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Dear Graduates:

Congratulations, UCLA Class of 2017! Today we join your family, friends, and the entire University of California community in celebrating the awarding of your hard-won degrees. You have worked diligently, often overcoming great challenges, to pursue your UC education.

As Jane Goodall said, "Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference."

You are now ready to go out into the world and make a difference, using your knowledge and skills for the betterment of your community, the nation, and the world. The challenges we face today are significant. But as a UCLA graduate, you are well prepared to tackle them.

I hope you will always take great pride in what you have accomplished at the University of California, and in being a part of the UC family *for life*.

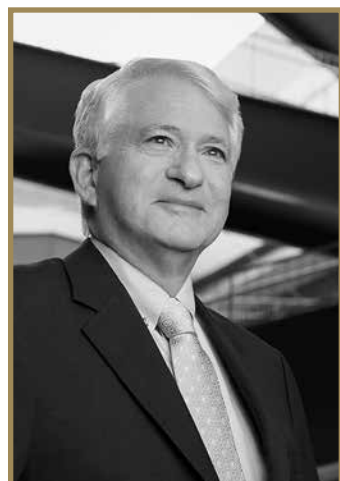
Go forth, Bruins, and make the world a better, brighter place.
Fiat lux!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Napolitano".

Janet Napolitano
President
University of California

from the CHANCELLOR



Dear UCLA Graduate:

Congratulations! Today's Commencement is a joyful day for each of you and your families, a celebration of all that you have accomplished in your time at UCLA. A UCLA degree is highly respected and will serve you well in whatever you choose to do in the future.

As a graduate of UCLA, you are now counted among thousands of your fellow alumni who are exemplary leaders and tireless innovators dedicated to improving lives here at home and around the world. I encourage you to further the Bruin legacy of excellence and service, with the spirit of optimism that makes UCLA a special place. We look forward to what your future holds and will take great pride in your accomplishments.

Thank you for the many contributions you have made to our campus that have advanced our mission of education, research and service to California and beyond. You and your fellow students have enriched me personally, providing fresh perspectives and insights.

Your relationship with UCLA will continue throughout your life. I hope that you will take full advantage of the many resources available to our alumni and that you will remain engaged with campus. Remember that you are one of UCLA's best advocates and ambassadors. You are always welcome here.

Today is special, unlike any other day in your life. Enjoy this time with your family and friends in memorable ways. I am enormously proud of you, and I wish you a lifetime of fulfillment and happiness.

With Very Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene D. Block". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Gene D. Block
Chancellor
University of California Los Angeles

from the DEAN



Dear Graduates,

I am honored to be with you, your families and friends on this joyous occasion, and to offer my heartfelt congratulations on your graduation from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

Your truly remarkable talents as individuals and as a community of change agents, your immense commitment and energy, and the exceptional education you've received from faculty, alumni mentors, public health practitioners and people you will be serving, make the possibilities of what you can do to improve health for all countless.

And now, your next chapter begins. I hope you will share widely what you know about health inequalities and their causes, utilize your skills to eliminate them, and build coalitions to ensure long term impact. You have the vision and opportunity to transform millions of lives.

As you move forward in your careers, know that we will continue to walk this journey with you and that FSPH will always be your home.

Carpe diem!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody Heymann". The signature is written in a cursive, elegant font.

Jody Heymann, MD, PhD
Dean
Fielding School of Public Health
UCLA

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER



HELENE D. GAYLE, MD
*Chief Executive Officer
McKinsey Social Initiative*

*Keynote Speaker
2017*



Helene D. Gayle is CEO of McKinsey Social Initiative, a nonprofit organization that implements programs that bring together varied stakeholders to address complex global social challenges. Previously, she was president and CEO of CARE USA, a leading international humanitarian organization. An expert of global development, humanitarian, and health issues, she spent 20 years with the Centers for Disease Control, working primarily on HIV/AIDS. Dr. Gayle then worked at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, directing programs on HIV/AIDS and other global health issues.

Dr. Gayle serves on public company and non-profit boards including: The Coca-Cola Company, Colgate-Palmolive Company, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the New America Foundation, the ONE Campaign, and the Atlanta Metro Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, she serves on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Public Health Association, the Institute of Medicine, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Named one of Forbes' "100 Most Powerful Women," she has authored numerous articles on global and domestic public health issues, poverty alleviation, gender equality, and social justice.

Dr. Gayle was born and raised in Buffalo, New York. She earned a BA in psychology at Barnard College, an MD from the University of Pennsylvania, and an MPH from Johns Hopkins University. She has received 13 honorary degrees and holds faculty appointments at the University of Washington and Emory University.

COMMENCEMENT 2017

PROCESSION



NATIONAL ANTHEM



CALL TO ORDER *and* WELCOMING REMARKS

Jody Heymann

Dean, Fielding School of Public Health



2017 COMMENCEMENT KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Helene D. Gayle

*Chief Executive Officer
McKinsey Social Initiative*



PRESENTATION *of* CANDIDATES
and HOODING CEREMONY

Jody Heymann

Dean

Hilary Godwin

Associate Dean for Academic Programs

and

Department Chairs and Faculty Advisors



RECESSIONAL

UCLA Fielding School of Public Health
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MASTER *of* PUBLIC HEALTH

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Gelliza Bernadette Gervacio
Patricia Wai Lieu

Javier Mercado, Jr.
David Phak

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Alexandra Darlene Dragan
Beaten Han Feng
Owen Hall
Hubert Jenq
Kristen Elizabeth Keller

Yihao Li
Di Xiong
Yuguang Yue
Yiyang Zhu



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Jenna Christine Alarcon
Alessandra Monica Amadeo
Kymberly Keiko Aoki
Alexis Corina Balina
Amanda Kristine Barbanica
Meron Begashaw
Ana Isabel Bonilla
Amber Marie Brink
Jessica Cabrera
Jessica Mattie Coates
Katie Jeannette Cobian

Vanessa Deleon
Natalie Dawn Dickson
Anna Marie Ferrarie
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Iris Yahel Guzman Camarena
Janett Guzman Escobar
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Stephanie Marie Kiesow
Nga Quynhphan Le
Thu Do Cat Le



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MASTER of PUBLIC HEALTH
Community Health Sciences (continued)

Erica Grace Mahgerefteh	Estelle Latoya Louise Robinson
Esmeralda Melgoza	Jaime Ruiz
Jasmine Mercado	Lauren Taylor Schenker
Meghan O'Connell	Samantha Schlaikowski
Caitlin Annemarie O'Connor	Saron Selassie
Rebecca Lee Ann Oh	Sarah Jane Smith
Mara Junean Ortenburger	Jasmine Uysal
Sabrina Marie Owens	Jose Miguel Velasquez
Gayle Deocampo Palma	Daisy Rose Walker
Tania Samanta Perez	Chloe Maelyn Winders-Singer
Vanessa Krysteen Perez	Matthew John Wright
Carly Lauren Randolph	

MASTER of SCIENCE in COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Christopher Kelly Barrett	Michele Josephine Wong
Brian Scott Roberson	

MASTER of PUBLIC HEALTH for HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
Community Health Sciences

Agatha Berger	Brian Ly
Ying Cai	John Raymond Marshall
Anna Gomes Ferreira Chamberlain	Julie Yoshiko Monji
Celine Colmenares	Ferdous Pourmirza
Andrea Ihegword	



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DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES
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Therese Li Chen	Mercede Amber Marie Ramjerdi
Elbert Glenn Hsiung	Jennie Wung
Larry Yulin Lai	Yu Hsuan Briana Yeh
Jimmy Huang Phong	

MASTER of SCIENCE in ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

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Nan Jiao	Ivan Jesse Torres
Liqiao Li	Amanda Julia Zhang Wagner



DEPARTMENT of EPIDEMIOLOGY
Karin Michels, ScD, *Chair*

MASTER of PUBLIC HEALTH

Victoria Autelli	Grace Lee
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Ashima Augusta Bhatti	Laureen Wangari Masai
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Nicole Jean Cunningham	Omesh Nanayakkara Ranasinghe
George Dewey	Ryan Christopher Raypon
Ushma Dhiraj Dharod	Alison Lee Pawson Ryan
Johnny Han	Saanchi Vijay Shah
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Yuan Jiang	D'Andre Anthony Spencer
Grace Hyun Kim	Indri Oktaria Sukmaputri
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MASTER of PUBLIC HEALTH

Epidemiology (continued)

Kartavya Jayant Vyas
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MASTER of SCIENCE in EPIDEMIOLOGY

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Arrug Wibulpolprasert



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Cristobal Eduardo Kripper
Nikhil-Raj Anil Kulkarni
Maya Anne Kumar
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MASTER of SCIENCE in HEALTH POLICY & MANAGEMENT

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Jessica Kaltman

Gauri Kolhatkar
Ashley Elizabeth Lewis Hunter
Margaret Irene Liang
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Nhat Tran
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DEPARTMENT of BIOSTATISTICS

Sudipto Banerjee, PhD, *Chair*
Thomas R. Belin, PhD, *Vice Chair*

Hilary Jeanne Aralis, PhD
Ronald Brookmeyer, *Chair*
*Modeling Multistate Models
with Back Transitions:
Statistical Challenges and Applications*

Anna Liza Malazarte Antonio, DrPH
Robert E. Weiss and
Catherine Ann Sugar, *Co-Chairs*
*The Good, the Bad, and the Fitting:
A Bayesian Hierarchical Model for
Discrete Choice Data in Healthcare*



DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Steven P. Wallace, PhD, *Chair*
Carol S. Aneshensel, PhD, *Vice Chair*

Stephanie Lynn Albert, PhD
Deborah C. Glik and
Michael Prelip, *Co-Chairs*
*#consumingitall: Understanding the
Complex Relationship Between
Media Consumption and Eating Behaviors*

Rosana Leos Bravo, PhD
Steven P. Wallace, *Chair*
*Medical Decision-Making among Foreign-Born
Latino Elders with Multiple Chronic Conditions*

Brittany Noelle Morey, PhD
Gilbert C. Gee, *Chair*
*Acculturation, Neighborhood Context, and
Breast Cancer Risk among Asian American,
Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Women*

John Devin Peipert, PhD
Donald E. Morisky, *Chair*
*A Psychometric Analysis of Patient-Reported
Outcomes in Chronic Kidney Disease*

Tabashir Zahra Sadegh-Nobari, PhD
May C. Wang, *Chair*
*Socioeconomic Disparities, Unaffordable
Housing and Obesity among Low-Income
Preschool-Aged Children in Los Angeles*

Mienah Zulfacar Sharif, PhD
Gilbert C. Gee, *Chair*
*Obesity Risk among Preschoolers:
The Role of Parental Stressors and
Children's Emotional Regulation Skills*

Jenna van Draanen Earwaker, PhD
Carol S. Aneshensel, *Chair*
*The Association Between Childhood Poverty
and Adversity and the Likelihood of
Experiencing Co-occurring Psychiatric
and Substance Use Disorders*



DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Michael Jerrett, PhD, *Chair*

Sean Antonio Buono, PhD
Hilary Godwin, *Chair*
*Improving the Detection and Surveillance
of Sexually Transmitted Infections in
Public Health Laboratories*

Bryan Moy, PhD
Hilary Godwin, *Chair*
*Applications of Geospatial Modeling
to Improve Public Health Surveillance
and Control of West Nile Virus*

Sharona Yael Sokolow, PhD
Hilary Godwin, *Chair*
*Health Impacts of Expanding
Urban Recycled Water Use in California*

Yubin Zhou, PhD
Irwin H. Suffet, *Chair*
*The Identification, Analysis, and
Treatment of Odor Nuisance Released
from Wastewater Treatment Plants*



INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM
MOLECULAR TOXICOLOGY

Oliver Hankinson, PhD, *Director*

Julie Theresa Castaneda, PhD
Michael D. Roth, *Chair*
*Linking Cannabinoid Receptor Type II
(CB2) Biology to Function*

Priti Prasad, PhD
Ram Raj Singh, *Chair*
*Mechanisms of Chemically-Induced
Diffuse Pulmonary Hemorrhage*



DEPARTMENT of EPIDEMIOLOGY

Karin Michels, ScD, *Chair*

Aileen Baecker, PhD
Jian Yu Rao and
Zuo-Feng Zhang, *Co-Chairs*
*Geographic Variability and the Association
of Flavonoids and Related Single Nucleotide
Polymorphisms on Liver Cancer*

Yu-Hsuan Chuang, PhD
Beate R. Ritz, *Chair*
*Coffee Consumption, Smoking, and
Genetic Factors of Parkinson's Disease:
Gene-Environment Interaction and
Genome-Wide DNA Methylation Studies*

CLASS of 2017 DOCTORAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS

DEPARTMENT of EPIDEMIOLOGY (continued)

Zuelma Arellano Contreras, PhD
Beate R. Ritz, *Chair*
Prenatal Risk Factors for Childhood Cancer and Placental Vascular Resistance: An Investigation of Maternal Metabolic Factors and Smoking, Hispanic Enclaves, and Air Pollution

Rufaidah Dabbagh, DrPH
Susan Cochran and Richard Rawson, *Co-Chairs*
Current Trends of Substance Use in Iraq: Examining Data from the 2014 Iraqi National Household Survey of Alcohol and Drug Use

San Hone, PhD
Roger Detels, *Chair*
Decentralization of HIV Testing and the Cascade of HIV Treatment for Mothers and Infants in Myanmar

Diana Khuu, PhD
Frank Sorvillo, *Chair*
Malaria-Related Hospitalizations in the US: The Disease and Economic Burden, and Risk Factors for Severe and Fatal Malaria

Sanchita Mahapatra, PhD
Roger Detels, *Chair*
A Cross Sectional Study to Measure Prevalence of Hepatitis B And HIV and Explore the Potential Risk Factors for the Acquisition of These and Other Sexually Transmitted Infections among Antenatal Care Attendees in a Tertiary Care Center of West Bengal, India

Tanmay Mahapatra, PhD
Roger Detels, *Chair*
A Cross-Sectional Study to Explore The HIV/AIDS Related Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices and Their Association with HIV among Men Having Sex with Men in Kolkata, West Bengal, India

Travis Meyers, PhD
Janet Sinsheimer and Zuo-Feng Zhang, *Co-Chairs*
Cumulative Cigarette Tar Exposure, Genetic Polymorphisms, and their Interactions on Susceptibility and Survival of Lung and Upper Aerodigestive Tract Cancers

Roch Nianogo, PhD
Onyebuchi Arah, *Chair*
Causal and Agent-Based Modeling of Obesity and Its Life-Course Risk Factors and Outcomes in Children and Adults

Negar Omidakhsh, PhD
Beate R. Ritz, *Chair*
Parental Occupational Exposures and Risk of Childhood Cancer

Andrew Park, PhD
Beate R. Ritz, *Chair*
Prenatal and Early Life Exposures and the Risk of Childhood Cancers: An Examination of Ambient Pesticides, Dichloromethane, and Survivor Bias

Joshua Quint, PhD
Roger Detels, *Chair*
Association between Alcohol Consumption, HIV-Infection, and Inflammation in the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study

Xiaoqing Xu, PhD
Beate R. Ritz, *Chair*
California State-wide Studies to Investigate Medical Conditions and Medication Uses in Relation to Macular Degeneration and Childhood Cancer



DOCTORAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS CLASS of 2017

DEPARTMENT of HEALTH POLICY & MANAGEMENT

Jack Needleman, PhD, *Chair*
Thomas Rice, PhD, *Vice Chair*

Mohirjon Ahmedov, PhD
Ronald D. Hays, *Chair*
Differences in Perceptions of Health Care Between Asian Americans and Non-Hispanic Whites on the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Clinician and Group Adult Visit Survey 1.0

Anna Christina Davis, PhD
Jack Needleman, *Chair*
The Vital Few: Characterizing the Comorbidity Profiles and Spending Trajectories of Patients with High Costs in an Integrated Delivery System

Sarah Friedman, PhD
Susan L. Ettner, *Chair*
The Effects of Three Types of Insurance Benefit Design Features on Specialty Mental Health Utilization

Charleen Hsuan, PhD
Jack Needleman, *Chair*
Hospital Responses to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA): Noncompliance, Hospital Utilization and Readmissions, and Strategic Ambulance Diversions

Di Liang, PhD
Susan L. Ettner, *Chair*
A Natural Experiment about the Effects of Urbanization on Elders' Mental Well-Being and Chronic Disease Management: Lessons from China's Passive Urbanization

Isomi Muriel Miake-Lye, PhD
Emmeline M. Chuang, *Chair*
Adoption of Evidence-Based Practices: Patterns and Positive Deviants in the National Survey of Physician Organizations

Tanya Teresa Olmos, PhD
Roshan Bastani and Beth A. Glenn, *Co-Chairs*
Delivering Preventive Health Services through Health Fairs: A Clinical-Community Partnership in Los Angeles County

Andrew Siroka, PhD
Ninez A. Ponce, *Chair*
The Impact of Poverty and Social Protection on Tuberculosis

Lee Sook Hee Squitieri, PhD
Carol M. Mangione, *Chair*
The Strengths and Limitations of Linking Medicare Data Across Clinical Settings to Study Elderly Patients with a Pressure Injury Diagnosis

Boback Ziaieian, PhD
Gerald F. Kominski, *Chair*
An Evaluation of National Heart Failure Hospitalizations



CLASS of 2017 STUDENT AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH
AND QUALITY FELLOWSHIP

Tanya Teresa Olmos
Health Policy & Management

AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
AIR QUALITY RESEARCH AND STUDY AWARD

Mercede Amber Marie Ramjerdi
Environmental Health Sciences

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TOXICOLOGY (ACT)
BEST STUDENT POSTER AWARD

Julie Theresa Castenada
Molecular Toxicology Interdepartmental Program

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TOXICOLOGY (ACT)
STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

Julie Theresa Castenada
Molecular Toxicology Interdepartmental Program

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS'
FOUNDATION (ASSEF), RIXIO MEDINA &
ASSOCIATES HISPANICS IN SAFETY SCHOLARSHIP

Ivan Jesse Torres
Environmental Health Sciences

ANNIE'S SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
SCHOLARSHIP

Mercede Amber Marie Ramjerdi
Environmental Health Sciences

ASSOCIATION OF RHEUMATOLOGY
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (ARHP) OUTSTANDING
STUDENT IN RHEUMATOLOGY AWARD

Priti Prasad
Molecular Toxicology Interdepartmental Program

FRED H. BIXBY INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS
ON POPULATION & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Aiyu Chen
Biostatistics

Ryan Christopher Raypon
Epidemiology

FIELDING SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

CELIA G. AND JOSEPH G. BLANN FELLOWSHIP

Charleen Hsuan
Health Policy & Management

E. RICHARD (RICK) BROWN
SOCIAL JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

Cosima Lenz
Health Policy & Management

BURROUGHS WELCOME FUND
INTER-SCHOOL TRAINING PROGRAM IN
CHRONIC DISEASES

Yu-Hsuan Chuang
Epidemiology

CALIFORNIA CERTIFIED
UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY (CUPA)
STUDENT PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Ivan Jesse Torres
Environmental Health Sciences

CALIFORNIA IMMIGRATION
RESEARCH INITIATIVE FELLOWSHIP

Maria-Elena Young
Community Health Sciences

CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH
SUMMER INTERNSHIP

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Caitlin Annemarie O'Connor
Sabrina Marie Owens
Vanessa Krysteen Perez
Lauren Taylor Schenker
Sarah Jane Smith
Chloe Maelyn Winders-Singer
Community Health Sciences

Therese Li Chen
Environmental Health Sciences

Connie Lu
Epidemiology

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES' BEST
COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARD

Awarded to the "Creating Space" project
Leila Kamareddine

STUDENT AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS CLASS of 2017

Caitlin Annemarie O'Connor
Jasmine Uysal
Community Health Sciences

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES'
BEST RESEARCH PROJECT AWARD

Brittany Noelle Morey
Community Health Sciences

COULSON FUND DOCTORAL RESEARCH TRAVEL
GRANT IN EPIDEMIOLOGY

Alvan Bing Jun Cheng
Epidemiology

DEAN'S GLOBAL HEALTH FELLOWSHIPS

Natalie Dawn Dickson
Jasmine Uysal
Community Health Sciences

Yu Hsuan Briana Yeh
Environmental Health Sciences

Ushma Dhiraj Dharod
Rachael Lee Kiaimakani Jackson
D'Andre Anthony Spencer
Melissa Sue Wiles
Epidemiology

DEAN'S LEADERSHIP GRANT

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Biostatistics

Anika Akhter
Meron Begashaw
Jessica Mattie Coates
Katie Jeannette Cobian
Nandini Prasad Inmula
Tania Samanta Perez
Vanessa Krysteen Perez
Estelle Latyoa Louise Robinson
Jaime Ruiz
Jose Miguel Velasquez
Community Health Sciences

Therese Li Chen
Elbert Glenn Hsiung
Jimmy Huang Phong
Environmental Health Sciences

Victoria Autelli
Jesse Gordon Bendetson

George Dewey
Rachael Lee Kiaimakani Jackson
Amanda Sue Landrian
Adriel Neely
D'Andre Anthony Spencer
Kartavya Jayant Vyas
Epidemiology
Kristin Rose Calsada
Xiang Li
Rathi Ganga Ramasamy
Health Policy & Management

DEAN'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Anna Liza Malazarte Antonio
Biostatistics

Brittany Noelle Morey
Community Health Sciences

Amanda Julia Zhang Wagner
Environmental Health Sciences

Roch Nianogo
Epidemiology

Boback Ziaean
Health Policy & Management

DELTA OMEGA NATIONAL POSTER
COMPETITION AWARD

Stephanie Lynn Albert
Community Health Sciences

DEPARTMENT BLOCK GRANT
OPPORTUNITY AWARD

Nan Jiao
Larry Yulin Lai
Mercede Amber Marie Ramjerdi
Environmental Health Sciences

Victoria Autelli
Alvan Bing Jun Cheng
Zuelma Arellano Contreras
Nicole Jean Cunningham
George Dewey
Rachael Lee Kiaimakani Jackson
Grace Hyun Kim
Grace Lee
Roch Nianogo
Stephanie Chu Pannell

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Melissa Sue Wiles
Xiaoqing Xu
Epidemiology

Sarah Elliott
William Louis Sheppard Jr.
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DISSERTATION YEAR FELLOWSHIP

Brittany Noelle Morey
Community Health Sciences

Roch Nianogo
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Anna Christina Davis
Sarah Friedman
Di Liang
Health Policy & Management

DOWDLE MENTAL HEALTH
SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Amber Marie Brink
Jaime Ruiz
Community Health Sciences

Victor Shiau
Epidemiology

Bryce Gerhard Henderson
Haleigh Mager-Mardeusz
Health Policy & Management

DRABKIN-NEUMANN INTERNSHIPS
IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Stephanie Marie Kiesow
Community Health Sciences

EPIDEMIOLOGY CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAS
RUSSELL KIRBY TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

Roch Nianogo
Epidemiology

EPIDEMIOLOGY CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAS
STUDENT PRIZE AWARD, POSTER SESSION 1

Roch Nianogo
Epidemiology

EUGENE AND SALLYANN FAMA
FELLOWSHIPS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Eder Yair Abellana
Community Health Sciences

Mercede Amber Marie Ramjerdi
Environmental Health Sciences

FIELDING SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MARATHON STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

Amanda Kristine Barbanica
Leila Kamareddine
Erica Grace Mahgerefteh
Community Health Sciences

Jimmy Huang Phong
Environmental Health Sciences

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Alison Lee Pawson Ryan
Hubert Jeffrey Sung
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FELLOWSHIP

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Biostatistics

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Allen Tang
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GRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH
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Community Health Sciences

Zuelma Arellano Contreras
Epidemiology

ANN AND PHIL HEYMANN GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

Amanda Sue Landrian
Epidemiology

CORNELIUS HOPPER AWARD
CALIFORNIA TOBACCO RELATED DISEASES
RESEARCH PROGRAM

Zuelma Arellano Contreras
Epidemiology

RIC AND SUZANNE KAYNE
PUBLIC HEALTH FELLOWSHIP

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Natalia Garcia
Khalela Belinda Hatchett
Nga Quynhphan Le
Esmeralda Melgoza
Gayle Deocampo Palma
Lauren Taylor Schenker
Sarah Jane Smith
Matthew John Wright
Community Health Sciences

Jimmy Huang Phong
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Katrina Marie Blust
Epidemiology

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THE WEARING OF CAPS AND GOWNS for commencement ceremonies and convocations, which traces its origins to the universities of medieval Europe, has been an integral feature of American pageantry since the end of the 19th century.

Beginning in the colonial times, the faculties of some American universities wore caps and gowns in keeping with their European heritage and custom. But a century was to pass before the attire became generally standardized.

In 1885, there developed in this country a widespread student movement to wear caps and gowns at commencement ceremonies as a sign of belonging to the academy. Ten years later, a group of American universities convened a conference at Columbia University to agree on a common code of academic dress. It followed in 1902 that the Regents of the University of the State of New York gave a charter to an organization named the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume to serve as a source of information and guidance in such matters. A Committee on Academic Costumes and Ceremonies, appointed by the American Council on Education in 1959, reviewed the costume code and made several changes. These standards continue to guide the nation's colleges and universities.

At commencements, all persons participating in the ceremony, either as a dais party member, faculty member or student, must wear academic attire. The gown is commonly black, but it may

be designed with special variations, such as velvet borders on the body and crossbars on the sleeve to show the level of the wearer's degree. Candidates of masters and doctoral degrees wear the hood, which resembles its ancestor the medieval cowl. At UCLA, candidates for bachelors' degrees do not wear hoods. Its velvet border indicates by its color the general field of the degree. Its silk lining, seen at the back, represents the colors of the school that has awarded the degree. The tassel color is indicative of the field of the degree. Candidates for bachelors' degrees wear the tassel on the right side. During the commencement ceremony, they will shift their tassel to the left. Candidates for higher degrees do not shift their tassels; they wear them on the left side from the outset.

The *fourragère*, made of braided cord and worn around the arm at the shoulder, indicates the wearer has been singled out for special decoration. It originated with the military, but has been adapted for academic use by many universities. At UCLA, the gold *fourragère*, signifying academic distinction, is awarded to the top fifteen percent of bachelor's candidates who graduate each quarter. It is worn on the left shoulder and is purely a commencement-day honor. The blue and gold *fourragère* designates the Chancellor's Service Award and is given in recognition of community service. It is worn on the right shoulder and is also purely a commencement day honor. 🎓

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Health services should emphasize equity, accessibility, community participation, prevention and sustainability.



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