contracts & grants 2011-12

This section includes new contracts and grants awarded in fiscal year 2011-12. Due to space limitations, only funds of $50,000 or more are listed, by principal investigator.

SUSAN BABEY
Examining the Effects of Water Policy Changes in California Public Schools Using the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) (National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities & RAND Corporation, $103,740)

ROSHAN BASTANI
Increasing HPV Vaccine Uptake in a Low Income Ethnic Minority Population (National Cancer Institute, $2,860,709 for 5 years)

RONALD BROOKMEYER
Laboratory and Statistical Development of Cross-Sectional HIV Incidence Assays (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases & Johns Hopkins University, $1,688,771 for 5 years)

E. RICHARD BROWN
California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) (California Department of Managed Health Care, $409,921 for 2 years; California Children and Families Commission, $1,500,000); National Network of State and Local Health Surveys (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, $387,651 for 2 years)

ARTHUR CHO
Development of Quantitative Cellular Assays for Use in Understanding the Chemical Basis of Air Pollutant Toxicity (South Coast Air Quality Management District, $368,457 for 2 years); Determining the Physical and Chemical Composition and Associated Health Effects of Tailpipe PM Emissions (South Coast Air Quality Management District & University of California, Riverside, $53,253); Characterization of the Physical, Chemical, and Biological Properties of PM Emissions, VOCs, and Carbonyl Groups from Commercial Cooking Operations (South Coast Air Quality Management District & University of California, Riverside, $53,975)

CLAIRE DILLAVOU AND JOHN CLEMENS
Compostable or More Vaccination, Less Debris: Developing Compostable Vaccine Packaging (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, $100,000 for 1.5 years)

JONATHAN FIELDING
Health Impact Assessment (HIA) of State Tax Alternative: Demonstration, Outreach and Training to Increase Understanding of HIA among State Policy Analysts (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, $209,963 for 2 years)

JOHN FROINES AND TIMOTHY MALLOY
Risk and Decision: Evaluating Pesticide Approval in California (Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation, $61,102)

PATRICIA GANZ
Enhancing Outcomes in Young Breast Cancer Survivors: A Program of the UCLA-Livestrong Survivorship Center of Excellence (DHHS/Centers for Disease Control, $690,000 for 3 years); National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP) Community Clinical Oncology Program Research Base (NIH & NSABP, $1,542,899 for 5 years)

BETH GLENN
Improving Cancer Screening among Breast and Colorectal Cancer Survivors and their Relatives (SIP) (Centers for Disease Control, $900,000 for 3 years)

GILBERT GEE
Effects of Criminal Justice System (Kean University & National Institute on Drug Abuse, $64,055 for 3 years)

DEBORAH GLIK AND MICHAEL PRELIP
Social Context and Fertility: A Mixed-Methods Approach to Survey Development (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, $357,547 for 2 years)

PAMINA GORBACH
Microbicide Trials Network (Magee-Womens Hospital, Research Institute and Foundation, $197,246); Adult Film Performers Transmission Behavior & STI Prevalence (UC California HIV/AIDS Research Program [CHRP], $200,000 for 2 years)

DAVID GRANT
CHIS Building Healthy Communities Oversample: Follow-Up Activities (The California Endowment, $616,000)

GAIL HARRISON
WIC Infant and Toddler Feeding Study (USDA Food and Nutrition Service & Westat, Inc, $990,881 for 5 years)

JULIA HECK AND BEATE RITZ
Parental Occupation and Childhood Cancers (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, $154,000 for 2 years)

PETER KERNDT
Men Who Have Sex With Men Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Prevalence Study (Centers for Disease Control & University of Kentucky, $104,775)

LEEKA KHEIFETS
Exploring the Feasibility of Novel Approaches to the Investigation of ELF & Childhood Leukemia (Electric Power Research Institute, $357,547 for 2 years); Asthma and EMF (Electric Power Research Institute, $209,806 for 1.5 years); Assessing Occupational Electric Shocks, Magnetic Fields and ALS (Centers for Disease Control, $402,145 for 2 years)

GERALD KOMINSKI
California Health Policy Research Program (The California Endowment & University of California, Berkeley, $338,284 for 2 years); Low Income Health Program (LIHP) Evaluation (Blue Shield of California Research and Education Foundation, $1,201,019 for 4 years)

MICHAEL LU AND GAIL HARRISON
Establish University-Based Grants to Assess WIC Impacts on Periconceptional Nutrition (USDA Food and Nutrition Service, $997,759 for 5 years)
WILLIAM MCCARTHY
LAUSD Menu and Plate Waste Evaluation (County of Los Angeles & Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc., $75,000)

YING-YING MENG
Air Pollution and Type 2 Diabetes Prevalence, Control and Risk Factors (British Petroleum Group & South Coast Air Quality Management District, $299,937)

DONALD MORISKY
Social Network and Sexual Risk for HIV Among Older Female Sex Workers (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development & Virginia Commonwealth University, $274,682 for 4 years)

JORN OLSEN
Health of Children Born by Mothers with Rheumatoid Arthritis (National Institute of Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skin Diseases, $333,336 for 2 years)

ANNE PEBLEY
Does School Readiness Improve Academic Achievement for Low Income and Immigrant Children in Los Angeles? (John Randolph Haynes & Dora Haynes Foundation, $136,421 for 2 years)

NINEZ PONCE
Disparities in Utilization of Gene Expression Profiling and Subsequent Chemotherapy Decisions (Aetna Life Insurance, $325,433 for 2 years)

NADEREH POURAT
Assessing Costs of Maternal Hypertension and Maternal Hemorrhage (California Department of Public Health, $52,541)

MICHAEL PRELIP
Corner Store Makeover in East Los Angeles/Boyle Heights (The California Endowment, $416,364 for 2 years)

DYLAN ROBY
Low Income Health Program (LIHP) to Medi-Cal Transition Plan (Blue Shield of California Research and Education Foundation, $92,000)

HECTOR RODRIGUEZ AND ROSHAN BASTANI
Implementing Patient Reported Outcomes Among Diverse Primary Care Patients (DHHS/Centers for Disease Control & Harvard University, $183,486)

DAMLA SENTURK
Effective Semiparametric Models for Ultra-Sparse, Unsynchronized, Imprecise Data (National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Disease, $609,480 for 3 years)

KIMBERLEY SHOAF
Hazard Risk Assessment for the Bay Area MSA Health Departments (Department of Public Health, $200,000)

PETER SINSHEIMER
California Environmental Garment Care Demonstration Project: Non-Toxic Dry Cleaning Incentive Program (AB998) Phase 3 (CA/EPA Air Resources Board, $367,994)

DAWN UPCHURCH
A Biopsychosocial Investigation of Women's Health at Midlife (National Institute on Aging, $200,000)

STEVEN WALLACE
Community-based Interventions to Increase Clinical Preventive Service Use by Older Adults (SIP) (Centers for Disease Control, $200,000 for 2 years); Enhancing the Delivery of Clinical Preventative Services in Community Settings (National Association of Chronic Disease Directors & Michigan Public Health Institute, $56,400); The Elder Economic Security Standard Index for Use in California (California Wellness Foundation, $125,000); Undocumented Immigrants and Health Care Reform (Commonwealth Fund, $56,203)

RICHARD WIGHT
Aging, Stress & Health Among Gay-Identified Men: Linking Past and Present (National Institute on Aging, $410,920 for 2 years)

ELIZABETH YANO AND FREDERICK ZIMMERMAN
Women's Health Research Consortium/Practice – Based Research (Veterans Affairs, $125,000)

YIFANG ZHU
Reducing Air Pollution Exposure in Passenger Vehicles and School Buses (CA/EPA Air Resources Board, $150,000 for 2 years)

$20M CDC Grant to Fight Obesity

Researchers at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and UCLA’s Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center have been awarded a $20 million federal grant to further their innovative efforts to curb obesity. The UCLA project, rather than requiring busy, stressed individuals in low-resource neighborhoods to seek out physical activity and nutrient-rich foods, will engage them as “captive” audiences in settings they already frequent – including schools, offices and churches – making healthier options a default that can be avoided only with effort or by “opting out.”

The five-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is intended to address health disparities among racial and ethnic groups across the country and is part of the agency’s Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) initiative. The UCLA project will be led by Drs. Antronette Yancey and Roshan Bastani, professors of health policy and management at the Fielding School and co-directors of the school’s UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity. Other faculty members on the team include Assistant Professor Beth Glenn, Professor Annette Maxwell and Professor William J. McCarthy, all of the school’s Department of Health Policy and Management.