A stylized graphic of a hand holding a star above a globe. The hand is a gradient from gold to white, reaching up to hold a white star. Below the hand is a globe represented by a white wireframe grid on a blue background.

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COMMENCEMENT

Class of 2018



*from the* PRESIDENT

Dear Graduates:

Congratulations, UCLA Class of 2018! Today we join your family, friends, and the entire University of California community in celebrating you and your wonderful accomplishment. You have worked hard, sometimes overcoming great obstacles, in pursuit of your UC education.

UCLA alumnus and tennis great Arthur Ashe once gave some simple but elegant advice: “Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”

Your time at UCLA has given you the knowledge, skills, and confidence you need to go out into the world and change it for the better. Nationally and globally, we face serious challenges. But as a UCLA graduate, you are well prepared to do your part to respond to these challenges, and help your local community, the nation, and the world. As you embark on this journey, you are equipped with the tools you need to gather information, think critically, and continually adjust your understanding of the world around you.

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. I wish you the best of luck in whatever comes next.

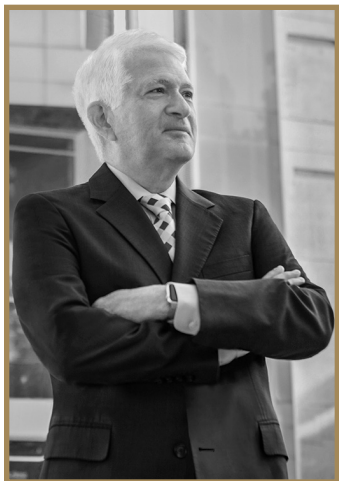
Go forth, Bruins, and make the world a better, brighter place. *Fiat lux* – Let there be light!



*Janet Napolitano*

Janet Napolitano  
*President*  
*University of California*

*from the* CHANCELLOR



Dear UCLA Graduates:

Congratulations!

As you enjoy today's ceremony and the celebrations that follow, I hope you will take a few moments to pause and reflect on all you have done to reach this point. All of your late nights. All of the support from your family and friends. All of the times you wrestled with complex problems and discovered unexpected solutions. All of those things brought you here.

No one else can ever claim credit for the degree you'll receive today—you earned it. Let it be a symbol of your success and incredible potential. I hope you feel proud, fulfilled and inspired by the endless possibilities that lie before you. And I hope that you always associate UCLA with those feelings.

As you face challenges throughout your life, I urge you to reflect back on this moment and let it be a reminder that with enough focus and determination, you can overcome any obstacle and achieve any goal.

I am grateful for all of the ways in which you have enriched UCLA. Our campus is better because you were here.

Following commencement, some of you will begin pursuing a career; others will continue your education or take time to further fuel your passions. Whatever path you choose, know that you are a Bruin for life, and you are always welcome at UCLA.

With Very Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene D. Block". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "B" at the end.

Gene D. Block  
*Chancellor*

*University of California Los Angeles*

*from the DEAN*

Dear Class of 2018,

Heartfelt congratulations!

Today we celebrate with you and your families all the incredible hard work, immense commitment and talent that has brought you to this joyous day. Looking to tomorrow, we are excited to see how you will transform the health of communities and our planet.

Dream large, the world needs more moonshots that succeed to eliminate health disparities, to give all human beings an equal chance at full, healthy lives, and to ensure we promote health for all people in the country and our world today and for generations to come.

Don't worry if you can't yet fully articulate how you will contribute. While all of us share a profound commitment to transforming public and population health, for each of us the specifics may be different. As I sat in your seats as a master's and a doctoral student, the seeds had been planted about a lifetime of work, but I was far from being able to tell a story about it. The good news is that finding your personal moonshot is a joyous journey in itself.

As you find and pursue your own moonshot—not in the sense that you will work on it alone; on the contrary, you will work with many colleagues across the country and around the world, but your own in the sense that you care about it enough to stay up late at night working on it, or to get up early in the morning to pursue it—remember that we are here to continue to help as you move forward.

There are bound to be setbacks during this journey. During these setbacks, remember Martin Luther King Jr.'s words that the long arc of history “bends toward justice.” It does indeed—and you will help bend it!

And while you're busy transforming population and planetary health, don't forget to have fun. Find your joy. Share it. It will keep you going.

We can't wait to see what you'll accomplish, Class of 2018.

*Carpe diem!*



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jody". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jody Heymann, MD, PhD

*Dean*

*UCLA Fielding School of Public Health*

## OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**CAROL S. LARSON**  
*President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
David and Lucile Packard  
Foundation*

***Keynote Speaker***  
**2018**



Carol S. Larson is President and CEO of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, a position she has held since January 2004. Carol was appointed a vice president of the Foundation in 2000 and served as its director of programs from 1995 through 1999. She is responsible for the overall management of the Foundation and its grantmaking activities.

The Foundation awards approximately \$300 million in grants domestically and internationally in the program areas of Conservation and Science; Population and Reproductive Health; and Children, Families, and Communities.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Carol was a partner in a Los Angeles, California law firm specializing in civil litigation. She also worked in the nonprofit sector on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities. Carol currently serves on the boards of the ClimateWorks Foundation and the Sobrato Family Foundation. Previously, she was a board member of the Council on Foundations where she served as board chair from 2010 to 2012. She is also a prior board member of Northern California Grantmakers, American Leadership Forum–Silicon Valley, and Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families.

Carol received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and her law degree from Yale Law School. Upon graduation, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Warren J. Ferguson, United States District Court, Central District of California. Carol is the mother of two grown daughters.

# COMMENCEMENT 2018

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NATIONAL ANTHEM



CALL TO ORDER *and* WELCOMING REMARKS

Jody Heymann

*Dean, Fielding School of Public Health*



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Carol S. Larson

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Nicole LaMantia



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*and*

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John Soliman

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Angelica Lily Delgado  
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Marisol Frausto  
Saul Garcia  
Lorena Caletena Gonzalez

Alein Yaritza Haro  
Aila Hernandez  
Ann Marie M. Hernandez  
Uyen Phuong Hoang  
Cristina Hunter O'Leary  
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*Community Health Sciences (continued)*

Rachel Beth Lesser	Makaela Marie Newsome
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Jingfen Lim	Mariana Amara Reyes
Elise Liu	Elizabeth Rocha
Julie Loc	Gillian Silver
Anna-Michelle Marie McSorley	Katherine Wen Wei Strong
Marilyn Merino	Olga Gabriela Ventura
Alejandra Melissa Morales	Elise Marie Wallis

## MASTER *of* PUBLIC HEALTH *for* HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

*Community Health Sciences*

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Michael William Esters	Nicole LaMantia
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Anna Rose Gorman	Erin Elizabeth Van Hoy
Vivian Kanchian	Jacqueline Frances Walsh



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Kelsey Elizabeth Bean	Joyce Thung
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Lea Pauline Hunsinger	Qi Wei
Margaret Sandra Isied	

MASTERS DEGREE RECIPIENTS *CLASS of 2018*

MASTER *of* SCIENCE *in* ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

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Anthony Crymes  
Katherine Elise Gibbs

Haoning Gong  
Monica Lee  
Che-Hsuan Lin  
Robert Reny



DEPARTMENT *of* EPIDEMIOLOGY

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Yannan Lin

Brittany Nicole Meyer  
Cathy Ngoc Ngo  
Katherine Grace Hidem Takeshita  
Graham David Toth  
Lorena Ulloa  
Mark Wainwright  
Liu Yang  
Heling Zhao  
Xinyu Zhao

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Qi Meng  
Kyasha Moore

Thet Wai Nwe  
Soe Min Oo



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Sean Patrick Barry	Xiaoyu Liu
Molly Brown	Bianca Lizarraga
Philippe Champagne	Andrew Thomas Loberg
Annie Chen	Emily Methangkool
Samuel Conovitz	Kimngan Pham Nguyen
Jonathan Louie Diaz	Bryan Keith Phillips
Richard Steven Dumbrique	Courtney Porter
Priyanka Fernandes	Kian Preston-Suni
Erin Fletcher	Adam Rabb
Jillian Gordon Gottlieb	Rajia Amr Hassan Ragab
Candace Michelle Gragnani	Roberto Nelson Ramos
Kim Michelle Hargis	Daniela Rangel Orozco
Kay Hooshmand	Hannah Hindman Reischl
Brittany Irshay	Jeannette Reynaga
Olivia Ishibashi	Arielle Sharfstein
Eesha Jagtap	Dianna Ivonne Soto
Michael Jan	Katherine Eva Sziraczky
Sara Whitacre Johnson	Allen Don Taing
Veronica Kapoor	Sarah Paulina Ulanicki
Bryan James Keyes	Dhannya Vadakkumpadathu Sasi
Daniel Maher Kozman	Veronica Teresa Vicenas
Vanessa Phuong-Nhi Lam	Marwin Ga Bo Yeung
Jin Sol Lee	

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Magaly Ramirez

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Todd Schneberk  
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Angela Lucia Venegas  
Andrew Michael Wilson  
Brandon Yarns

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*Health Policy & Management*

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Eric Alberto Echeverry  
Eric El-Tobgy  
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Cozzette Lyons-Jones  
Raymond Ople  
Jennifer Mary Parratt  
Pamela Secada  
Angela Christine Storck-Petersen  
Johnny Tan  
Seema Vohra  
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Daniel Joshua Conn, PhD

Gang Li *and* Christina Ramirez, *Co-Chairs*  
*Utilization of Low Dimensional Structure  
to Improve the Performance in  
High Dimensions*

Qian Li, PhD

Donatello Telesca, *Chair*  
*Hierarchical Integration of Heterogenous  
Highly Structured Data:  
The Case of Functional Brain Imaging*

Max Ryan Tolkoﬀ, PhD

Marc Suchard, *Chair*  
*Phylogenetic Factor Analysis  
and Natural Extensions*

Lu Wang, PhD

Donatello Telesca, *Chair*  
*Bayesian Curve Registration and  
Warped Functional Regression*



## DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

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Gilbert C. Gee, *Chair*  
*A Longitudinal Study of Black-White  
Disparities in Cognitive Aging*

Alexis Christine Cooke, PhD

Deborah C. Glik, *Chair*  
*Treatment and Prevention: Integrated Methadone  
and Antiretroviral Therapy Among People Who  
Inject Drugs in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*

Elvira Elizabeth Jimenez, PhD

Steven P. Wallace, *Chair*  
*Off-time Dementia Caregiving: The Experience  
of Early Onset Dementia on Spousal Caregivers*

Melissa Marie Kelley, PhD

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

Donna Imelda Padilla-Frausto, PhD

Steven P. Wallace, *Chair*  
*Latinos' Use of Mental Health-Related Services:  
Using a HealthCrit and LatCrit Lens to  
Examine the Role of Perceived Ethnic  
Discrimination as a Socio-Environmental  
Consequence of Living in a Racialized Society*

Helene Riess, PhD

Carol S. Aneshensel *and* Steven P. Wallace,  
*Co-Chairs*  
*"I'm not ready yet": Intrapersonal and  
Interpersonal Processes Shaping the Adoption  
of Personal Emergency Response Systems  
Among Older Adults*

## DOCTORAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS CLASS *of* 2018

### DEPARTMENT *of* COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES *(continued)*

Brenda Robles, PhD  
Courtney S. Thomas, *Chair*  
*Evaluating Community and Individual-  
Level Psychosocial Factors to Improve Chronic  
Disease-Related Dietary Behaviors:  
A Case Study of Los Angeles County*

Maria-Elena Detrinidad Young, PhD  
Steven P. Wallace, *Chair*  
*Producing Citizenship Position through State  
Immigrant Policies: An Examination of the  
Relationships between Health, Policy,  
Citizenship, and Race in the United States*



### DEPARTMENT *of* ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Michael Jerrett, PhD, *Chair*

Savanna L. Carson, PhD  
Hilary Godwin, *Chair*  
*The People of the Forest: Indigenous Voices  
for Agency, Sustainability, and Health  
in Forest Conservation*

John D. Diaz-Decaro, PhD  
Hilary Godwin, *Chair*  
*Combatting Circulating Infectious Diseases  
in California: Evaluating New Approaches to  
Surveillance and the Costs of Outbreaks on  
Public Health Agencies*

Katherine A. McNamara, PhD  
Wendie Robbins, *Chair*  
*The Health Effects of Rotating  
Shift Work in the Oil Industry*

Tyler D. Watson, PhD  
Hilary Godwin, *Chair*  
*Emerging Topics in Food Insecurity:  
An Assessment of University Student  
Food Access and Urban Agriculture  
in Los Angeles*

### INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM MOLECULAR TOXICOLOGY

Oliver Hankinson, PhD, *Director*

Michael J. Davoren, PhD  
Robert Schiestl, *Chair*  
*Cancer Risk Reduction Through  
Active Management of Genotoxicity*



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## DEPARTMENT of EPIDEMIOLOGY

Karin Michels, ScD, PhD, *Chair*

Laura Jane Anderson, PhD

Marjan Javanbakht, *Chair*

*Predictors of Repeat STIs & the Efficacy and Economic Impact of a Financial Incentive Program for STI/HIV Testing Among Men-Who-Have-Sex-with-Men*

Hayley Renee Ashbaugh, PhD

Anne Rimoin, *Chair*

*Assessing Immune Response to Measles Vaccination and Infection among Children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Zoe Gabriel Baker, PhD

Pamina Gorbach, *Chair*

*The Impact of Partnership Factors on HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (Prep) and Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Adherence*

Rachel Shoshanna Bolanos, PhD

Roger Detels, *Chairs*

*Assessment of Biological and Epidemiological Components of AIDS Associated Kaposi's Sarcoma in the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study: An Analysis of Serum Markers of Inflammation and Immune Activation in Cases of AIDS Associated Kaposi's Sarcoma*

Chun-Pin Chang, PhD

Zuo-Feng Zhang, *Chair*

*Glycemic Index, Glycemic Load, Genetic Susceptibility and Their Interactions with Lung and Upper Aerodigestive Tract Cancers*

Clinton James Hall, PhD

Beate Ritz, *Chair*

*Occupational Epidemiology in Vulnerable Populations: Occupational Physical Activity and Cerebrovascular Disease in Older Women and Parental Occupational Exposures and Childhood Cancer*

Hilary Kyle Hsu, PhD

Marjan Javanbakht and Dorothy Wiley, *Co-Chairs*

*Identifying Longitudinal Risk Factors for Anal High-Risk HPV Infections and Strategies to Better Detect Anal High-Grade Dysplasia for Anal Cancer Screening in Older Men Who Have Sex with Men*

Somee Jeong, PhD

Zuo-Feng Zhang, *Chair*

*Risk Factors of Atrophic Gastritis, Defined by Serum Pepsinogen, in a Case-Control Study of a Chinese Population*

Chenxiao Ling, PhD

Beate Ritz, *Chair*

*Agricultural Pesticide Exposure, Adverse Birth Outcomes and Childhood Cancers in California*

Caleb Lyu, PhD

Roger Detels, *Chair*

*Sexually Transmitted Diseases among Older People in Los Angeles County, 2000-2011*



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### DEPARTMENT *of* EPIDEMIOLOGY (*continued*)

Debottam Pal, PhD

Roger Detels, *Chair*

*Barriers to Anti-Retroviral Therapy  
among Men Who Have Sex with Men  
in West Bengal, India*

Adam Readhead, PhD

Roger Detels *and* Frank Sorvillo,  
*Co-Chairs*

*Tuberculosis Disease Incidence Estimation  
among Foreign-born Persons,  
Los Angeles County 2005-2011*

I-Fan Shih, PhD

Beate Ritz, *Chair*

*Influences of Physical Activity on  
Risk of Parkinson's Disease and  
Cognitive Decline in Elderly Hispanics*

Chelsea Shover, PhD

Pamina Gorbach, *Chair*

*How Substance Use, Health Insurance, and  
Social Determinants of Health Affect the HIV  
Prevention Continuum in Los Angeles, CA:  
Focus on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (Prep)  
and Treatment as Prevention (Tasp)*

Dhanalakshmi Thirumalai, PhD

Roger Detels, *Chair*

*Association between HIV Infection and Intimate  
Partner Violence among Married Indian Women  
in Theni District, Tamil Nadu, India*

Drew Westmoreland, PhD

Marjan Javanbakht, *Chair*

*Risky Business: Sexual Health Behaviors, Butt  
Stuff, and Whether People Will Talk about It*



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## DEPARTMENT of HEALTH POLICY & MANAGEMENT

Jack Needleman, PhD, *Chair*

Thomas Rice, PhD, *Vice Chair*

Robin Flint McBride, DrPH

Neal Halfon, *Chair*

*Applying System Science and Simulation  
Modeling in Dentistry and Population  
Oral Health*

Stefan Richter, PhD

Jack Needleman, *Chair*

*Improving Empiric Antibiotic Coverage  
for Gram-Negative Rod Infections Using  
Available Clinical Data*

Ida Caterina Garcia-Appendini, PhD

Arturo Vargas-Bustamante, *Chair*

*Effects of Mexico's Seguro Popular Program  
on Health-Related Outcomes: Ten Years  
After Its Implementation*

Adam Schickedanz, PhD

Paul Chung, *Chair*

*The Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences  
on Household Resources, Intergenerational Risk  
of Adversity, and Behavior Problems in  
Subsequent Generations*

Lucinda Leung, PhD

Jose Escarce, *Chair*

*Toward Understanding the Healthcare Value  
of Veterans Affairs' Primary Care-Mental  
Health Integration*

Adriane Wynn, PhD

Roshan Bastani, *Chair*

*Evaluating Routine Testing and Treatment  
for Sexually Transmitted Infections among  
Pregnant Women in Southern Africa*

Alina Palimaru, PhD

Ronald Hays, *Chair*

*Assessing Health-Related Quality of Life  
and Subjective Well-Being in Adults with  
Spinal Cord Injury*



# STUDENT AWARDS *and* SCHOLARSHIPS CLASS of 2018

## AWARDS *and* SCHOLARSHIPS

### BIXBY INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS ON POPULATION & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Makaela Marie Newsome  
*Community Health Sciences*

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### CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Emily Elizabeth Bell  
Aila Hernandez  
Ronnie Kuwahara  
Rachel Beth Lesser  
Julie Loc  
Marilyn Merino  
Gillian Silver  
Elise Marie Wallis  
*Community Health Sciences*

Adam Rabb  
*Health Policy & Management*

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### DEAN'S GLOBAL HEALTH FELLOWSHIPS *Funded by the Jonathan & Karin Fielding Endowed Fund and the Linda Rosenstock Global Health Innovation Fund*

Arely Anali Briseno  
*Environmental Health Sciences*

Brittany Nicole Meyer  
Graham David Toth  
Lorena Ulloa  
*Epidemiology*

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John Soliman  
*Biostatistics*

Trista Marie Benitez  
Alein Yaritza Haro  
Elise Marie Wallis  
*Community Health Sciences*

Jasneet Bains  
Kali Ann Basman  
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Cathy Ngoc Ngo  
Katherine Grace Hidem Takeshita  
Lorena Ulloa  
Liu Yang  
*Epidemiology*

Veronica Kapoor  
Whitney Yu-yin Li  
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### DEAN'S OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Daniel Joshua Conn  
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Alein Yaritza Haro  
*Community Health Sciences*

Tyler D. Watson  
*Environmental Health Sciences*

Andrew Thomas Loberg  
*Health Policy & Management*

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### DEPARTMENT BLOCK GRANT OPPORTUNITY AWARD

Cynthia Marianna Beard  
Yannan Lin  
Cathy Ngoc Ngo  
Katherine Grace Hidem Takeshita  
Liu Yang  
*Epidemiology*

Bianca Lizarraga  
Kimngan Pham Nguyen  
Kian Preston-Suni  
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Chelsea Shover  
*Epidemiology*

Alina Palimaru  
*Health Policy & Management*

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## DOWDLE MENTAL HEALTH SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Donna Imelda Padilla-Frausto  
*Community Health Sciences*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

Jasneet Bains  
*Environmental Health Sciences*

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## PJ FIELDING AND FRIENDS CHILD HEALTH FELLOWSHIP

Cynthia Marianna Beard  
*Epidemiology*

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## FUTURE PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Emily Elizabeth Bell  
Jennifer Binkley Carney  
Kar Wai Chan

Saul Garcia  
Lorena Caletena Gonzalez  
Ann Marie M. Hernandez

Jenny Huynh  
Paulette Annie Lydie Ima  
Rachel Beth Lesser  
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Lorena Ulloa  
Liu Yang  
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Molly Brown  
*Health Policy & Management*

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## ANN AND PHIL HEYMANN GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

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## HILTON GLOBAL SUMMER SCHOLARS

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Kristen Sharon Leahy  
*Health Policy & Management*

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## CAROLBETH KORN SCHOLAR AWARD

Maria-Elena Detrinidad Young  
*Community Health Sciences*

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## LA MARATHON SUMMER FIELDWORK FELLOWSHIP

Elizabeth Rocha  
*Community Health Sciences*  
Dhannya Vadakkumpadathu Sasi  
*Health Policy & Management*

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## ANNE SULLIVAN REHER LIVIO FUND FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE HOMELESS

Amanda Catherine Daigle  
Caryssa Natalia Lim  
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**Diana Tran Nguyen**  
*Environmental Health Sciences*

**Clinton James Hall**  
*Epidemiology*

NEUMANN/DRABKIN GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
FIELD EXPERIENCE

**Joyce O. Imafidon**  
*Community Health Sciences*

NEW INVESTIGATOR SCHOLARSHIP,  
CONFERENCE ON RETROVIRUSES AND  
OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS

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*Epidemiology*

TONY NORTON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

**Yu-Tzu Chen**  
*Environmental Health Sciences*

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY FELLOWSHIP

**Katy Wang**  
*Biostatistics*

**Amanda Catherine Daigle**  
**Marisol Frausto**  
**Alein Yaritza Haro**  
**Uyen Phuong Hoang**  
**Cristina Hunter O'Leary**  
**Bernadett Leggis**  
**Anna-Michelle Marie McSorley**  
*Community Health Sciences*

**Joyce Thung**  
*Environmental Health Sciences*

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Emily Elizabeth Bell	Tyler D. Watson	Lucinda Leung
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Ronnie Kuwahara	Zoe Gabriel Baker	Adam Rabb
Caryssa Natalia Lim	Rachel Shoshanna Bolanos	Pamela Vona
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	<i>Epidemiology</i>	



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**T**HE 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 care should be based on dialogue and collaboration among citizens, professionals, communities and policymakers.

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



Health begins with healthy development of the child and a positive family environment. Health must be sustained by the active role of men and women in health and development. The role of women and their rights must be recognized, respected and promoted.



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