Following a naming gift from faculty member Dr. Jonathan Fielding and his wife Karin Fielding, other faculty members have made significant contributions to the school. Drs. Charlotte and Alfred Neumann, emeriti professors in the Department of Community Health Sciences, donated $100,000 to establish the Drabkin/Neumann Global Public Health Field Experience Endowment. The fund will support students who travel abroad to do field work, especially in the areas of nutrition and family, child and maternal health.

Dr. Ron Andersen, professor emeritus in the Department of Health Policy and Management, and his wife Diane Andersen donated $150,000 to establish the Department of Health Policy and Management Community Partner Fellowship Endowment, which will support fellowships for M.P.H. and Ph.D. students.

These generous gifts will help the Fielding School continue to recruit and train the best and brightest students in public health.

Teresa Heinz and the Heinz Family Foundation honored Dr. Richard Jackson, professor and chair of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, as a recipient of one of five prestigious Heinz Awards. Jackson was honored for sparking a national conversation about the relationship between the physical design of communities and rising health risks. As the award winner in the Environment category, Jackson receives an unrestricted cash prize of $250,000.

You can learn about happenings at the school, participate in discussions on public health topics of the day or reconnect with former classmates and favorite faculty members through the school’s Facebook page, and follow UCLASPH on Twitter for important updates. In addition, alumni are invited to join the UCLA Jonathan and Karin Fielding School of Public Health Alumni Network on the professional networking site Linkedin.
During the fall annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA), several Fielding School faculty members were honored:

Dr. Jonathan Fielding received the Fries Prize for Improving Health from the James F. and Sarah T. Fries Foundation, and was named 2012 Honorary Fellow of the Society for Public Health Education for his visionary leadership and lifetime of contributions to public health.

Dr. Deborah Glik received the Everett Rogers Award from the Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section of APHA for outstanding contributions to advancing the study and/or practice of health communication.

Dr. Richard Jackson was awarded the APHA Sedgwick Memorial Medal for distinguished service and advancement of public health knowledge and practice.

Dr. Toni Yancey received the APHA Award for Excellence in recognition of her exceptionally meritorious contributions to the improvement of population health.

The Fielding School has launched the Winter Institute, an exciting three-week program for health professionals. The Winter Institute features a dynamic series of course offerings taught by faculty at UCLA and other top institutions – a way to help those who wish to remain competitive in the fields of medicine, public health, nursing and other health-related professions. The program presents a continuing education opportunity for professionals working in the health care arena around the world. The first Winter Institute will take place on the UCLA campus December 9-22 and January 2-5. For more information, visit http://ph.ucla.edu/wi.

Dr. Linda Rosenstock, dean emeritus and professor of health policy and management, was awarded the Institute of Medicine’s David Rall Medal for her distinguished leadership as chair of the Committee on Preventive Services for Women. The committee’s recommendations, combined with the Affordable Care Act, provide women with historic access to preventive health services. Dr. Jack Needleman, professor of health policy and management, was elected to the prestigious institute.

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