive mating
Life history theory
Jared Bundé, RN
Graduate Student, MS
BS, Nursing
Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing
BS, Community Health

Current Research:
Impact of homelessness and housing instability on health, with a focus on blood borne pathogens, overdose prevention and harm reduction for active injection drug users, and the interplay between the built environment and personal health.

General Interest Areas:
Improving outcomes for vulnerable urban populations
Social disparities of health
Housing and health
Harm reduction
Health equity

Chadwick Campbell
Graduate Student, PhD
MPH, Health Education
BA, Sociology
San Francisco State University

Current Research:
Sexual partner selection
The impact of HIV/AIDS on communities of color
The socio-contextual influences of HIV and STD risk behaviors

General Interest Areas:
HIV
Race
Poverty
Stigma and discrimination

Marisella Carranza, RN
Graduate Student, MS
BSN, Nursing
San Francisco State University

General Interest Areas:
Nursing policies
Women’s health
International health

Alexis Chettiari, RN, MSN, ACNP-BC
Graduate Student, PhD
MS, Nursing
Vanderbilt University

Current Research:
Payment systems for care of End Stage Renal Disease patients

General Interest Areas:
Providing efficient, rational, high value health care for patients with End Stage Renal Disease

Norliessa Cooper, RN, MSN
Graduate Student, PhD
MSN, Nursing with an emphasis in Nursing Education
Georgetown University

Current Research:
I am interested in studying health policies and harm reduction strategies for the chronic alcoholic population.

General Interest Areas:
Substance abuse

Jessie Corlito, RN-BC MA
Graduate Student, PhD
MA, American University
BSN, Chamberlain College of Nursing

Current Research:
Community Mental Health access and mental health laws in the US;
Expanding utilization of advanced practice nurses for community mental health and incentive for psychotherapists by increasing MediCal and Medicare reimbursement;
Public health and violence prevention with the chronic mentally ill and those who are identified as high risk populations

General Interest Areas:
Drug and alcohol addiction and the problem of chronic underemployment, homelessness, and rising incarceration of the mentally ill;
Design of new and innovative cost effective integrative care for public health
**KATHLEEN DE LEON**
Graduate Student, MS
BSN, Nursing
The Valley Foundation School of Nursing at San Jose State University
**CURRENT RESEARCH:**
Global service learning.
**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**
Health reform
Access to care
Global health
Global service learning in nursing education

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**NAINA KHANNA**
Graduate Student, PhD
BS, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
University of Rochester
**CURRENT RESEARCH:**
Sexuality
HIV
**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**
Health policy
Sexual and reproductive rights
Women living with HIV
Intersectionality
Race/class/gender
HIV policy

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**DEBRA LAW, RN**
Graduate Student, PhD
MS, Nursing
San Jose State University
**CURRENT RESEARCH:**
Exploring the barriers to organ donation in the African American communities of California.
**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**
Health policy in underrepresented populations

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**KYUNG MI KIM, MS, RN, CNOR**
Graduate Student, PhD
MS, Nursing
UC San Francisco
**CURRENT RESEARCH:**
Nursing sensitive outcomes in the OR.
**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**
Nursing care efficiency and effectiveness measures in the OR
Nursing care payment system

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**JESSICA HUNTER**
Graduate Student, MS
BSN, Nursing
San Diego State University
**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**
Patient safety
Nursing satisfaction

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**ULRIKE MUENCH, PHD**
Assistant Adjunct Professor
PhD, Nursing (Health Policy and Health Care Systems)
Yale University
**CURRENT RESEARCH:**
Prescribing practices of nurse practitioners and physicians
Gender earnings differences in the nursing labor market
**GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:**
Interdisciplinary health care services research at the intersection of nursing, health policy, medical sociology, and health care economics with a focus on the health care workforce. Beyond the health care workforce my interests are: health care labor market outcomes, quality of care, gender inequality in the workplace, comparative health care systems, and quantitative methods.
Hannah Patzke, RN
Graduate Student, PhD
MSN, Health Policy
UC San Francisco
BSN, California State University, Fullerton
ADN, Cabrillo College

Current Research:
Tobacco control and social media awareness.

General Interest Areas:
Health policy
Global health
Tobacco control
Waterpipe tobacco
ENDS
Supply trains
HIV
TB

Ben Scribner
Graduate Student, MS
BS, Nursing
Regis University
BS, Business Administration
University of the Pacific

General Interest Areas:
Health care reform
Health care finance
Critical care medicine

Meredith Van Natta, MA
Graduate Student, PhD
MA, Latin American Studies
UC Berkeley
BA, Latin American Studies/History
University of Kansas

Current Research:
Type 2 diabetes among undocumented immigrants
Healthcare inequalities

General Interest Areas:
Medical sociology
Science and technology studies
Biomedicalization
Human inequalities

Sherry Yamamoto, RN, MS
Graduate Student, PhD
MSN, UC San Francisco
BSN, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Current Research:
Media influences on palliative care.

General Interest Areas:
End of life care
Advance care planning

Osher Center for Integrative Medicine
Fellowship Program Contact: Yvette Coulter

Abigail Batchelder, PhD
Postdoctoral Scholar
PhD, Clinical Psychology (Health Emphasis)
Yeshiva University

Current Research:

General Interest Areas:
Health psychology
Public health
Health disparities
Syndemics

Eve Ekman, MSW, PhD
Postdoctoral Fellow
MSW, PhD, UC Berkeley

Current Research:
Stress
Empathy
Meaning in work
Mindfulness practices of attention

General Interest Areas:
Applied interventions
Workplace stress
Well-being
**Rhiannon Liu, MD**
Pre-doctoral Fellow
MD, Johns Hopkins University (in progress)
MA, African Studies
Stanford University

**Current Research:**
Integrative medicine for the underserved.

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**Maya Mascarenhas, MPH**
Pre-doctoral Fellow
MPH, Epidemiology & Biostatistics
UC Berkeley

**Current Research:**
Physical activity
Mindfulness
Technology
Adherence
Maintenance

**General Interest Areas:**
Behavior change
Life course analysis
Adaptive trial designs
Social support
Disparities

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**Helen Weng, PhD**
Postdoctoral Fellow
PhD, Clinical Psychology
University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Current Research:**
Behavioral and neural outcomes of compassion meditation
Impact of a mind-body intervention with depressed teenagers on neural processing of social rejection
Psychological outcomes of a mindfulness-based eating intervention

**General Interest Areas:**
Neuroscience of mindfulness and compassion meditation
Emotion regulation
Prosocial behavior
Mood disorders
Relationship quality and functioning

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**Josephine Lau, MD, MPH**
Assistant Professor
MPH, Health Policy & Management
Columbia University
MD, Pediatric Residency
UC Davis

**Current Research:**
Impact of the 2010 Affordable Care Act on young adults’ health care utilization of preventive and emergency care
Quality improvement interventions to improve the uptake of mental health services among adolescents and young adults

**General Interest Areas:**
Management of common health disorders among adolescents, including anxiety, depression and ADHD
Medical management and eating disorders

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**Veronika Mesheriakova, MD**
Fellow
Residency in Pediatrics, Yale New Haven Hospital
MD, University of South Dakota

**Current Research:**
Adolescent sexual health and contraception.

**General Interest Areas:**
Adolescent attitudes toward healthy sexuality
Long acting contraception use in adolescents
Reduction in teen pregnancy
Impact of school-based sex education
Medical education pertaining to abortion provision
Sexual exploitation and trafficking

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**Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine**
Fellowship Program Contact: Twinkle Patel
MEGEN VO, MD
Fellow
MPH, Health Policy and Management
Columbia University
MD, Pediatric Residency
UC Davis

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Impact of the 2010 Affordable Care Act on young adults’ health care utilization of preventive and emergency care
Quality improvement interventions to improve the uptake of mental health services among adolescents and young adults

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Management of common health disorders among adolescents, including anxiety, depression, and ADHD
Medical management of eating disorders

DIVISION OF GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE
Fellowship Program Contact: Madeline Mann

SACHIN GARG, MD
Fellow
MD, Medicine, Emory University

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Radiographic adiposity and subclinical atherosclerosis in South Asians
Economic assessment of new HCV medications
Text messaging to improve healthcare in low income communities

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Metabolic syndrome, technology assessment, cardiovascular disease and prevention, and disruptive innovation.

ANJANA SHARMA, MD
Fellow
MD, Medicine, Harvard Medical School

CURRENT RESEARCH:
Patient engagement in primary care, patient advisory councils, practice transformation, health coaching, health disparities, and patient centered medical homes.

GENERAL INTEREST AREAS:
Partnering with patients to redesign primary care, patient engagement both on the individual and system-scale, primary care advocacy, women’s health, underserved populations.